

# THE '70s



**1971**  
August 30 marks  
the first day of class



**1971**  
Richard S. M. M.D.  
named first dean



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**1977**  
The Friends of the UMKC  
School of Medicine is founded  
to provide support to the  
school and its students



**1978**  
Harry Jonas, M.D.,  
becomes dean



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**1975**  
The SOM receives  
a formal invitation  
from the People's  
Republic of China  
to visit



**1976**  
Truman Medical Center (now  
University Health Truman Medical  
Center) opens at its current site



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**1974**  
The school opens the  
doors of its new building



**1972**  
School celebrates official  
grandopening of new  
building on January 18



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**1983**  
Alumni participate in first Alumni Reunion



**1980**  
E. Gray Bellard signs a sister school agreement with the University of Maryland School of Medicine



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**1984**  
Harvard administrators visit the school as they develop their New Pathway program



**1980**  
Summer Scholars is established



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**1984**  
The SOM celebrates dedication of the Armistead B. Carter Courtyard and Carl Migliazzo Memorial



**1986**  
The Eye Foundation is founded by Felix Sabates, chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology



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**1987**  
James Mongan, M.D. is appointed dean



**1988**  
David Hayes, M.D., '76, is awarded the First E. Gray Bellard Distinguished Award



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**1996**  
The SOM celebrates its 25th anniversary



**1993**  
First Lady Hillary Clinton visits Hospital Hill



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**1997**  
UMKC conducts its first white coat ceremony



**1999**  
Michael Friedland, M.D., is appointed dean



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**1997**  
Dr. Marjorie Sirridge accepts a two-year appointment as dean



**1992**  
Drs. William and Marjorie Sirridge endow the Sirridge Office of Medical Humanities



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**1990**  
Dr. Reaner Shannon becomes first associate dean of the Office of Minority Affairs (now the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)



**1991**  
The Mary Clark and E. Gray Blinn Scholars' Center, better known as Distale, is completed



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**2009**  
The school's Summer Scholars program receives a Presidential Award for Exemplary Community Service



**2007**  
The SSM becomes the title sponsor of the 5k portion of the Resistor Hill Run



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**2000**  
The SSM becomes 1 of 19 centers in the U.S. to develop an Asthma Clinical Research Center



**2004**  
Students create the Sojourner Clinic



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**2008**  
The Master of Science in Anesthesia program welcomes its first class of four students



**2002**  
The Shock/Trauma Research Center is established, one of the first of such programs in the Midwest



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**2003**  
Betty M. Drees, M.D., is officially appointed dean after two years as interim dean



**2006**  
The school creates the Striidge Endowed Professorship in Medical Humanities with major donations from Drs. Marylene and William Striidge.



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**2014**  
Steven Kanter, M.D.  
is appointed dean



**2016**  
Surplus assets  
in collaboration  
with the SOM



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**2013**  
Founder of the UMKC  
School of Medicine,  
E. Gray Simons, M.D.,  
dies at the age of 94



**2011**  
The SOM celebrates  
40th anniversary



**2012**  
Master of Medical  
Science Physician  
Assistant program  
welcomes its  
first class



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**2020**  
The SOM announces  
plans to expand. New  
campus at Mosaic  
Life Care in St.  
Joseph, Missouri,  
opens in 2021



**2010**  
The SOM celebrates its first  
graduating class from the Master  
of Science in Anesthesia Program



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**2020**  
Mary Anne Jackson, M.D.,  
is appointed dean after  
serving as interim  
dean since 2018



**2018**  
Summer Scholars becomes  
part of the SOM program, a  
health sciences collaboration  
to increase the number of  
students from disadvantaged  
backgrounds in health  
care programs



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