News Updates

Missouri School of Journalism grapples with what to do about Sinclair Broadcasting
Columbia Missourian – April 12, 2018
The University of Missouri School of Journalism may ban Sinclair Broadcasting Group, the politically conservative broadcast company, from its student recruitment efforts at the school, administration and faculty officials said this week.

Report of racist incident draws response at MU
Columbia Daily Tribune - April 11, 2018
The University of Missouri’s International Student Council this week said two of its members were subjected to racist taunts over the weekend while walking near campus.

Gag order will not affect investigative committee's report
KOMU.com - April 11, 2018
“The argument that a case is being tried in the media is basically saying that this information is getting out to these potential jurors, their minds will already be set, they cannot be impartial,” said Sandy Davidson, adjunct professor at the University of Missouri School of Law.

Overdose Deaths from Opioids Keep Rising in the US*
Voice of America – April 12, 2018
The University of Missouri School of Medicine is making a difference in its state. It started a program that uses video conferencing to help doctors in rural areas. Inside a secure room at the University of Missouri, doctors from across the state can talk to trained specialists.

Telemedicine program trains doctors to fight the rural opioid crisis*
KRCG-TV – April 11, 2018
Show-Me ECHO — which stands for Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes — is an MU Health Care program that allows specialists to train primary care physicians statewide to identify and treat chronic conditions using videoconferencing.

SANDY DAVIDSON: Protection for sex-trafficking ads comes under fire
Columbia Missourian – April 12, 2018
“Sex trafficking:” The phrase is ugly, and the reality is even uglier.

Efforts to increase interest in STEM in high school could be too late
Reaching Higher NH – April 11, 2018
The study, conducted by the University of Kentucky’s Rajeev Darolia and the University of Missouri’s Cory Koedel, compared academic records for 140,000 students in Missouri public colleges between 1996 and 2009 with data on course offerings in the roughly 500 Missouri public high schools they graduated from.

Local officials get social media tips at MU conference
The theme of this year’s conference, hosted by the University of Missouri’s Truman School of Public Affairs, was “Achieving Balance in Governance in the Post-Truth Era”.

Robbery in downtown Columbia prompts MU Alert
ABC 17 News - April 11, 2018
According to a second MU Alert, investigators discovered the robbery occurred in downtown Columbia.

Sinclair Controversy Does Little to Change Voter Views on Media Credibility
Morning Consult - April 11, 2018
Joy Mayer, an adjunct faculty member at the Poynter Institute and director of Trusting News, a project of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the University of Missouri, said that while the Sinclair controversy might have caught attention in New York and Washington, "news consumers don’t understand the relationship between the local outlets and their parent companies,” especially when it comes to TV news.

University of Missouri System

Notice of possible financial review cited in MSSU's plea for support
The Joplin Globe - April 11, 2018
That compares with its next closest institution, Missouri State University, at $11,669 and the institution at the top of the list, the four-campus University of Missouri System, with $17,066.

State university faces accreditation trouble over finances
Columbia Daily Tribune - April 11, 2018
The cuts are painful at an institution such as the UM System, Marble said, but they do more damage at a small school.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Comfortable With Himself*
April 11, 2018
Video and Q&A with Cameron Miller, UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance student, on how UMKC changed his life.

Hermon Mehari is one of Kansas City's top cultural exports. How long can we keep claiming him?
The Pitch – April 10, 2018
Hermon Mehari was from Jefferson City and the famed saxophonist Bobby Watson was the director of jazz studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Conservatory of Music and Dance.

Q&A: How a Chief Knowledge Officer is boosting innovation in Kansas City, KS
Smart Cities Dive - April 10, 2018
Q: What kind of lessons do you learn from each other and how do you go about collaborating? A: Trying to work together to understand, to put the data onto a shared platform and work with a local university, the University of Missouri-Kansas City...

