University Update

Joplin City Council
March 17

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MSSU and Joplin: A Great Partnership



Educational Opportunities



Economic Development



Quality of Life

Graduate Programs to Meet Regional Need

- Masters in Business Administration (MBA)
- Masters in Data Analytics
- Masters in Healthcare Administration
- Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT)

- Graduate enrollment has grown 52% over the past year



Expanded Statewide Mission



International/ Global Education



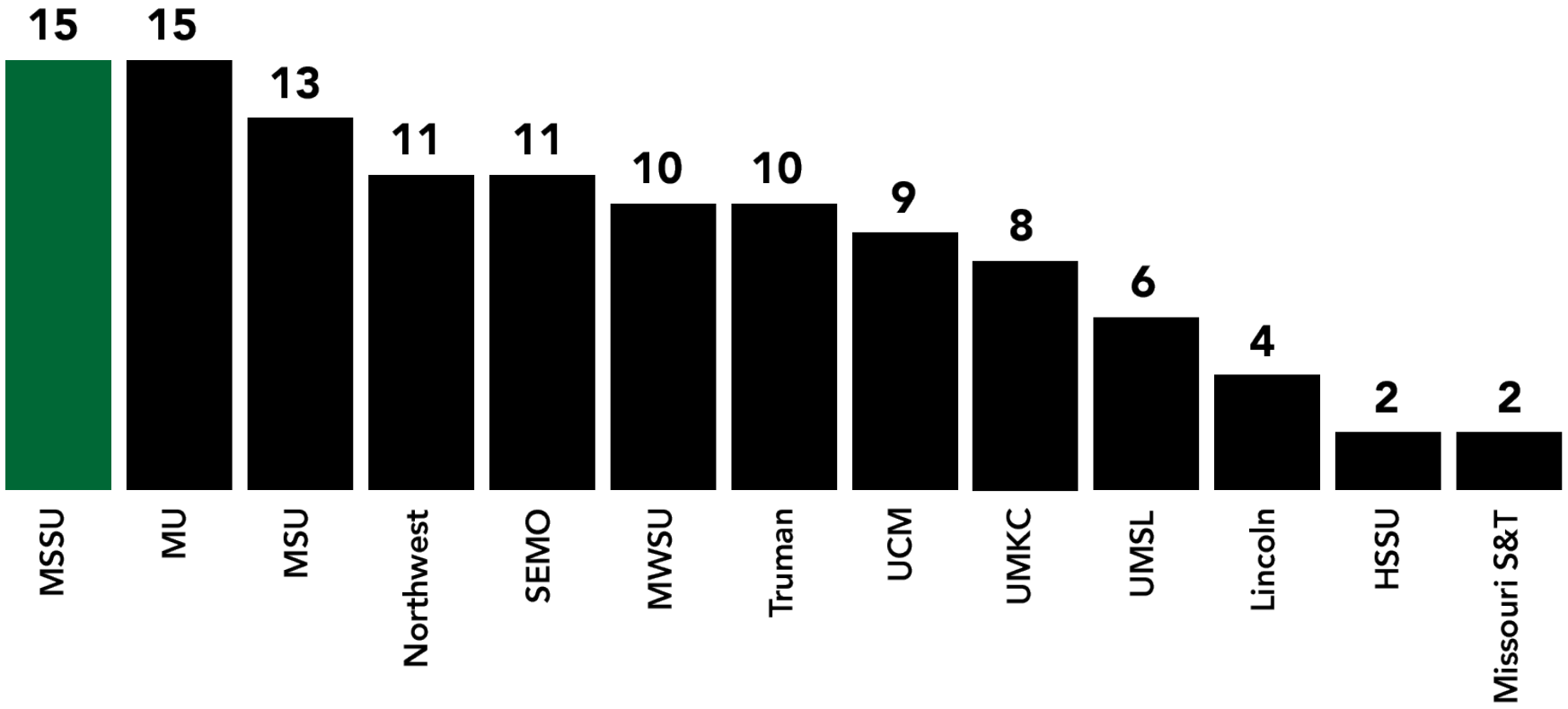
Health and Life Sciences



Immersive Learning Experiences

Health and Life Sciences Undergraduate Programs

Missouri's Four-Year Public Universities



Missouri Southern Nursing



- Strong NCLEX pass rates
- Expansion approved by Missouri State Board of Nursing–2nd cohort to begin spring 2026
- $347,000 NEIP grant awarded–includes launch of Master of Science in Nursing program, planned for fall 2026

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INNOVATION IN HEALTH SCIENCES

SUMMIT

March 28, 2025

Taylor Performing Arts Center

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JRAH

Joplin Regional Alliance for Health

- What is JRAH?
- Early focal points:
  - Map and strengthen career education and certification pathways
  - Recruitment and retention of healthcare workforce
  - Strengthen current and longitudinal data (e.g., Ozark Health Commission)



Executive Director
Lori Worthington

Thanks for support from the City of Joplin!

