

**First Five Fridays: A vlog conversation with UM System President Mun Choi**  
**Transcript of Episode 1 – *Our Stakeholders***  
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**Fougere:** Hi everybody, I'm John Fougere, I'm the University of Missouri System's Chief Communications Officer.. On Friday afternoons throughout the month of March, President Choi will be sharing, through video messages, his hopes, his thoughts, and dreams about the UM System as he begins his tenure as president. And with that, I get to welcome in President Choi on his first day as University of Missouri System President. Welcome, Mun.

**Choi:** Thank you very much. I'm very excited to be here. And there's so many exciting opportunities at the University of Missouri System. Obviously, it's a university that focuses on excellence. And when it comes to excellence, we're gonna be emphasizing student success, student access, as well as faculty research and engagement.

**Fougere:** As you start your first day today, what are your hopes for your first few months as you kick off your president's tenure?

**Choi:** I think it's very important for me to meet with all of the stakeholders. Faculty, students, staff, alums, our extension partners, corporations, so forth, and share the very positive messages that we have for the University of Missouri system and the value that we can provide to the state and the nation.

**Fougere:** You're already had a chance in the last couple months to visit all the campuses...

**Choi:** I did.

**Fougere:** And to meet some constituents around the state. What has impressed you about the UM System during those campus visits as you look back to last November?

**Choi:** I think it's the sense of commitment to the university and the value that we provide. The excitement among the faculty, staff, and students was really, very exciting to see. And they believe in the mission of the university to provide value through their education, to create the next generation of employees and staff members who are going to be making very important changes to the economy of this state, but at the same time, creating the breakthroughs in the research laboratories that's gonna make a difference in our economic development. So, it's a very exciting time to be at the University of Missouri.