News Updates

University of Missouri students spend spring break volunteering in Roanoke*
WDBJ CBS Roanoke, Va. – March 27, 2018
Nine students from the University of Missouri drove 17 hours to spend their spring break doing community service in Roanoke.

Therapy may strike 2-pronged blow against breast cancer*
Futurity – March 27, 2018
"In order to effectively treat tumors, therapeutics are being developed that target mutant proteins that help grow cancer cells; APR-246 is one of those drugs,” says Salman Hyder, professor in tumor angiogenesis and professor of biomedical sciences at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine and the Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center.

Smoke testing taking place in downtown Columbia, University of Missouri campus Wednesday
ABC 17 News - March 28, 2018
Columbia drivers in the downtown area and around the MU campus could expect some delays and lane closures Wednesday morning as crews will be doing smoke testing of sewer lines.

Missouri lacks resources for families dealing with autism
KRCG-13 - March 26, 2018
When Arora was about 15 months old, doctors at the University of Missouri Thompson Center in Columbia, Missouri diagnosed her with autism.

The Politics of Mental Health
Diverse - March 27, 2018
The challenges may seem even more foreboding due to cultural stigmas surrounding counseling and the heightened tension over issues of inclusion that have permeated campuses such as the University of Missouri, Texas A&M, Yale and my alma mater, the University of Virginia.

'It's about time': Mixed reaction after National Geographic admits 'racist' past in new issue
Chicago Tribune - March 27, 2018
Race is the third rail, I get it,” said Ron Stodghill, an associate professor at the University of Missouri’s School of Journalism, when referring to National Geographic's April 2018 issue on the subject of race.

University of Missouri System

UM stands to get $14 million in exchange for a 1 percent tuition cap
Columbia Missourian - March 27, 2018
The University of Missouri System stands to receive an additional $14 million in a bill that would restore proposed cuts by Gov. Eric Greitens.
Similar stories appeared in Associated Press outlets across the state.
The spending plan moving through the House would fully fund the elementary and secondary school aid formula, add additional cash for the Department of Transportation and restore money that Greitens wanted to cut from the state’s public universities and colleges.

House representatives passed an amendment to House Bill 3 which, if given final approval, will restore $30 million in cuts to core funding for public higher education institutions.

"The University of Missouri System and our four campuses are grateful for the Missouri legislature's support of public higher education," UM System President Mun Choi said in a statement.

The Missouri House approved a deal between budget writers and public university leaders to restore the higher education cuts proposed by Gov. Eric Greitens in exchange for a cap on tuition increases.

"This investment will help us serve Missourians through robust education, research, outreach and economic development — meeting the state’s workforce needs, conducting life-changing research, assisting Missourians through Extension and creating jobs," UM System President Mun Choi said in a statement.
In-demand meteor showers may be on the way*
NBC News – March 27, 2018
And knowing how objects burn up in the atmosphere could also help researchers figure out the composition and origin of real meteors, according to Dr. William Schonberg, a professor of civil, architectural and environmental engineering at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. ... "If you can take a look at the change in brightness, you can figure out the original properties of what it was that came in," Schonberg said. "Maybe then we can figure out what it is and where it came from."

S&T Civil Engineering Prof an Australian Distinguished Chair*
Missouri Ag Connection – March 27, 2018
A Missouri University of Science and Technology civil engineering professor will lecture and conduct research in Australia as a Fulbright scholar in advanced science and technology. Dr. William Schonberg, professor of civil, architectural and environmental engineering, has been named a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology.

Law enforcement trains for active shooter at Rolla High School
Phelps County Focus – March 27, 2018
While the flags at Rolla High School stood at half-staff Tuesday to honor a fallen FBI agent, officers of multiple agencies across Phelps County prepared for a potential mass shooting incident inside. In addition to the Missouri Highway Patrol, other local law enforcement agencies participating include police department from Rolla, St. James, Newburg and Missouri S&T. Rapier says gathering a wide-ranging group for the training was important because in a real-life situation the first officers on scene may not work for the same entities.

Hispanic Film Series Continues With April Film*
Phelps County Focus – March 27, 2018
The Hispanic Film Series offered by the Missouri S&T arts, languages, and philosophy department will continue this April with a viewing of the 2016 Chilean drama film 'Neruda.'

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Missouri S&T professor receives President's Award for Innovative Teaching*
Waynesville Daily Guide – March 26, 2018
University of Missouri System President Mun Choi surprised a Missouri University of Science and Technology faculty member with a President’s Award at a faculty meeting Thursday, March 22.

Missouri S&T to celebrate Philanthropy Month in April*
Phelps County Focus – March 26, 2018
Missouri University of Science and Technology students, faculty and staff are celebrating more than the coming of spring in April. They’re also spotlighting the spirit of giving by celebrating Philanthropy Month.

University of Missouri-St. Louis
How Missouri is making it easier to transfer college credits
St. Louis Public Radio - March 27, 2018
Alan D. Heisel is a professor of communication in media at the University of Missouri St. Louis and was part of the committee that helped craft CORE 42. Heisel said the new curriculum will give students the upper hand.

Maine’s Radical Democratic Experiment
Politico Magazine - March 27, 2018
On the other hand, voter surveys have shown that people in cities using ranked choice voting in 2013 were significantly more satisfied with the conduct of municipal campaigns and felt there was substantially less negative campaigning compared with their counterparts in cities that used conventional plurality voting. Researchers have also shown that many of the socio-economic disparities Miller and Jacobs found in Minneapolis were present in that city’s older, conventional elections as well; disparities weren’t helped or hurt by the switch, David Kimball and Joseph Anthony of the University of Missouri-St. Louis concluded, though the rate of spoiled ballots with the new system increased.
Missouri legislators can go to school on the state's dime
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - March 27, 2018
Dave Robertson, chairman of the political science department at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, said that he was unaware that legislators had access to tuition reimbursement but that he could see some pluses from the public’s standpoint.

Rep. Courtney Allen Curtis Offers Budget Amendment to Improve Campus Safety
The Missouri Times - March 27, 2018
As the House debated an appropriations bill to provide funding to the state’s institutions of higher learning, state Rep. Courtney Allen Curtis offered an amendment to ensure Missouri universities and colleges make campus safety their top priority. The amendment offered by Curtis comes in response to yet another sexual assault at a Missouri university, and in an effort to force university leadership to effectively plan to improve student safety.

Alton Sterling police shooting: no charges filed against Baton Rouge officers • Epeak World News
Epeak World News - March 27, 2018
Constitutionally, “police officers are allowed to shoot under two circumstances,” David Klinger, a University of Missouri St. Louis professor who studies use of force, previously told Dara Lind for Vox.

The Chronicle of Higher Education
Lurid Charges Against Ex-Dean Mark a Disturbing Turn in Michigan State’s Nassar Scandal
The Chronicle of Higher Education - March 27, 2018
The criminal charges filed on Tuesday against a former dean at Michigan State University signal a troubling new development in the investigation of how the institution responded to sexual abuse by Larry Nassar — and suggest that a culture of misconduct runs deeper than just the former sports doctor.

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