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## The Mizzou Center

In May, University of Missouri Chancellor Brady Deaton and MU Provost Brian Foster celebrated the launch of the Mizzou Center in Blue Springs, MO. The center will enable the university to generate increased scientific collaboration in the region while development continues on the Missouri Innovation Park.

“We are dedicated to broadening MU’s role as a major economic driver for the Kansas City area,” Deaton said. “The tenants of this center will build partnerships between researchers and private industry, develop smoother transitions for technology transfer, create jobs and prepare students for today’s global business climate.”

Initial Mizzou Center tenants include representatives from the MU College of Veterinary Medicine; the MU Office of Research; MU Academic Programs, including Career Services; MU Extension Food and Nutrition Program; the MU College of Engineering’s Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Centers; and the MU College of Education’s School of Information Science and Learning Technologies.

Some of the tenants are part of the Mizzou Advantage initiative, which is a program highlighting the collaborative efforts of MU researchers in five key areas: Food for the Future; Media of the Future; One Health, One Medicine: The Convergence of Human and Animal Health; Sustainable Energy; and Understanding and Managing Disruptive and Transformational Technologies.

As the Mizzou Center begins operations, administrators hope to build on the strengths of MU to benefit the Kansas City area. By creating new partnerships and engaging the expertise of Mizzou faculty, the center will strengthen the technology transfer output, build robust student services in the region, and offer programs for citizens.

Al Black, who retired as the west central regional director for MU Extension, has been named director of the Mizzou Center. Currently, the Mizzou Center is located in the Heartland Financial Building, located just south of I-70 near Adams Dairy Parkway.

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