

# Message from the President



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Dear Higher Learning Commission Site Visit Team:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, student body, and alumni of Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, I am pleased to provide you with KCUMB's Higher Learning Commission Self-Study.

This extraordinary document is the result of the collaborative work of many people, who are dedicated to the success of this great academic institution in achieving its mission of teaching osteopathic physicians, biomedical scientists, and bioethicists. They are to be commended for their careful analysis of data, trends and processes, which have sharpened our focus on students and defined our vision for the future.

KCUMB has much for which to be proud. Nearly a century of existence has enriched our heritage, and we are an institution that greatly impacts the health of our community, state, and region. We are "improving the well-being of the communities we serve," as our mission states.

Though KCUMB is a private institution, it has a very public mission. Our graduates not only talk the talk; they walk the walk. This is evidenced by the fact that we are the second-greatest provider of physicians for both Missouri and Kansas. Primary care specialties are chosen by 72 percent of our graduates and more than 40 percent of our graduates practice in rural or underserved areas of Missouri.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the important task of ensuring quality higher education. I hope that you find the work within this self-study to be illustrative of our efforts to fulfill this University's great mission.

We look forward to your visit to our beautiful campus and the opportunity to personally tell our impressive story.

Yours truly,



Marc B. Hahn, D.O.  
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