



**WELCOME** to M U R A !  
*We are the MU Retirees Association*



# *Welcome...*

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- MURA has nearly 1,000 MU & UM retired staff and faculty members.
- Membership is open to persons aged 55 and older who are University of Missouri retirees, former employees, and active employees, as well as their spouses/partners. With approval of the MURA Board, retirees from other universities or colleges may also become members.
- Established in 1990 by faculty and staff to give voice to retirees, MURA represents and protects the interests of the retired MU and UM community and promotes the welfare of the University.

# MURA provides...

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**PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES**

**ADVOCACY FOR  
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**MEMBER  
RESOURCES**

# Programs - Breakfast Series

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- The Educational Breakfast series is one of MURA's most popular programs. Breakfast programs are held on the first Tuesday of the month, September through June.
- Breakfasts cover a wide variety of topics. In election years, a breakfast is devoted to a candidate forum.
- Webinars serve members to those unable to attend in person.
- Registration is required and there is a small participation fee.



# Programs – Breakfast Series



Legislative Forum



*...from seed to plate*  
MU Health Care Pavilion – Farmers Market - Columbia Agriculture Park

Farmers' Market

# Programs – Social Activities

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- The Program Committee plans and conducts social activities, which includes a December holiday gathering.
- Ray Schroeder, MURA Pioneer, is honored at a social gathering.
- MURA members also enjoy events hosted by UM leaders such as the Spring Social hosted by the UM President.

# Programs - Social Activities



CHANCELOER'S retiree of the year  
Awards for Faculty and Staff

Collectively,  
respondents report

to MU/UM  
departments,  
divisions, offices,  
activities, or events.

2021 NURA Survey

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VOLUNTEERISM



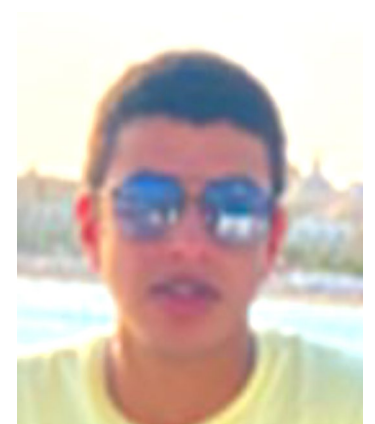
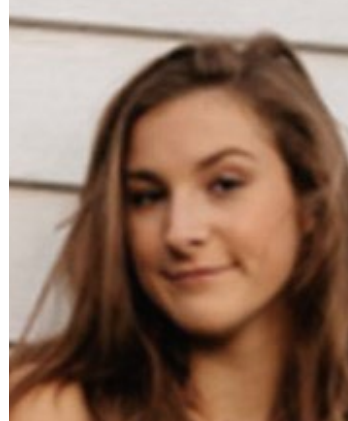
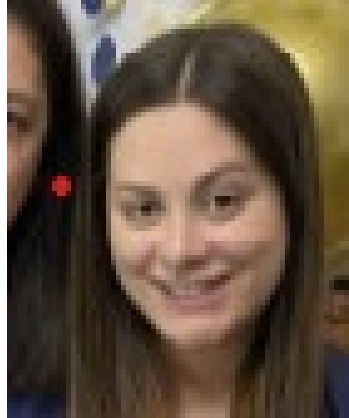
# Services - Scholarships

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- The MU Retirees Association created its first scholarship fund in 2016 named the Kitty Dickerson MURA Scholarship Fund in honor of our late past MURA president, Dr. Kitty Dickerson.
- The Endowed Fund is dedicated to the support of MU students who are dependents of full-time MU/UM STAFF and are renewable.
- The endowment account is over \$100,000 and individual scholarships have grown from \$500 to \$1500/student. In the 2022-23 academic year, MURA awarded its twentieth scholarship.



# 2024 MURA Scholarships \$1,500



(Pictured left to right as listed below)

student	major	parent
Brooke Anich	Environmental Sciences	Gregory Anich, Procurement Oper Asset Mgmt Specialist
Anna Babic	Radiography	Kristina Babic; MU Infectious Disease Res Lab Res Specialist
Josie Bolte	Health Sciences	Cheryl Bolte, Research Compliance Specialist
Elliot Gilbreth	Graphic Design	Tim Gilbreth, MURR Nuclear Manufacturing Technician
		Teressa Gilbreth, The Connector Strategic Communications
Sam Kim	Health Sciences	Wonseok Kim, Plant Science & Technology Research Specialist
Mohamed Lehmidi	Computer Sciences	Naziha Elhassan, Family Medicine Physician's Asst, Specialty Care

# Services - Awards

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- MURA is pleased to join the MU Chancellor in recognizing the contributions that retirees make as they continue to improve our world.
- Each year, the MURA Awards Committee helps select a retired faculty member and a retired staff member who have made significant contributions to their communities and/or professions since their retirement from the MU or UM System.
- Selection for *The Chancellor's Retiree of the Year Award* results in their names being placed on a plaque in Jesse Hall and a \$1,000 check in recognition of their contributions.

