Completing our 43rd year of fulfilling our mission to advocate, educate and provide support services to advance women’s equity at UMKC and in the Kansas City community, the Women’s Center and the Chancellor’s Advisory Board to the Women’s Center have witnessed another year of exciting programming and collaboration both within the university and with the Kansas City community.

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By the Numbers

Events Hosted

33 Fall Semester
33 Spring Semester

Total People Reached = 14,966

64 Volunteers
410 Volunteer Hours

106 Campus and Community Partnerships

1,910 Facebook Likes
1,686 Twitter Followers
870 YouTube Views
1,478 Listserv Subscribers

On the Web

15,434 Website hits, 8,953 unique visitors
35,639 Blog hits, 31,452 unique visitors

501 Advocacy Hours
8,884 People Received VPR Training

19 Sexual Violence Cases
44 Interpersonal Violence Cases
21 Stalking Cases
9 Bullying/Harassment Cases
= 93 Total Cases

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Her Art Project: During this academic year, the Her Art Project produced events designed to celebrate Kansas City women in the arts. Featured events this year included a booth at the Plaza Art Fair, a Networking Reception for local artists, a student art showcase, and a partnership with the American Jazz Museum to celebrate women in jazz. The Project continues to enhance UMKC’s relationship with the Kansas City arts community.

Student Programming: The Women’s Center student staff was given the opportunity to design, plan and implement eight events and 18 display boards during the fall and spring semesters. Programs included Shrink Your Stress, Operation Beautiful, Equal Pay Day, Meet Us on the Street, and a Denim Day Drive. The student staff’s efforts allowed them to become engaged in the campus and KC communities, and created co-curricular, hands-on, opportunities for learning.

Women’s and Gender Studies and Art History Internship Program: Students in the WGS and Art & Art History programs were given a co-curricular opportunity to work directly with women’s equity and advocacy programming at the Women’s Center and with the Her Art Project. Students developed skills in activism, critical thinking, and professionalism.

![Events](image-url)
### UMKC Departments & Organizations

- Academic Support and Mentoring
- Admissions
- Athletics
- Bernardin-Haskell Lecture Fund
- Black Studies Program
- Campus Facilities Management
- Career Services
- Collegiate Panhellenic Council
- Conservatory of Music and Dance
- Counseling Center
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Lambda Epsilon Chapter
- Delta Zeta Sorority
- Dept. of Art & Art History
- Dept. of Communication Studies
- Dept. of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- Dept. of English
- Dept. of Foreign Languages & Literatures
- Division of Diversity and Inclusion
- Fraternity and Sorority Affairs
- Graduate Art History Association
- Healthy for Life
- Human Resources
- International Student Affairs
- LGBTQIA Programs and Services
- MComm
- Medical School Advisory Council
- Men of Color Initiative
- MindBody Connection
- MU Women’s Center
- Multicultural Student Affairs
- Office of Affirmative Action
- Office of Student Involvement
- Police Department
- Pride Alliance
- Residential Life
- SAEM Centered on Success
- School of Medicine Wellness Council
- Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
- Student Government Association
- Student Health and Wellness
- Student Nurses Association
- Student Union
- Swinney Recreation Center
- UMKC Libraries
- University Advancement
- University Bookstore
- Women’s and Gender Studies Association
- Women’s Council

### Community Organizations & Local Businesses

- A Window Between Worlds
- American Association of University Women – Kansas City Branch
- American Association of University Women-Kansas City
- American Business Women’s Association, KC Area Council
- American Jazz Museum
- American Society of Women Accountants
- ArtistNC
- ArtsKC Regional Arts Council
- Association of Women Lawyers of Kansas City
- Bella Designs
- Bike Walk KC
- Central Exchange
- Charlotte Street Foundation
- Diagnostic Imaging Centers
- Ewom Network
- Girls Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri
- Global and Multicultural Education Center
- Good Samaritan Project
- Greater KC Chamber of Commerce
- Jana’s Campaign
- Jewish Community Center
- Junior League of Kansas City
- Kansas City Anti-Violence Project
- Kansas City Commercial Real Estate Women
- Kansas City Council of Women Business Owners
- Kansas City Kansas Women’s Chamber of Commerce
- Kansas City Police Department
- Kansas City Public Library
- KCMO Office of the Mayor
- KCMO Women’s Empowerment Initiative
- KCPT
- Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault
- NAWBO
- One KC for Women
- One Struggle KC
- Pinstripes
- Planned Parenthood of KS and Mid-MO
- Print Time
- Rose Brooks Center
- SAFEHOME
- Stand-Up KC
- STUFF
- The Creativity Connection
- The Drop
- U.S. Department of Labor Women’s Bureau
- U.S. Office of Civil Rights
- VDAY
- Waffle House
- WIN for KC
- win/win
- Women Construction Owners and Executives
- Women Impacting Public Policy
- Women’s Business Center
- Women’s Capital Connection
- Women’s Employment Network
- Women’s Foundation of Greater Kansas City
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### Committees & Organizations

Women’s Center staff also served on various committees on campus and in the community during the 2014-2015 academic year. Committees and organizations include:

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- ArtsKC Regional Arts Council
- Center for Global and Multicultural Education Advisory Board
- Centered on Success Task Force
- Dept. of Justice Hate Crimes Advisory Board
- Graduate Assistance Fund Selection Committee
- Heartland Campus Safety Summit Planning Committee
- Leverage KC
- National Scholarships Advisory Committee, Center for International Academic Programs
- National Women’s Studies Association Women’s Centers Committee
- Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Friends of Art Leadership Committee
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- SAEM Assessment Workgroup
- Student Affairs Women Talk Tech Blog
- Student Conduct Committee
- Student Grievance Committee
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Conclusion
2014-15 was another successful year for the Women’s Center. We continued to engage UMKC students, staff, and faculty, the Kansas City community, and, through our online presence, an international audience. Our success continues to ensure the equity of women on campus and in the community as well as the success of all students at UMKC.