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Dear Fellow Missourian:

It is with heartfelt gratitude to Missouri's classroom teachers-past, present, and future-that I dedicate this, the 64th edition of the *Official Manual, State of Missouri*. In dedicating this volume to our teachers, it is my hope that we will reflect on the contributions they continue to make to the growth and development of our citizenry and consider more deeply the fundamental role of teachers in preparing our children and shaping Missouri's future.

This office has given focused attention to reducing the cost of printing the *Official Manual*, which is required by statute to be published biennially. The 2003-2004 edition is the second consecutive *Blue Book* to cost less than its predecessor. The last manual, printed in 2001-2002, cost approximately five percent less per copy than its 1999-2000 predecessor. In this edition, my second as Secretary of State, we have again reduced the cost of producing the *Blue Book* as this *Official Manual* will cost eighteen percent less than its 2001-2002 counterpart, which is \$102,086 less than the 1999-2000 edition. These savings of your tax dollars have been attained through the aggressive utilization of emerging technologies, planning, and attention to detail.

This edition features the people of Missouri and our state's natural beauty in a special photographic presentation entitled, *My Missouri: Photos that Define the Show-Me State*. In it, photographers have captured the unique faces and places of Missouri with brilliance, professionalism and affection. I expect their work will bring enjoyment to Missourians and elicit a greater sense of pride in the people, history, and landscapes that so enduringly define our wonderful state.

Washington University Professor Peter Kastor has written the feature article for the *Manual* highlighting Missouri in the age of Lewis and Clark. Missouri marked the starting point of the *Voyage of Discovery*, and thus our state will play an instrumental role in celebrating the bicentennial of this epic adventure.

It is a great honor to serve you as your Secretary of State. I hope this edition of the *Blue Book* will help convey to all the greatness and the goodness that so aptly characterizes Missouri and her people.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Blunt".

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Secretary of State

Missouri's Teachers

Past, Present and Future

When a senior in a Missouri high school enrolled in a humanities course, it was to fulfill a graduation requirement. During the semester, the student discovered what would become a lifelong interest in the impact of the arts on our history. For the next semester, he enrolled in a second humanities course with the same teacher.

The history of art had no practical relevance to the young person's plan for a career in the armed forces. Lacking artistic or musical ability, he would never support himself as an artist. I was that student, of course. I will never forget that teacher's ability to inspire an appreciation for our cultural past.

Like millions of Missourians, my teachers changed my life. It is with deep gratitude to Missouri's teachers, past, present, and future, that I dedicate this edition of the *Official Manual*.



St. Louis Public Schools Record Center and Archives

Teachers are the extraordinary citizens whose life's work is to awaken in young people the love of knowledge and prepare them for success in the world. "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops," said historian Henry Adams. So it has been in Missouri. Educators have shaped our state's life from the earliest days of settlement. Our schools have always been a source of strength, a pathway to betterment, and a point of community pride in rural areas, small towns, and cities. Beyond their tremendous contributions to our state, Missouri teachers have influenced people and events in this and other nations.

Susan Elizabeth Blow, who opened the nation's first public kindergarten in St. Louis, in the 1870s, transformed early childhood education. Her friend and mentor, William Torrey Harris, was a philosopher and educator who served as

Superintendent of St. Louis Public Schools and U.S. Commissioner of Education.

The compassion of the teacher was epitomized by St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. She founded schools in territorial Missouri for the children of American and French settlers and opened a boarding school for Native American girls. She gave her life to educating and helping those in need, and was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1988.



Phoebe Apperson Hearst, the mother of publisher William Randolph Hearst, was a teacher and advocate of improvements in education. In 1897, she founded the National Congress of Mothers, which became the Parent Teachers Association in 1924.

John Berry Meachum, an African-American clergyman and educator, conducted the earliest known school for black adults and children in antebellum St. Louis. His student, James Milton Turner, the pre-eminent leader of black Missourians after the Civil War, taught in Kansas City and Boonville. Nathaniel C. Bruce established an agricultural school for African-Americans in 1907 near Dalton, in Chariton County. It eventually became known as the Dalton Vocational School.

George Washington Carver, one of America's most illustrious scientists, was born in our state. The renowned African-American educator was a research scientist and teacher at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Laura Ingalls Wilder taught before moving to Missouri. She wrote her beloved *Little House* books about growing up on the American frontier at her home in Mansfield. General John J. Pershing, the commander of American forces in World War I, taught school in Missouri before entering West Point.

There is no proper end to the roster of illustrious Missouri educators, and noted Missourians who also taught. After mothers and fathers, it is often teachers who have the greatest influence on our lives.

On behalf of all Missourians, I am honored to express our gratitude, respect, and esteem to the teachers who shaped our state, who are today imparting knowledge to the young, and who will help create a future of opportunity for all our children.

Matt Blunt



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