News Updates

Climb through the glass ceiling, get pushed off a glass cliff*
St. Louis Post Dispatch - April 26, 2018
That doesn't rule out more subtle forms of discrimination, however. New research from the University of Missouri suggests that once female CEOs have broken through the glass ceiling, they may be more likely to be pushed off a sort of "glass cliff."

Study finds 9 of 10 elementary teachers extremely stressed*
KOMU.com - April 25, 2018
A study out this week finds high stress levels among elementary teachers affect student behavior and performance. The MU study finds that nine of 10 elementary teachers are highly stressed in the classroom. Researchers found 93 percent of teachers are stressed due to their job, leaving just a small fraction of teachers unaffected by stress.

Diabetic mice to let scientists study vision loss*
KOMU.com - April 25, 2018
"Diabetic retinopathy is a common retinal complication of diabetes mellitus that can be categorized in different stages in humans," says Shyam Chaurasia, assistant professor of ophthalmology and vision sciences research at the University of Missouri.

MU researchers to use pigs to study treatment for diabetic blindness*
KOMU.com - April 25, 2018
MU researchers say there will be 600 million people with some level of diabetic blindness by the year 2040. "We found a protein complex called NLRP3 has played a very important role in the progression of the disease," Dr. Shyam Chaurasia, who led the research team.

Prescription drug take-back event scheduled for Friday, Saturday
Columbia Daily Tribune - April 25, 2018
On Friday two collection sites will be open: the Truman Memorial Veterans’ Hospital and the University of Missouri Student Center.
Drug take back to keep community and environment safe
Columbia Missourian - April 25, 2018
The Boone County Sheriff’s Department is sponsoring the drug take back in partnership with the Youth Community Coalition and the Ashland, Columbia, Centralia, Hallsville, MU and Truman Veterans Hospital police departments, according to a Sheriff's Department news release.

USDA, Missouri leaders address opioid epidemic in Missouri
KOMU.com - April 25, 2018
Boone County will be participating in a nationwide effort this weekend for "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day." The locations and times of take back sites include the MU Student Center.

City relies on Amazon despite tax drain
Columbia Daily Tribune - April 25, 2018
University of Missouri Economics Professor Joe Haflag said Amazon created a model where it can sell items at a much lower cost than competitors by operating a distribution system at a much lower cost.

SANDY DAVIDSON: If you can't take a joke, get a thicker skin
Columbia Missourian - April 26, 2018
Sandy Davidson, Ph.D., J.D., teaches communications law at the Missouri School of Journalism. She is a Curators’ Distinguished Teaching Professor and the attorney for the Columbia Missourian.

DACA supporters react to judges ruling
KOMU.com - April 25, 2018
The head of an MU Latino student group said Wednesday a court ruling to protect the Deferred Action for Child Arrivals (DACA) program is welcome news. A U.S District judge ruled Tuesday against the Trump administration's decision to end DACA, a program created to protect young undocumented immigrants.

Report: Food labeling policies come with unintended costs
KOMU.com - April 25, 2018
"Organic" and "non-GMO"—these food labels adorn all kinds of products, from breakfast cereal to snack food. And according to an MU study, those labels are costing consumers more than they might know.
**University of Missouri System**

[Senate feuds over foundation formula funding during budget debate](#)
Columbia Missourian - April 25, 2018

The Senate also approved a restoration of $68 million in cuts to higher education, but differed on a House plan to fund co-operative programs between the **University of Missouri System** and other schools. The House’s budget funds the co-op programs at 60 percent of the requested level and puts the money into universities’ core budgets.

[Cutting grad programs could hurt MU’s diversity push, some say](#)
Columbia Missourian - April 26, 2018

Since the protests, the **University of Missouri System** has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars to publicize its commitment to diversity. The College of Arts and Science added a diversity-intensive initiative, which requires students to take at least three credit hours of diversity-related courses.

[Clayco gifts $2 million to Missouri S&T for lab expansion](#)
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - April 25, 2018

Clayco is donating $2 million to a major lab expansion project at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. Additional financial support came from the **University of Missouri System**, S&T’s College of Engineering and Computing, and private charitable gifts including a bequest from alumnus James A. Heldman.

**University of Missouri-Kansas City**

[Designing Woman*](#)
UMKC Today – April 25, 2018

Video and Q&A with L.A. Clevenson, a master’s student in the **UMKC** Theatre Costume Design Program.

