

Some parting words for
Metropolitan Community College
Chancellor Mark James (2010-17)

“You have served the institution, students and our community with distinction, and we have enjoyed working with you to strengthen the Bloch Scholars program.”

Henry W. Bloch

“His talents and expertise will be greatly missed when he retires. Metropolitan Community College has been a life-saver for the citizens of this community. Many students have benefited from the leadership of Chancellor Mark James, resulting in great professional opportunities.”

William H. Dunn Sr.
JE Dunn Construction

“There are few in the higher ed community who have developed a higher level of trust or can match Mark’s ability to communicate with decision-makers when it comes to education policy.”

State Sen. Ryan Silvey

“I have always appreciated Mark’s ability to cut to the chase, no matter how complex or difficult the issue.”

Rob Dixon
Missouri Community College Association

“Mark’s leadership added tremendous value and put the KC region in a position to win time and again.”

Tim Cowden
KC Area Development Council

“I was proud to serve and thank Chancellor James for his dedicated service to scholars and the business community.”

David L. Disney
Former Board of Trustees President

“Mark James brought the horse sense of a hillbilly, the heroism of a highway patrolman and the heart of a lion to his work in higher education.”

Zora Mulligan
Missouri commissioner of higher education

“We both share the same interests: preparing the future generations for the world they will encounter. Chancellor James has led the campuses of MCC through difficult moments, and yet he has given students a more competitive, quality education.”

U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II

“Thanks to your steadfast leadership, MCC now has an even stronger foundation on which to build its very bright future.”

State Sen. S. Kiki Curls

“It takes a certain skill set to go from being Director of Public Safety for the state of Missouri to Chancellor of MCC. Both require leadership and vision, and Mark has both of those.”

Charlie Shields

Truman Medical Centers

“Chancellor James has impressed me with his high energy, commitment to students, deep belief in the power of an education, and his direct and inclusive style of interpersonal communication and interaction.”

Beth Tankersley-Bankhead

KC Scholars

“I have the highest respect for Mark James. He is a strong leader and a friend.”

Terry Dunn

JE Dunn Construction

“We will miss Mark and the ‘no-nonsense people passion’ he brought to the chancellor’s chair at Metropolitan Community College!”

Clyde McQueen

Full Employment Council

“I have been impressed. Chancellor James championed initiatives that impacted so many students’ lives, including mine. ”

Kansas City Mayor Sly James

“We look to our educational institutions to provide future talent we need to grow our businesses. I appreciate Mark’s efforts to work directly with employers and align needed education and skills, producing a win for everyone.”

Carolyn Watley

CBIZ

“Chancellor Mark James has been an incredible leader. He was able to bring stakeholders together to benefit our community. An example was the 100th year anniversary gala that brought Kansas City’s most prominent civic and business leaders together to raise funds to serve students and provide opportunities to better our region.”

CiCi Rojas

Co-Owner, Tico Productions LLC

“Mark has been a vigorous advocate focusing on what’s best for students and the community.”

John Jasinski

Northwest Missouri State University