

Was Clark Slipped in Past the Keeper?

Former CoB associate professor of finance John Clark is, as reported here at USMNEWS.net a few weeks ago, headed back to the Bloch School of Business at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. Clark has already spent a few years there prior to coming to USM's b-school in 2003. Sourced reports have indicated that his prior tenure-track run at UMKC was likely headed toward a defeat had he (Clark) not pulled out and headed east for Hattiesburg. Now, a recent [presser](#) put out by UMKC announcing the hiring of a new dean for the Bloch School – Teng-Kee Tan from Nanyang Technological University in Singapore – seems to indicate that Clark's recent hiring may have represented a slip-one-in-before-the-incoming-dean strategy by the Clark supporters in the UMKC b-school. Sources tell USMNEWS.net that this type of strategy is often utilized in Tier III and IV universities. A prior report here at USMNEWS.net indicated that UMKC is the 165th-ranked institution in the U.S. (Tier III), just 15 spots ahead of 180th-ranked USM.