# Service Awards -2024

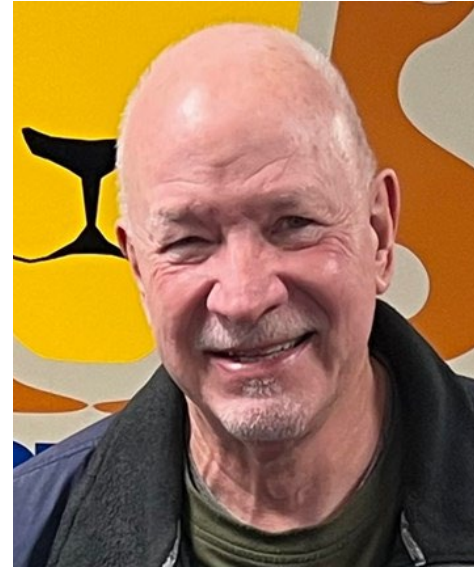
## Chancellor's Retirees of the Year

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**Jo Turner – Faculty  
Retiree of the Year**

National 4-H Council, 4-H Foundation,  
MU Extension, Assistance League of Mid-  
Missouri, Fairview Cemetery Assoc,  
pianist at VA Hospital



**Rick Wise – Staff  
Retiree of the Year**

City of Refuge tutor in English, Rainbow  
House, Woodhaven, American Heart  
Association, Arthritis Foundation, Arrow  
Rock Lyceum Theater

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# Advocacy

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- Advocacy is one of four objectives for our 501(c)(4) organization and the main reason why many retirees join MURA.
- Our purpose is “to represent, promote and protect the interests of the retirees and to promote the welfare of the University of Missouri.”
- We advocate at multiple levels: MU campus, UM System, community, state government, and nationally.



# Advocacy for Retirees & MU



MURA Board Position	Purpose
Members at large - Elected Staff Retirees	Advocating at MU campus level
Members at large - Elected Faculty Retirees	
University Staff Council Representative	
University Faculty Council Representative	
Ombudsperson - Staff Retiree Representative	
Ombudsperson - Faculty Retiree Representative	
MU Engagement Council Representative	
Executive Committee: president, past president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer	Advocating with leadership at MU campus and UM System levels
Executive Committee Representation to UM Four-Campus Retirees' Associations	
University Liaison-Administration	
Total Rewards Advisory Committee Representative	
United Way Representative	Community advocating
Governmental Affairs Committee Chair/ Flagship Council Representative	Advocating at government levels
Executive Committee: MURA membership in Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE)	Advocating at national level

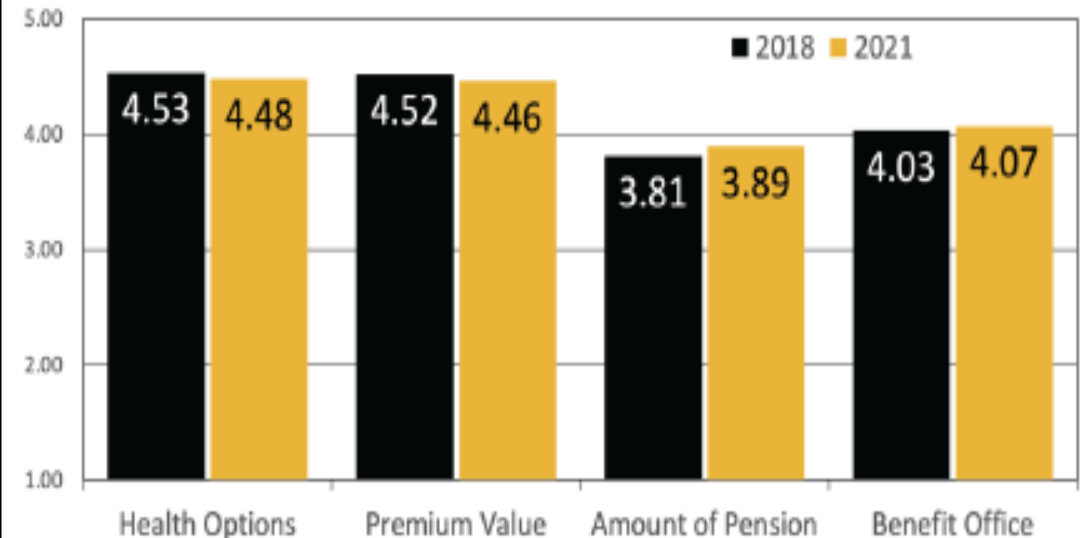
# Advocacy - University Decision-Makers

- MURA is the largest of the 4-campus UM retiree associations and works with peer organizations to lead UM System Retirees Town Halls.

- UM Retiree Town Halls are held to address pensions, health care benefits, and communication issues for all UM retirees—nearly 10,000 individuals!

- MURA leaders meet with UM's President and other University decision makers on an ongoing basis.

