Pay raises on tap for UM
Columbia Daily Tribune - April 30, 2018
Retaining faculty and staff during a period of uncertainty is one of the top priorities of the University of Missouri, President Mun Choi said during a town-hall style forum Monday on the Columbia campus.

Choi: Increasing faculty, staff compensation top priority in UM System
Columbia Missourian - April 30, 2018
Concerns about keeping faculty and staff, budget cuts, defining a flagship campus and an academic programs review were raised Monday at a public meeting with University of Missouri System President Mun Choi and MU Chancellor Alexander Cartwright. Similar stories appeared in Associated Press media outlets.

MU faculty voice concerns over retention of colleagues
KOMU.com - April 30, 2018
University of Missouri leadership reached out to faculty, staff and students Monday to continue conversations on system initiatives, budget concerns and the state of legislative affairs.

University of Missouri leaders discuss policies during roundtable
KRCG News - April 30, 2018
University of Missouri System President Mun Choi and MU Chancellor Alexander Cartwright had more employee input Monday after they held a roundtable discussion.

UM System President and Chancellor hold meeting
ABC 17 News - April 30, 2018
Further cuts could be on the way for the University of Missouri. However, the UM System President Mun Choi and Chancellor Alexander Cartwright are working hard to discourage legislative budget cuts.
UM System President Choi, MU Chancellor Cartwright Hold Town Hall
KBIA - April 30, 2018

*University of Missouri System* President Mun Choi and *University of Missouri’s* Chancellor Alexander Cartwright heard from students, faculty and staff about the challenges of attracting and retaining top-tier professors Monday.

Provost candidate drawn to MU's research, health care
Columbia Daily Tribune - April 30, 2018

When Latha Ramchand said Monday why she wants to be the next provost at the *University of Missouri*, the first thing she mentioned was its status as one of 34 public members of the American Association of Universities.

MU researchers use rats in new Alzheimer's study*
KOMU.com - May 1, 2018

*MU* researchers have developed a new way to help fight Alzheimer's. MU researchers have started to inject two human genes linked to Alzheimer's into rat embryos. Then, those genes multiply into each individual cell in the rats' body, mimicking the human gene.

Study finds water near fracked gas field disrupts hormones*
KPVI News 6 - April 30, 2018

A study has found that polluted groundwater near a fracked Wyoming oil and gas field is more disruptive to human cells than tainted groundwater sampled near conventional oil and gas operations. The study by researchers at the *University of Missouri* and other institutions is believed to be the first to compare the effects of fracking-linked pollution to those of conventional oil and gas development pollution.

March for Science - Mid-Missouri holds a panel discussion over issues and triumphs in the fields of research and public policy
The Maneater - April 30, 2018

The panel consisted of public officials, candidates for office and scientists from *MU*. The event began with an introduction of each panel member and a short speech on what they have been working on since the March for Science in Columbia last year.

"April showers bring May flowers" saying not accurate in mid-Missouri
KRCG News - May 1, 2018

Tuesday marked May 1 and plant experts in the state of Missouri said the saying, "April showers bring May flowers" is not accurate in Missouri. "In Missouri it probably isn't that accurate that we'll not see flowers until May unless we have precipitation in April. There are a few annual wildflowers that do need precipitation before the seeds will germinate," David Trinklein, an associate professor of plant sciences with the *University of Missouri* said.
826 pounds of drugs collected in takeback event
Columbia Daily Tribune - April 30, 2018
Last weekend’s prescription drug take back event resulted in the third-largest collection of medications since the event began locally in 2010.

Boone County's April Drug Take Back event ends with 826 pounds of medications collected
ABC 17 News - April 30, 2018
The Boone County Drug Take Back event on April 27 and 28 ended up being the largest collection of unwanted and/or no longer needed medications since the creation of the event in 2010, according to an official press release.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Kan. Governor Jeff Colyer optimistic, says Sprint, T-Mobile merger will help Kansas
Fox4 – April 29, 2018
Merger expert and University of Missouri-Kansas City Associate Professor Nathan Mauck said times change, and so can opportunities.