Lion Athletics



Athletic Success

- Joy Udo-Gabriel captured the MIAA title in the women's 60m dash with an NCAA-qualifying time of 7.13 seconds
- Women's Indoor Track - Men's Indoor Track nationally ranked
- Alum, Logan VanWey, pitching in spring training for the Houston Astros

Community Engagement

- 12,000 hours of community service
- "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat" food drive collected 8,618 items

50th Anniversary of Women's Athletics





LIONS FORWARD

THE CAMPAIGN FOR MISSOURI SOUTHERN

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Campaign Progress

- Seven Campaign Priorities, $42.7 million five-year goal
- $36.5 million in total commitments since launch on July 1, 2022
- Over 2,500 individual donors







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Roy Blunt Health Science Innovation Center

Thank you, Joplin, for your support!



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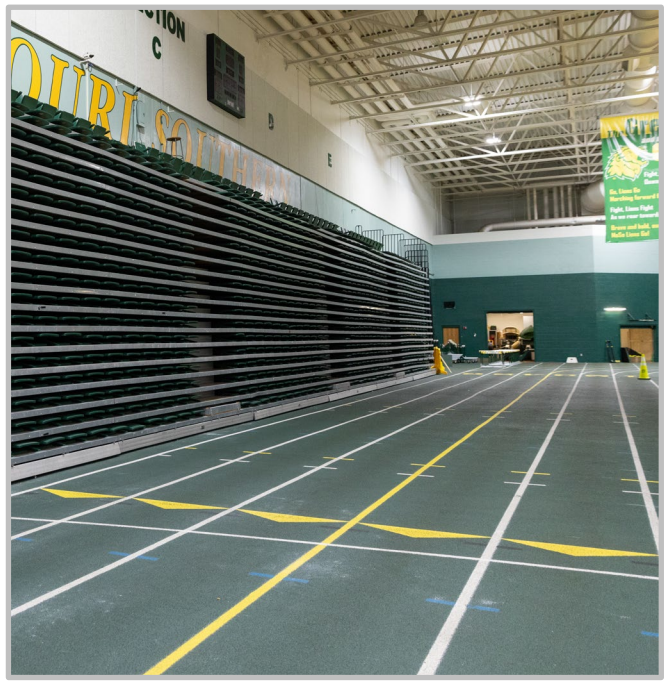
Construction Progress



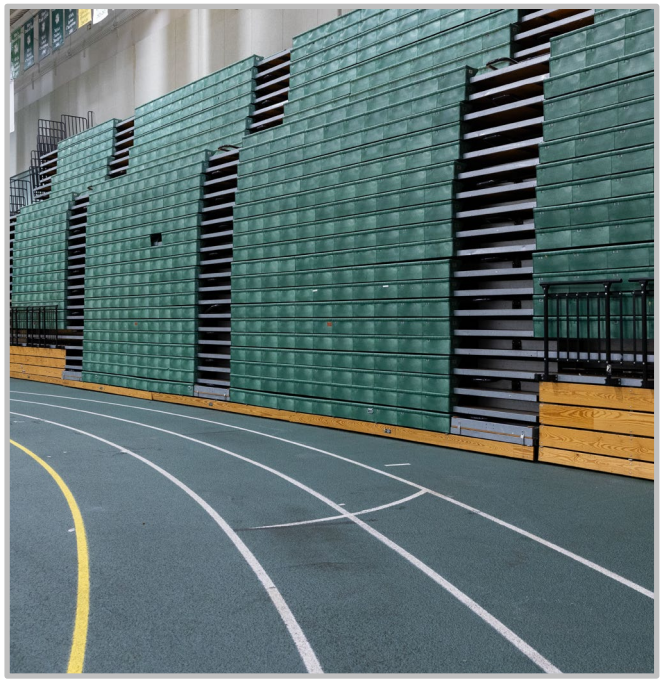


Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

- **Phase 1:** Replace indoor track, bleachers, basketball court, roof
- **Phase 2:** Video board, sound, restrooms, concessions, aesthetics, other







Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

Funding ($3.2M secured)

Phase 1 Construction Timeline

- May 2025 – January 2026





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