Completing its 44th year of fulfilling its 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.
BY THE NUMBERS

30,062
Total People Reached

15,523
Attended Events

1,852
Attended Admissions & Recruitment Events

11,020
Attended other Outreach Events & Trainings

1,667
Visited the Women’s Center

1,852
Attended Outreach Events

1,667
Visited Outreach Locations

100
Campus & Community Partnerships

131
Volunteers

2,379
Volunteer Hours

32
Fall Semester Events Hosted

38
Spring Semester Events Hosted

ON THE WEB

32,968 Website Hits
24,219 Unique Visitors

1,678 Listserve Subscribers
1,962 Facebook Likes
1,808 Twitter Followers
1,431 YouTube Views
The Women’s Center, a department within the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, hosted 32 events in the Fall 2015 Semester and 38 in Spring 2016. Programming highlights are below along with the corresponding UMKC Strategic Plan goals.

**Her Art Project**
During this academic year, the Her Art Project produced events designed to celebrate women in the arts. The featured event this year was the exhibit, *50 Women: A Celebration of Women’s Contribution to Ceramics*, presented in collaboration with the American Jazz Museum and the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts. This international exhibit and its related programs allowed the Project to broaden its reach beyond the Kansas City arts community to audiences from around the world.

- **Goal 1. Place Student Success at the Center** To provide the optimal learning environment for all students: outstanding academic programs and experiences, seamless student support and a vibrant campus community.
- **Goal 3. Advance Urban Engagement** To become a model urban university by fully engaging with the Kansas City community to enhance education, public health, the arts and economic development.
- **Goal 4. Excel in the Visual and Performing Arts** To create excellent programs in visual and performing arts that are central to campus life and support Kansas City’s initiatives in entrepreneurship, urban education and innovation.
- **Goal 5. Embrace Diversity** To celebrate diversity in all aspects of university life, creating inclusive environments, culturally competent citizens, and globally-oriented curricula and programs.
- **Goal 6. Promote Research and Economic Development** To produce world-class scholarship and creative activity, encourage entrepreneurship, foster innovation, increase technology transfer, and build relationships that create economic and workforce development.

**Student Programming**
The Women’s Center student staff was given the opportunity to design, plan, and implement seven events and eight display boards during the fall and spring semesters. Programs included Operation Beautiful, Women’s History Month Trivia, Equal Pay Day, and Finals Week Healthy Snack Break. 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.

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- **Goal 5. Embrace Diversity**
- **Goal 6. Promote Research and Economic Development**

**A Window Between Worlds**
These workshops use art as a healing tool for individuals dealing with trauma, stress, and anxiety. During this academic year, the Women’s Center offered 60 workshops serving 1,087 unique participants and 455 on-going participants. These workshops help create a healthier campus environment by giving students opportunities to manage their emotional and psychological well-being through creativity and self-expression.

- **Goal 1. Place Student Success at the Center**
- **Goal 4. Excel in the Visual and Performing Arts**
- **Goal 5. Embrace Diversity**

**Mayor’s Women’s Empowerment Initiative**
The Women’s Center partnered with the KCMO Mayor’s office, the Central Exchange, and the Women’s Foundation of Greater Kansas City on the City’s Women’s Empowerment initiative. The goal of this partnership is to develop a blueprint of strategies that makes our local government a conduit for success for the women in this community. The Women’s Center’s role in the partnership is to connect the City with our students and alumni from a broad range of disciplines to help develop a talent pipeline.

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**Senegal Study Abroad Program**
UMKC’s first interdisciplinary, intersession study abroad program was a success. Ten students from various disciplines participated in a two-week study abroad program to Senegal, West Africa in January. The students were a part of an interdisciplinary course examining women’s economic empowerment, health education initiatives, and West African history. This first-time experience allowed students to immerse themselves in the culture by staying with local host families and by volunteering for local health centers, schools, community gardens, and women’s advocacy groups.