'The best and the brightest': 211 students honored at Silver Medallion banquet
The Telegraph – April 27, 2018
"I think it’s an amazing opportunity and a great honor,” said Kennison Adams, an EHS senior. “I’m really excited to be here. It’s just really neat to see how many kids have worked so hard, and I’m excited we’re going to celebrate that.” She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Guardianship panel recommends changes to closed system
Albuquerque Journal – April 28, 2018
“What struck me when I first looked at New Mexico, I was very surprised as a general matter that guardianship proceedings were not open to the public. That’s not consistent with how most other states address the issue,” David English, a professor at University of Missouri-Kansas City, told a now-disbanded commission appointed by the Supreme Court last year to recommend reforms.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Research removes obstacle to lasers and computers working at speed of light
Clemson Newsstand – April 30
By juxtaposing contrasting properties of two different nanomaterials, a team of Clemson University physicists has developed an optical diode that enables light to move in one direction... Podila’s collaborators – Yury Gogotsi and Vadym Mochalin at Drexel University and Missouri Science & Technology, respectively – named the material MXene after its graphene-like morphology.

Missouri Biodiesel Coalition launched to expand biodiesel usage
Biofuels Digest – April 29
In Missouri, soybean farmers and biodiesel processors, distributors, and retailers have come together to launch a new partnership, the Biodiesel Coalition of Missouri...The Show-Me state has had other interesting news of late, including in October 2017 as reported in the Digest, when researchers at the Missouri University of Science and Technology developed a small, modular skid-mounted biodiesel production facility ideal for smaller communities and towns to recycle used cooking oil.

The National Day of Prayer, celebrating 30 years in Phelps County
University of Missouri-St. Louis

A photo gallery of mirth from the 2018 Mirthweek Carnival*
UMSL Daily - April 30, 2018
Mirth Week brings many joys to the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus, but maybe none sweeter nor more thrilling than the annual Mirthweek Carnival.

Leslie Jones brings stories not suitable for ‘SNL’ to Mirthweek headline act*
UMSL Daily - April 30, 2018
Set at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Jones used the evening to reflect on the trials and hilarious hijinks of her youth. Jones, 50, quickly pointed to the gray knee brace she was sporting on the outside of her black jeans and need for printed notes as signs of her age.

UMSL honors six alumni at annual Salute to Business Achievement Awards*
UMSL Daily - April 30, 2018
It was logic that first led Dale Oberkfell to the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Eye on UMSL: Cultures in step*
UMSL Daily - April 30, 2018
University of Missouri-St. Louis staff members joined in the dancing last Thursday during the sixth annual Spring Multicultural Festival at The Nosh in the Millennium Student Center. The Office of Multicultural Student Services sponsored the event.

Artist and mentor: Gallery 210 exhibit puts student, faculty artwork side by side*
UMSL Daily - April 30, 2018
The artwork of University of Missouri-St. Louis students and their instructors stands side by side in “Hung Together,” an exhibit at UMSL's Gallery 210 on display until May 12.

We're paying attention*
Matter of Fact with Soledad O'Brien - April 28, 2018
The University of Missouri-St. Louis, or UMSL, had the highest student voter turnout in the country. More than 67-percent of the student body voted in 2016. The university is one of 300 colleges that take part in the "All IN Challenge."

Michael Cosmopoulos
National Geographic - April 30, 2018
Historian and archaeologist Michael B. Cosmopoulos is the Endowed Professor of Archaeology and Greek Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He was featured prominently in National Geographic's landmark documentary series The Greeks, which debuted on PBS in 2016.

Diverse group shares mission: To help people in recovery and reduce opioid addiction deaths
Coeur d'Alene Press - April 29, 2018
The Missouri Department of Mental Health partnered with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health at the University of Missouri-St. Louis for the project. Other health care agencies, physicians, policy experts and organizations also work on the project.

Star Student: Kelly Maeda from Marquette High School
KPLR - April 30, 2018
It's the University of Missouri-St. Louis Star Student of the Month of April! We’re honoring Kelly Meada, junior tennis and racquetball player from Marquette High School. Kelly made the Deans' List for St. Louis Community College her first semester while taking 18 credit hours.

Higher Education

Feds Come Around to OER – Slowly
Inside Higher Ed – March 28, 2018
As for institutions that will benefit from the funding, Allen speculates the focus will be in part on member institutions of systems like the public institutions in Georgia and Missouri, which are well suited to resource sharing.

Why Are States Spending Less on Higher-Ed? Medicaid and Lazy Rivers Could Be to Blame
The Chronicle of Higher Education – May 1, 2018
Three decades of spending cuts by states have left public colleges with nearly 25 percent declines in state funding per student. What happened to the money that could have been invested in higher education during that time? Most of it went to Medicaid, according to a new study.

*Story generated by efforts of the university’s PR team.*