* Secured $4.36 million in funding for the River City Partnership teacher pipeline initiative

* Dr. Rosie Phillips Davis elected 2018 president-elect of the American Psychological Association (APA)

* Hired Assistant Dean of Student Success and Strategic Initiatives, Dr. Alfred Hall

* Developed new college-wide Strategic Plan

* Launched Principal Pipeline Partnership with Shelby County School (9 Fellows)

* Hosted Diversity, Inclusion and Unconscious Bias Training and Development for faculty teaching with the River City Partnership Initiative

* Enhanced Peer Power partnership with COE with dedicated office and operation space in Ball Hall

* Launched Inaugural River City Summer Bridge Program for 16 rising high school seniors from Shelby County who have expressed interest in teaching. The students worked on a Problem of Practice regarding Education Activism that addressed issues of equity and social justice in K-12 education.

* Established cohort of 20 elementary school teachers from SCS to complete the MSED program with an emphasis on elementary mathematics content and pedagogy to implement the district’s new Eureka Math curriculum program. SCS is contributing $310,000 towards the costs of tuition and fees for the cohort, and the UofM has allocated $60,000 in scholarships to cover the remaining costs for the participating teachers.

Goals & Objectives 2018-2019

* Develop and Implement Department Recruitment, Retention and Completion Plans to monitor/increase enrollment trends, appreciative advising, and successful completion of programs of study

* Launch recruitment efforts for the River City Urban Ed teacher preparation program

* Roll out and Implement new college-wide strategic plan developed in 2017-18

* Launch Principal Pipeline Program Cohort II (15 Fellows)
* Develop and distribute marketing materials featuring and showcasing major programs and initiatives in the College

* Establish a Dean’s Advisory Council and Dean’s Student Advisory Council

* Establish and launch research and scholarship seminars for COE faculty to promote and support interdisciplinary collaboration within and across departments

* Implement new Educator Preparation Literacy Standards across programs/courses in teacher preparation

* Hire two Recruitment Specialists

* Hire Director for Lipman Early Childhood School and Research Institute