

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY



Dean's message

I am honored and excited to be back within the walls of the UMKC School of Medicine, to serve as its interim dean.

As a class of '78 graduate, I have deep admiration for Dr. E. Grey Dimond, our founder, and Dr. Richardson K. Noback, our first dean. It was their bold and transformative vision that launched our school almost five decades ago. They championed the docent system, which provides a community for learning and a team-based approach to optimize clinical care, and remains on the cutting edge of training future leaders in our profession.

On a personal level, following medical school, my husband, who is also a UMKC SOM graduate, and I traveled to Cincinnati for our residencies and completed fellowships at the University of Texas-Southwestern before starting our careers and raising our family back in Kansas City. For many years, I have served the SOM as pediatric faculty at Children's Mercy as a clinician, educator and researcher. I have cherished the opportunities to provide mentorship to students, residents, fellows and faculty. The collaborations fostered by the SOM have led to my national roles, which focus on promoting the health of children.

A lot has changed over the years, but the purpose and excellence of our school have remained the same. Through our innovative medical education program, we continue to graduate some of the best and brightest, and most caring and well-rounded, future physicians. I look forward to working with the students, faculty, staff and alumni to keep moving our school forward and positioning our graduates for success.

Mary Anne Jackson, M.D. '78

Interim Dean
UMKC School of Medicine

About Dean Jackson:

- Interim dean succeeding Steven L. Kanter, effective July 1
- Professor of pediatrics, UMKC School of Medicine, since 1984
- Director, Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Children's Mercy, 1996-2018
- 1978 graduate and 2012 Take Wing Award winner, UMKC School of Medicine
- Associate Editor, 31st edition, 2015 and 2018 AAP Red Book
- Member, National Vaccine Advisory Committee
- Research focused on studies of epidemiology of communicable infections, to improve education and implementation of vaccines, judicious use of antibiotics and antibiotic stewardship

Pain treatment work recognized



A front-page article in the latest issue of Neurology Today, the most read neurology journal, highlights the work of **Jennifer Bickel, M.D. '01**, and the Children's Mercy program integrating complementary pain treatment therapies. Bickel, chief of the headache section at Children's Mercy and associate professor of pediatrics at the UMKC School of Medicine, says in the article: "I think that one of the biggest problems in the field is that there are 'traditional' and 'alternative' methods, whereas in reality both treatment methods have benefits and drawbacks. I really do believe that neurologists are perfectly poised to lead the future of pain management because we understand the nervous system better than any other specialty." [Read more >>>](#)

Alumni Achievement Award to Wes Stricker



Wes Stricker, M.D. '79, has been selected as the 2018 UMKC School of Medicine Alumni Achievement Award recipient. He founded and manages Allergy & Asthma Consultants, which has been treating patients in central Missouri for more than 35 years. He also owns Ozark Management, an aviation management company he has used to support academic and athletic departments at Mizzou, charitable missions for Veterans' Airlift Command and the Special Olympics. [Read more >>>](#)

Banners raise UMKC Health Sciences District profile, mark first anniversary



The UMKC Health Sciences District, unique in its collaboration among state and local health agencies and the UMKC schools of dentistry, medicine, pharmacy and nursing and health studies, marked its first anniversary in May. That came a month after the district's public profile was raised by the placing of dozens of colorful canvas banners on light poles ringing the district. [Read more >>](#)

Hospital Hill sponsorship another victory for Health Sciences District



Nearly 2,900 runners outlasted the weather on June 2 to take part in the 2018 Hospital Hill Run, which was sponsored for the first time by the UMKC Health Sciences District. The race was started by School of Medicine founder Dr. E. Grey Dimond. [Read more >>>](#)

Speaking of races...

It's not too early to sign up for the sixth annual UMKC Regalia Run 5K/10K and kids' Kangaroo Hop. The races at the end of September go through the heart of UMKC's Volker campus and around some of Kansas City's most beautiful spots, including the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Kauffman Gardens. Proceeds from the Regalia Run benefit UMKC student scholarships. [Read more >>>](#)

Seeking nominees

The School of Medicine is accepting nominations until Aug. 1 for four faculty, staff and student awards. These will recognize achievements in diversity and health equity, mentoring, medical education research and teaching. [Read more >>>](#)

Looking for physician researchers

We want to do an article for the UMKC Medicine magazine on alumni who split their time between research and patient care. If that's your routine and you might like to be featured – or you know other alumni who fit that bill – drop a line to hackg@umkc.edu.

Coming Events

August 5

[White Coat Ceremony](#)

August 17

[inDOctrination](#)

September 13

[Faculty Promotions & Awards Reception](#)

September 20

[Marjorie S. Sirridge, M.D. - Outstanding Women in Medicine Lectureship](#)

September 28 – 30

[UMKC Family Weekend](#)

September 30

[UMKC Regalia Run 5K/10K](#)

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