[‘You are Not Forgotten’*](#)
UMKC Today – April 24, 2018

On April 17, José Galvez shared his photos and experiences with the **University of Missouri Kansas City** community when he gave the 11th Annual César Chávez Lecture.
The Midwest Innocence Project looks to the next generation
The Pitch – April 24, 2018
Social media has also helped connect MIP with younger generations, especially through MIPSO, the Midwest Innocence Project Student Organization through the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

From emphasis to potential major: Will Anthropology claim its own title at UMKC?
University News – April 24, 2018
While scrolling through a UMKC course catalog, you can find sociology as a popular major offered at UMKC. Although many students are currently pursuing this degree, some want to deepen their study.

Transgender student flourishes, advocates at UMKC
University News – April 24, 2018
Kole Keeney, now a freshman at UMKC, has come a long way. He chose to attend UMKC because he recognized it as a “safe and accepting place for all students,” a place where he could feel comfortable and be open about his identity.

How Central Bank Independence Led to Impunity in Latvia
The Real News Network – April 25, 2018
Latvia’s Central Bank governor, Ilmars Rimsevics, is at the heart of the scandal, but enjoys the protection of central bank autonomy, explains former financial regulator Bill Black, UMKC Economics and UMKC School of Law professor.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Farouk El-Baz to speak at Missouri S&T Commencement*
Phelps County Focus – April 25
Dr. Farouk El-Baz, a geologist who played a leading role during NASA’s Apollo space program in the 1960s, will speak at two commencement ceremonies at Missouri University of Science and Technology on May 12. El-Baz, director of the Center for Remote Sensing and research professor at Boston University, earned master of science and Ph.D. degrees in geology and geophysics from Missouri S&T.

Tyler Collier receives $5,000 Missouri S&T scholarship
Aggregates Manager Magazine – April 25
A $5,000 scholarship sponsored by the Miner Alumni Association at the Missouri University of Science & Technology (Missouri S&T), the National Stone Sand & Gravel Association, and the Missouri Limestone Producers Association, was presented to Tyler Collier of St. Ann, Mo., for his scholastic achievement, industry-related work history, career goals, and recommendations.

Missouri University of Science & Technology to Participate in Mine Rescue Competition*
Coal Zoom – April 24
Two mine rescue teams from Missouri University of Science and Technology will compete in the 48th Annual Southern Regional Mine Rescue Contest in New Iberia, Louisiana... Missouri S&T Black and Missouri S&T Gold will both compete at the event.
Missouri S&T to host Missouri Academy of Science*
Phelps County Focus – April 24
Scientists and students from all over the state will gather on the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus for the 54th Annual Meeting of the Missouri Academy of Science (MAS) this Friday and Saturday, April 27-28.

Celebrating more than 10 decades of life
The Rolla Daily News – April 24
“She doesn’t worry, she knows her own life, she does what she wants to do, and she loves sweets,” said Jamie Stephens with a warm smile when describing the 103-year-old birthday girl, who was socializing in the main room of Parkside Assisted Living in Rolla, where Stephens is lifestyle coordinator...who was encircled at the end of her party by the Missouri University of Science and Technology band performing “Happy Birthday.”

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Anthropology Professor Susan Brownell receives UM System President’s Award for Leadership*
UMSL Daily - April 25, 2018

University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor Tom George this week awarded the University of Missouri System President’s Award for Leadership to Department of Anthropology and Archaeology Professor Susan Brownell on behalf of UM System President Mun Choi.

New report offers recommendations to address housing segregation in St. Louis
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - April 25, 2018
Produced by a coalition of housing and social justice groups, the report was released on the same day as the St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (EHOC) and For the Sake of All’s 2018 Fair Housing Conference at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

'It's disheartening': College students feel impacts, see programs cut as funding trends continue
St. Louis Public Radio - April 25, 2018
Just in the past few weeks, money squabbles within the Southern Illinois University System have made headlines, as did a University of Missouri-St. Louis committee report that recommends investing in some academic areas while eliminating others, including theater, anthropology and more.

University of Missouri-St. Louis Considers Cutting Programs
The Associated Press (via U.S. News & World Report) - April 25, 2018
The University of Missouri-St. Louis is considering eliminating some degree programs amid financial trouble.

Higher Education News

High-Paying Trade Jobs Sit Empty, While High School Grads Line Up For University
National Public Radio – April 25, 2018
Like most other American high school students, Garret Morgan had it drummed into him constantly: Go to college. Get a bachelor's degree. "All through my life it was, if you don't go to college you're going to end up on the streets," Morgan said. "Everybody’s so gung-ho about going to college."
Fresno State says it can't discipline the professor who called Barbara Bush an 'amazing racist'
The Washington Post – April 25, 2018
It was an unsatisfying conclusion for those who argued that tenure should not absolve Jarrar — or anyone — from the consequences of their vitriolic words. But Castro said tenure wasn't the issue, writing in his statement that "this private action is an issue of free speech and not related to her job or tenure."

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