The University of Missouri School of Medicine, CoxHealth and Mercy Springfield will celebrate their partnership to address a critical shortage of physicians in the state and nation with the dedication of the Patient-Centered Care Learning Center in Columbia at 1 p.m. Friday, July 28. The dedication ceremony will be held to celebrate the opening of the $42.5 million medical education building at the University of Missouri.

Speakers will include:

- UM System President Mun Choi
- Patrice “Patrick” Delafontaine, MD, the Hugh E. and Sarah D. Stephenson Dean of the MU School of Medicine
- David Barbe, MD, president of the American Medical Association, alumnus of the MU School of Medicine and vice president of regional operations for Mercy Springfield
- Steve Edwards, president and CEO of CoxHealth
- Weldon Webb, associate dean for the Springfield Clinical Campus Implementation
- Farrah Malik, fourth-year MU medical student
- Nancy Moen, patient and participant in the MU School of Medicine Heyssel Senior Teacher Educator Partnership (STEP) program

Tours of the new education building will be available after the ceremony.