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Counts Recognized for Service to the University of Missouri–Kansas City

Lajuana Counts of Kansas City was recognized with the Presidential Citation Award for Outstanding Service to the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Friday, Nov. 30, at the annual Alliance Awards Dinner in Columbia.

A tireless volunteer for UMKC, Counts balances her role as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri with many hours of service to her alma mater. She has served as president of the UMKC School of Law Alumni Association and currently serves on the board of the UMKC Law Foundation.

She was president of the UMKC Women's Council, chair of the Women's Council's Graduate Assistance Fund Selection Committee, a Vice President of the UMKC Alumni Association Governing Board and served on the Law School's Minority Advisory Board.

Counts was also the 2012 recipient of the highest award for alumni service at UMKC, the Bill French Alumni Service Award, which recognizes alumni who have demonstrated outstanding loyalty, commitment and service to the University.

Each year, the University of Missouri Alliance of Alumni Associations and Extension awards the Presidential Citation Award for Outstanding Service to the University of Missouri and its four campuses. The Alliance selects one person from each campus and Extension, and the UM President selects recipients on behalf of the system.

The Alliance is composed of representatives from each campus and University of Missouri Extension. The Alliance serves as a supportive and unified voice for the UM System in legislative advocacy, and facilitates the interchange of ideas and information between the UM System and the campus alumni associations and extension.

The four-campus University of Missouri System is one of the nation's largest public research university systems with more than 75,000 students and nearly a half million alumni worldwide.