Satisfaction with: Health Options, Premium Value, Pension, Interactions with Benefits Office (5-point scale)



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# Advocacy - University Decision-Makers

UM 4-Campus Retiree Associations



Dr. Choi, UM President



# Advocacy - Total Rewards Advisory Committee (TRAC)

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- Two retirees are selected by the UM system to serve on TRAC, representing and advocating for retirees. Dr. Betsy Garrett and Dr. Robert Piepho are current representatives.
- Total Rewards Advisory Committee (TRAC) advises on benefit programs for active employees and retirees.
- The Total Rewards program includes such areas as health programs, pay and benefits, tuition assistance for employees and retiree benefits and insurance resources.

# Advocacy - Total Rewards Advisory Committee (TRAC)



## Tailor your retirement

Power your dreams  
with VRPs

[Learn More](#)

## Retirement

Retirement options to help make a lasting financial plan. Build the future you want. It's a path and a destination.

### Retirement planning

- [Core and voluntary plans](#)
- [Retirement calculator](#)
- [Planning checklist](#)
- [Retirement seminars](#)
- [Rehire requirements](#)
- [Required annual notices](#)

### Retiree insurance resources

- [Benefits overview](#)
- [Medicare Advantage Base Plan \(#13759\)](#)
- [Medicare Advantage Enhanced Plan \(#13760\)](#)
- [Retiree Health PPO Plan](#)
- [Retiree Healthy Savings](#)





# Advocacy

## **MURA's Governmental Affairs Committee:**

- Provides information regarding legislative issues of interest to retirees, the university and higher education.
- Sends timely updates during legislative sessions focusing on core appropriations to the University and other pending bills.
- Presents programs that include inviting candidates to address issues of interest during election years to keep retirees informed as voters.

**MURA is a member of the University of Missouri Flagship Council, a private organization working to build and protect our historic flagship university.**

# Advocacy - Governmental Affairs & Flagship Council

Chair, Governmental Affairs



**Mary Anne McCollum**

A screenshot of the website flagshipcouncil.com. The browser address bar shows the URL. The page features the University of Missouri Tiger logo and the text 'UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI FLAGSHIP COUNCIL'. A navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Legislative Priorities/Policies', 'Board of Directors', 'Join or Renew', 'PAC', and 'Blog'. A 'Contact Us' section provides the address: 3610 Buttonwood Drive, Suite 200, Columbia, MO 65201, and phone number 573-886-8929. The main content area has a background image of the Missouri State Capitol building with the text 'Missouri's Historic Flagship University' and a 'LEARN MORE' button. A video player is embedded, showing a man speaking, with the caption 'RICHARD MENDENHALL UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI FLAGSHIP COUNCIL'.

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# Member Resources - Ombuds

## Need help with MU-related issues?

If you have unresolved questions about MU-related issues, MURA has two ombudspeople who may be able to help you find answers.

On behalf of MURA members, a staff representative and a faculty representative can help investigate or navigate information.

# Member Resources - Bi-Weekly Email, Quarterly Newsletter



**DON'T MISS** the  
informative bi-weekly  
MURA Update emails!

Please provide any  
email address updates  
to Barb Harris, MURA  
Communications chair, at:  
[harrisb@umsystem.edu](mailto:harrisb@umsystem.edu).



## MURA News

**MU Retirees Association** Representing University of Missouri Retirees



# Member Resources – Website and Facebook

<http://mura-missouri.com/>

## MU Retirees Association

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**New Benefits Page**

**CHECK IT OUT**

<https://www.facebook.com/UMretirees/>

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Community Bank in...

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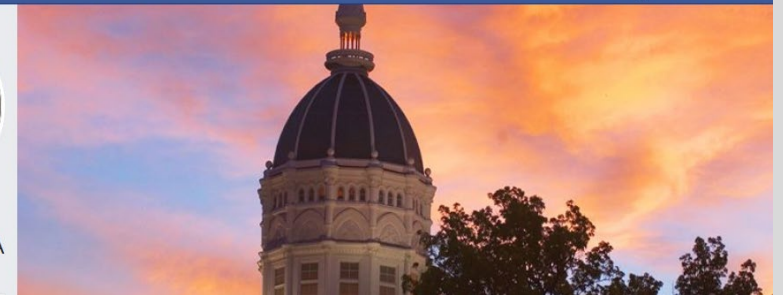
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MU Retirees  
Association - MURA  
@UMretirees



# MURA needs you to...

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- Keep us informed of changes in your contact information (mailing address, phone, email, and status).
- Join one or more of the MURA committees
- Serve on the MURA Board of Directors
- Invite others to join MURA

# Ready to join MURA?

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Click this link for next steps:

<http://mura-missouri.com/membership/join-mura/>

# More questions?

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Contact the MURA Board. You can find a current listing of Board members here:

<http://mura-missouri.com/about/board/>

Or, send a note to MURA's email at:

[MURA@missouri.edu](mailto:MURA@missouri.edu)



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