June 10, 1929

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was June 10, 1929, the day the Legislature incorporated the University of Kansas City.

Just one year after what is now [University of Missouri-Kansas City](https://www.umkc.edu/) was chartered, local business owner William Volker donated 41 acres of land to the new university. After he contributed more land and resources a few years later, the first classes were offered in 1933, with just-over 260 students and 17 instructors.

Just five years later, the university and the Kansas City School of Law merged.

In 1963, the University of Kansas City joined the [University of Missouri System](https://www.umsystem.edu/).

Today, UMKC houses the only dental school in the Show-Me State.

And, it all began on June 10, 1929, the date marking legislative incorporation of the University of Kansas City — now the University of Missouri-Kansas City — on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: [UMKC history](https://www.umkc.edu/history/); [The Kansas City Public Library](http://kchistory.org/week-kansas-city-history/university-born); Missouri Senate Journal)