KC streetcar planners seek feedback on 3.5-mile expansion
Missouri Business Alert - April 10, 2018
Kansas City officials have identified eight potential stops along a planned new stretch of the city’s streetcar line, set to run from Union Station to the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and they’re seeking feedback on a proposal for the 3.5-mile southward expansion.
“Reaction or riot?” Kansas City revisits King’s assassination
University News – April 10, 2018
KCUR’s Steve Kraske and Michelle Tyrene Johnson hosted a live recording of “Up To Date” Wednesday night at UMKC titled “Reaction or Riot? Understanding 1968 in Kansas City.”

Students take the stage at TedxRockhill event
University News – April 10, 2018
TED Talks, a platform for sharing ideas to change the world, came to UMKC on Saturday in the Student Union through a student led, student pioneered event-TEDxRockhill.

Dean of Students candidate pitches possible role at UMKC
University News – April 11, 2018
On Friday afternoon, Dean of Students candidate Sandra Miles, one of a few potential applicants, did her utmost to impress. She attempted to portray herself as a worthwhile candidate for the currently open Dean of Students position at UMKC.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Missouri S&T Saudi Night is April 15*
Phelpscountyfocus.com – April 11
**Missouri University of Science and Technology’s** Saudi Student Association will host the 12th annual Saudi Night celebration this April.

Arrest made in fatal heroin overdose in Maries County
kj luradio.com – April 11
A lengthy investigation into a Maries County drug overdose has led to one arrest. Kelve’lina Fowler, 23, of Rolla, was arrested earlier this week for her part in contributing to the death of Dillon Barton, 24, of Belle. Barton, who was attending Missouri S&T, died in May 2017 of a heroin overdose. Fowler is accused of selling Barton the heroin.

Rolla robotics team wins South Super-Regional Championship, plans trivia event for Friday
Phelpscountyfocus.com – April 11
Team 4964 Rolla Patriots were one of 72 youth robotics teams from thirteen states to converge at the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Super Regional Championship in Athens, Georgia, March 8-10...“Rolla robotics played a significant role in my decision to study engineering at Missouri S&T. I plan to participate with the S&T robotics program next year,” said RHS Senior and Patriots Team Captain Cameron Copeland.

KSU Ag Dean a finalist for chancellor at New Mexico State University
St. Joseph Post – April 11
...The other finalists are **Missouri University of Science and Technology** Provost Robert Marley...
Several other news outlets shared this story.

After Uber, Tesla incidents, can artificial intelligence be trusted?*
Phys.org – April 10
Given the choice of riding in an Uber driven by a human or a self-driving version, which would you choose?..."Trust is the cornerstone of humanity's relationship with artificial intelligence," write Dr. Keng Siau, professor and chair of business and information technology at **Missouri S&T**, and Weiyu Wang, a Missouri S&T graduate student in information science and technology. "Like any type of trust, trust in AI takes time to build, seconds to break and forever to repair once it is broken." Several other news outlets also shared this story.
Can the governor survive this politically?
KSDK - April 11, 2018
"There's been a bombshell in Missouri politics, and the reason is that a Republican legislature is increasingly taking an antagonistic position against the Republican governor, and the Republican governor is fighting right back," said Dave Roberts, a professor of political science at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. "So there's a lot of hostility here. He's calling it a witch hunt. They deny it's a witch hunt. This is a fascinating moment."

Greitens decries 'political witch hunt'
The Associated Press (via Columbia Daily Tribune) - April 11, 2018
Greitens’ swaggering public persona has changed since the scandal broke, University of Missouri-St. Louis political scientist Dave Robertson said.

Gov. Eric Greitens’ political future faces test in legislative report
The Associated Press (via CBS News) - April 11, 2018
The political future of Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens faces a big test when a special legislative committee issues an investigative report related to an extramarital affair the Republican engaged in before his election.

A dose of reality for the pessimists among us
St. Louis Jewish Light - April 11, 2018
J. Martin Rochester, Curators’ Teaching Professor of Political Science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, is author of 10 books on international and American politics, including his latest: "New Warfare: Rethinking Rules for An Unruly World."

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