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COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

UMKC Departments & Organizations
- Academic Support and Mentoring
- Admissions
- Associated Students of the University of Missouri
- Athletics
- Black Studies Program
- Bloch School of Management
- Campus Facilities Management
- Career Services
- Coaching Program
- Conservatory of Music and Dance
- Counseling Services
- Dept. of Art & Art History
- Dept. of Communication Studies
- Dept. of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- Dept. of English
- Dept. of Foreign Languages & Literatures
- Dept. of History
- Dept. of Public Affairs
- Division of Diversity and Inclusion
- Fraternity and Sorority Affairs
- Graduate Art History Association
- Health Sciences Library
- Healthy for Life
- Honors College
- Human Resources
- International Academic Programs
- International Student Affairs
- Latina/Latino Studies
- LGBTQIA Programs & Services
- MComm
- Men of Color Initiative
- MindBody Connection
- Multicultural Student Affairs
- Multicultural Student Organization Council
- Office of Affirmative Action
- Office of Service for Students with Disabilities
- Office of Student Involvement
- Police Department
- Registration & Records
- Residential Life
- SAEM Centered on Success
- School of Computing and Engineering
- School of Nursing & Health Sciences
- Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
- Student Government Association
- Student Health & Wellness
- Student Nurses Association
- Student Union
- Swanney Recreation Center
- UMKC Libraries
- Union Programming Board
- University Advancement
- University Bookstore
- Violence Prevention & Response Program
- Women’s & Gender Studies Program
- Women’s Council
- KCMO Office of the Mayor
- KCMO Women’s Empowerment Initiative
- Little Piggle Entertainment LLC
- Lockton
- Mansfield Ceramics
- Mayor’s Office of KCMO
- MeSh Co. Digital Media
- Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault
- Minsky’s Pizza
- National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts
- Neighborhood Tourism Development Fund
- Planned Parenthood of KS and Mid-MO
- Print Time
- Rose Brooks Center
- SAFEHOME
- Smithson Burd Advisors
- Stand-Up KC
- Starbucks
- STUFF
- The Central Exchange
- The Drop
- The Fiddly Fig
- U.S. Department of Labor Women’s Bureau
- VDAY
- Veracity
- West Africa Research Center
- WIN for KC
- Winstead’s
- Women’s Foundation of Greater Kansas City
- Women’s Council

Community Organizations & Local Businesses
- A Window Between Worlds
- American Association of University Women – Kansas City Branch
- American Jazz Museum
- ArtsKC Regional Arts Council
- Bank of Kansas City
- Bella Designs
- Cupcake A La Mode
- Dunkin’ Donuts
- Global and Multicultural Education Center
- Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
- Hammerpress
- Higher M-Pact
- In Home Bistro
- Kansas City Anti-Violence Project
- Kansas City Royals
- Graduate Assistance Fund Selection Committee
- 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 Council
- SAEM Assessment Workgroup
- SAEM Centered on Success
- UMKC Campus Coalition for Student Health, Safety & Wellness
- UMKC Friends of the Library Board of Directors
- UMKC Student Conduct Committee
- UMKC Student Grievance Committee
- UMKC Women’s Council
- University Assessment Committee
- Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management LGBTQIA Partnerships Committee

Women’s Center staff were also involved with the following campus committees and community organizations:
- American Association of University Women
- Arts Council of Johnson County
- ArtsKC Regional Arts Council
- Center for Global and Multicultural Education
- Advisory Board
- eLearning Action Committee
CONCLUSION

2015-16 was a year of transition for the Women’s Center, as its highly successful Violence Prevention and Response Program moved out of the Women’s Center to become a standalone program. To fill the gap, the Healing Arts Program was expanded and Women in STEAM Programs are being planned for 2016-17. As always, however, the Women’s Center continued to engage UMKC students, staff, faculty, the Kansas City community, and, through its online presence, an international audience. Its success continues to ensure the equity of women on campus and in the community, as well as the success of all students at UMKC.