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Dear Colleague:

At the University of Missouri in Columbia, interdisciplinary collaboration is our hallmark. It is in that spirit that I send you my first Mizzou Update message.

MU researcher Fred Hawthorne, who recently received the National Medal of Science, has developed a new form of radiation therapy that puts cancer into remission in mice without the harmful side effects of conventional therapies. Dr. Hawthorne credits this success to the joint efforts of MU’s International Institute of Nano and Molecular Medicine, School of Medicine, Research Reactor, Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center and College of Veterinary Medicine.

In other good news, the Missouri College Advising Corps of recent Mizzou graduates has increased the number of students going to college from high schools where they work by an average 10.35 percent since 2008 compared to 0.3 percent statewide. We successfully competed for a $1 million grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to establish our state’s Advising Corps on the MU campus. Our model program, one of 18 in the National College Advising Corps, empowers Missouri students at 26 partner high schools to choose their “best-fit” higher education.

I welcome your comments and questions.

Sincerely,

Brady J. Deaton
MU Chancellor