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Dr. Thomas George, Chancellor at University of Missouri-St. Louis, announced as keynote speaker of the 2019 MU Extension in St. Louis County Annual Dinner and Fundraiser!

We invite you to hear University of Missouri-Saint Louis Chancellor Thomas George as our keynote speaker at the 2019 MU Extension in St. Louis County Annual Dinner and Fundraiser.



Dr. Thomas F. George is chancellor and professor of chemistry and physics at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. As chancellor since 2003, he oversees academic and administrative operations of a university with 17,000 students, 2,500 faculty and staff, 40 academic buildings and a \$200 million annual operating budget. As an active member in the St. Louis community, he serves on numerous civic boards. In addition to his role as campus and community leader, Chancellor George contributes at the state and national levels, such as recently serving as president of the Coalition of Metropolitan and Urban Universities. An active researcher in chemistry and physics, Chancellor George has been acknowledged by an honorary doctorate in physics. He also has received an honorary doctorate in education. Chancellor George is also an accomplished jazz pianist.

We are proud to have his unique expertise as a part of our event, and we look forward to hearing the vision he has for us to help our residents live the healthiest and most productive lives possible.

During the dinner, we will recognize three partners added to the Extension Leaders Honor Roll:

- **Dr. John Gaal**, director of training and workforce development, was the inspiration for the work that led to the planning of the Opioids and the Workplace Conference that occurred in January.
- **Bailey Lutz**, former employee, has remained an active part of our 4-H program by volunteering on the Science Matters project, as well as teaching String Art classes at no cost to our office.
- **Cassidae Pfeiffer**, 4-H group leader to the Electronic Dolphins Robotics Club, has worked with her team for several years to build their club, which primarily consists of home school students.

In celebration of our 40th anniversary of the St. Louis Storytelling Festival, we will also have a storyteller there to present a story to the crowd. In addition, you will be able to meet St. Louis County Extension Council members, have the opportunity to interact with the specialists and educators that work in the St. Louis region, and hear what programs have been successful this year.



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Annual Dinner and Fundraiser details:

- When: Friday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m.
- Where: Orlando's, 2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO 63043
- Keynote: Chancellor Thomas George, University of Missouri-Saint Louis
- Fee: \$35 per person (buffet dinner)/\$275 for a table of eight
- Register: Call 314-400-2115 or go to [the registration page.](#)