

UCM provides its students with the keys to a successful career. Within six months of graduation, 97 percent of UCM students have secured employment or continued their education. This rate speaks volumes about UCM, but take a look at these successful grads and see for yourself.



SARAH MALOTT

Sarah Malott graduated from UCM in 2015 with a degree in Family and Consumer Science Education. Originally from Odessa, Missouri, Malott works in Grain Valley as a high school family and consumer science teacher.

Malott teaches nutrition, food preparation, clothing design and construction, career and family leadership, and family relations classes. She is responsible for preparing lessons each week as well as helping her students through assignments, labs and tests.

"My favorite thing about my position is that I teach students skills they will use throughout their lives."

Malott's degree prepared her for parent and student interactions, and she felt confident to enter the classroom. The lesson plans and units she created as a student were used for her first year of teaching.

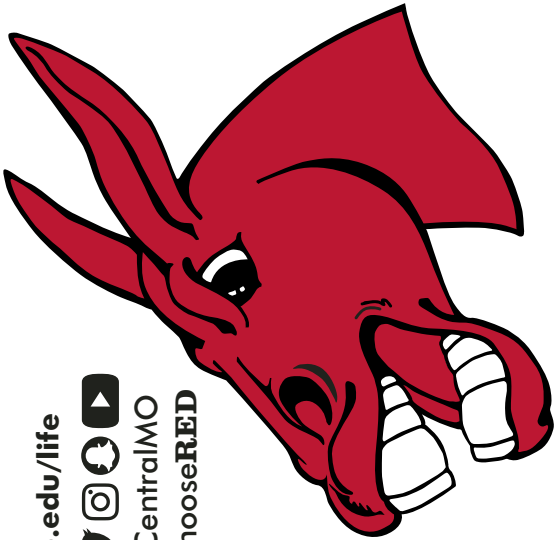
"To this day, UCM continues to influence me. I have numerous connections with my coworkers who also went to UCM," Malott says, "UCM prepared me for life after college in more ways than I can count. Without UCM, I know that I would not be in the place I am today."

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MORGAN CRAINSHAW

Morgan Crainshaw graduated in 2011 with a degree in Public Relations. Crainshaw, from Camdenton, Missouri, transferred to UCM from an area community college. She currently works as the director of marketing and business development for Simon in Osage Beach, Missouri. Her job entails many things, including creating marketing budgets, maintaining effective media relations, and

focusing on the growth of her company's social media channels.

"Since graduating from UCM, my degree has helped tremendously. Actually, it's a large reason why I'm employed with Simon. Without my degree, I would never have been considered, let alone hired," Crainshaw says. Because of the classes she took at UCM, she was prepared for her current position.

As a requirement within her major, Crainshaw completed a summer internship with Lake Regional Health System's public relations department in Osage Beach.

"Get out of your comfort zone, go to the games and meetings, join the clubs and groups, and expand your circle. I have some great friends to this day who I never would have met if it weren't for UCM."



SAMUEL TUCKER

Samuel Tucker, from Ferguson, Missouri, graduated from UCM in 2016 with a degree in Nursing. Since graduation, Tucker has been providing care to critically ill cardiac patients ranging from newborns to young adults. His responsibilities include careful monitoring of the patients' conditions, communicating with numerous members of the healthcare team, and

completing a multitude of patient needs.

"My favorite thing about my position is developing therapeutic relationships with my patients and their families," Tucker says. "When I am able to bring any amount of joy into these kids' lives, it reminds me why I come to work each day."

Even though his position can seem daunting, Tucker enjoys helping his patients

and loves the adrenaline rush that comes along with working a critical care setting.

"UCM gave me a head start in life, thanks to the supportive professors I had the pleasure of learning from."

"If you make the necessary sacrifices and devote your time to your studies, you will find success at UCM," Tucker says.



DAYSHA R. GATHING

Daysha Gathing, from St. Louis, Missouri, graduated from UCM in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an emphasis in Management. Gathing is employed as a transportation specialist at World Wide Technology, where she processes domestic shipments and the coordination with freight carriers to provide trailers to their shipping department.

"I know I can grow within the company, and the position I am in is just a stepping stone to grow," Gathing says.

Gathing completed an internship with World Wide Technology in the summer of 2015 and received her current position based on the work she did during that internship. Many of her team building and leadership-based classes prepared her for where she is now.

Gathing is proud to have received her degree at UCM, and she knows when she tells others where she graduated or wears a UCM T-shirt, she will be able to connect with new people and network based on the relationships she made while she was here.

"Make everyday that you step on campus the best day of your life. You never know how many people you'll meet and what great outlets they may have to get you where you need to be."



ELLIE WHITT

Ellie Whitt graduated in 2016 with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Public Relations. From Hamilton, Missouri, Whitt is now working as a leadership consultant with Alpha Sigma Alpha National Sorority in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"I travel all over the United States to different college campuses and meet the most wonderful individuals. They inspire

me to be a progressive individual who strives to live above the status quo," said Whitt.

Whitt's Sociology degree gave her the critical thinking skills that allow her to solve problems as well as relate to others with different backgrounds. Her minor in Public Relations gave her the confidence to comfortably speak in front of crowds.

"Without my mentors at UCM, I would never have grown as an individual, and I would not be where I am today," Whitt says.

"Get involved, and do it early! The experiences I gained from my campus involvement are vital to my position now."