



## A milestone celebration

"From Breaking Ground to Groundbreaking" was a fitting theme for the School of Medicine's 50th anniversary celebration. The current issue of UMKC Medicine magazine explores the school's noteworthy present, while also taking a look forward to a future with diverse perspectives and immense possibilities.

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### Message from the Dean

While a class of 105 new B.A./M.D. students begin their journey to becoming physicians, exciting changes are on the horizon for the UMKC School of Medicine.

[The Dean's Message](#)



### Remembering Dr. Reaner Shannon

Reaner Shannon, Ph.D. (M.A. '78, Ph.D. '83), part of the UMKC School of Medicine for 34 years, died July 13 at the age of 85.

[Reaner Shannon](#)



### UMKC plans \$100 million building development

A new interprofessional health sciences building will house expanded medical school teaching facilities and state-of-the-art dental teaching clinics.

[Health Sciences Building](#)



### SOM honors cancer researcher Ebbinghaus

Medical oncologist Scot Ebbinghaus, M.D., '89, received the 2022 E. Grey Dimond, M.D., Take Wing Award.

[Take Wing](#)



### Entrepreneurial spirit guides 2022 alumni award recipient

Lucky Chopra, M.D., '92, was honored with the 2022 UMKC School of Medicine Alumni Achievement Award.

[Alumni Achievement Award](#)



### SOM celebrates 2022 graduates

The UMKC School of Medicine returned to Kansas City's Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts on May 13 to celebrate the graduating class of 2022, following a two-year absence due to the COVID pandemic. Two days later, School of Medicine graduating students were part of the more than 2,300 UMKC graduates who participated in the university's Commencement ceremony at the Kansas City Royals' Kauffman Stadium.

[Graduation 2022](#)



### Match Day 2022

From anesthesiology to urology, nearly 100 UMKC students enjoyed Match Day 2022 by matching in 21 different medical specialties. More than a third of the class elected to go into one of the primary care specialties of family medicine, internal medicine, medicine/pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology or pediatrics.

[A Day of Thrills and Excitement](#)



### Health Sciences Campus welcomes new alumni relations director

Amelia Howard, a member of the academic support staff for UMKC athletics since 2008, has joined the UMKC Health Sciences Campus as alumni relations director serving the schools of medicine, nursing and health studies, and pharmacy.

[Meet Amelia Howard](#)

#### Alumni Notes

Marianna Sockrider, M.D., '83, was promoted this year to the rank of full professor (tenured) at Baylor College of Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics. Sockrider is a pediatric pulmonologist at Texas Children's Hospital and a fellow in the American Thoracic Society.

The Not Alone Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to awareness and prevention of kidney disease, has selected Christine Sullivan, M.D., '85, associate dean for professional development, to receive a Diamond Award for excellence in education leadership and community engagement. She will be honored at the organization's Diamond Awards ceremony in January 2023.