News Updates

**Education funding tops agenda for lawmakers ahead of Missouri budget negotiations**
Springfield News-Leader - May 1, 2018
The two chambers differ on the issue of cooperative-program funding, like the *University of Missouri School of Medicine* Springfield clinical campus for training doctors.

**University of Missouri argues it can regulate guns on campus**
Columbia Daily Tribune - May 1, 2018
A law that bars prosecutors from filing criminal charges against someone storing a concealable gun in their car while on *University of Missouri* property doesn't prevent the university from writing a rule against it, new court filings assert in battle over gun rights that began in 2015.

**MUPD identifies suspect in shooting outside bar**
Columbia Daily Tribune - May 1, 2018
*University of Missouri* police on Tuesday night identified the man suspected in a shooting outside a Columbia bar.

**Warrant issued for man suspected in Black and Gold Tavern shooting**
Columbia Missourian - May 1, 2018
Police are searching for the suspect, who was identified as Miles Leighton Hillegas, 21. He is a student at *MU*, according to a department news release.

**Shooting suspect identified as University of Missouri student**
KOMU.com - May 1, 2018
Columbia police have identified an *MU* student as the suspect in a April 26 shooting. They say 21-year-old Miles Leighton Hillegas is considered "armed and dangerous."

**Police searching for suspect in Black and Gold Bar shooting**
Animal welfare group raises concerns about mice deaths
Columbia Daily Tribune – May 1, 2018
An animal welfare group that pushed for heavy fines after a dachshund puppy and two swine died in University of Missouri laboratory accidents raised new concerns about animal safety Tuesday when it released documents showing 26 mice died of suffocation or other causes unrelated to their experimental purpose.

Animal rights group says MU acted irresponsibly in six research studies
KOMU.com - May 1, 2018
An animal rights group said more than two dozen lab animals died in MU research facilities over the past two years as the university failed to provide proper care.

MU grad students feel connection to "May Day"
KOMU.com - May 1, 2018
The Coalition of Graduate Workers held its 2nd annual May-Day Picnic Tuesday afternoon in Peace Park.

Is That Dog (or Pig) on Your Flight Really a Service Animal?*
The New York Times - May 1, 2018
“‘There are no standards for evaluating the need for an emotional support animal, whereas there are concrete rules if someone is eligible for a service animal,’” Cassie Boness, a graduate student in clinical psychology in the department of psychological sciences at the University of Missouri, said in a post on the university’s website. This story was republished by national media outlets including MSN and CNBC.

Rats could clarify how Alzheimer’s progresses in our brain*
Futurity.org - May 1, 2018
“One of the defining traits of Alzheimer’s is the progressive accumulation of amyloid-β plaques in the brain,” says Yuksel Agca, an associate professor of veterinary pathology and a researcher in the Comparative Medicine Program at the University of Missouri.

Ellis Fischel to offer free skin cancer screenings May 10*
Columbia Missourian - May 1, 2018
Skin specialists with the MU School of Medicine’s dermatology department will perform the screenings, which consist of a specialist examining a person’s exposed face, neck, arms and hands. Screenings last fewer than five minutes.

DNA privacy concerns increase after suspected rapist and killer found in California
KOMU.com - May 1, 2018
After the arrest of a suspected serial rapist and killer in California. Some are concerned that their genetic information, DNA, is available for public use. Rodney Uphoff, MU Law School, said this DNA often makes or breaks criminal cases.
Where he got the $50k is only the latest question surrounding newspaper publisher Scott Faughn
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - May 1, 2018

“A basic standard of journalism is that you do not participate in the events — the issues — in which you are covering,” said Phill Brooks, an associate professor emeritus at the Missouri School of Journalism who has worked in the Capitol since the 1970s and works for KMOX Radio.

Ask a Scientist: How many stars are there?
Columbia Daily Tribune - May 1, 2018
Ronnie LaCombe is a graduate student at the University of Missouri studying biology.

University of Missouri System

Local Boy Scouts host breakfast fundraiser
News Tribune - May 1, 2018
University of Missouri System President Mun Choi was the keynote speaker Tuesday at a Boy Scouts fundraising breakfast in Jefferson City, and Choi was in familiar company as he is also a former scout.

Professors recognized for accomplishments in research and service*
The Maneater - May 1, 2018
UM System President Mun Choi surprised James Schiffbauer, an assistant professor of geological sciences and William Wiebold, a professor of plant sciences, on April 16.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

A Champion for Downtown and Women*
UMKC Today – April 30, 2018
Former Mayor Kay Barnes is UMKC’s Alumna of the Year.

Seg 1: Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy. Seg 2: Prom And Equality
KCUR Central Standard – April 30, 2018
Susan Wilson, vice chancellor of Diversity and Inclusion at UMKC, was interviewed.

Scholar Athlete spotlight: Affton’s Walker leaves a legacy with overall excellence
St. Louis Post-Dispatch – April 30, 2018
The 17-year-old Walker is ranked first her in class of 190. She will attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City and has been accepted into an exclusive accelerated six-year medical program for students on the fast track to becoming doctors.

County hires criminal justice coordinator
The Kansas City Star – April 30, 2018
Alex Holsinger, whose career includes 19 years on the faculty at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, has been hired as the county’s criminal justice coordinator to manage major projects and data-driven efforts aimed at reducing criminal activity.

What companies want: millennials. What they’re offering: massages, student loan help
The Kansas City Star – April 27, 2018
"The thing that draws me the most is making decent money," said University of Missouri-Kansas City music student James Taylor. Related headlines: Post Bulletin

Arts, Opera, Jazz,UMKC Finale, First Friday – Welcome to Downtown KC
Downtown Council of Kansas City – April 30, 2018
From The Barber of Seville to Audra McDonald; from First Friday festivities to the opening of Plein Air KC; from the Jazz Day to the launch of Art in the Loop 2018; from the UMKC Finale to the KC Burlesque Festival .... this promises to be an inspired first week of May.

"Under the makeup" | An inside look at drag performance
University News – April 30, 2018
Delta Lambda Phi, a fraternity at UMKC, rang in the end of the semester with a Drag show performance last week.

Jazz students finish strong at Jazz Night
University News – April 30, 2018
UMKC jazz students showed-off their hard work Thursday night, during their Jazz Night performance at the Folly Theatre, a culmination of the semester for the UMKC jazz bands and ensembles.

Lambda Epsilon talks refugees, community service
University News – April 30, 2018
“I feel like more UMKC students need to be involved with outreach and community service,” Alice Opoku said.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Missouri S&T Renaissance Student Award granted to well-rounded graduate*
Phelps County Focus – May 1
Daniel Roesch, a graduating senior in ceramic engineering with minors in chemistry and studio art, has earned Missouri University of Science and Technology’s 2018 Renaissance Student Award.

S&T military historian embarks on U.S. Naval Academy visiting professorship*
Phelps County Focus – May 1
Dr. John McManus, Curators’ Distinguished Professor of history at Missouri University of Science and Technology and an American military historian, begins a visiting professorship at the United States Naval Academy (USNA) in Annapolis, Maryland on Aug. 6.

Quick Take: Farm Credit, Jenner Ag scholarship updates
Prairie Farmer – Farm Progress – May 1
Thirty high school seniors pursuing agricultural majors and careers received $2,000 scholarships from Farm Credit Illinois. Two of the recipients were designated as Urban Agriculture Scholars...Tyler Hollis, Columbia, Missouri University of Science and Technology, mechanical engineering

Mexico High School student earns scholarship
The Mexico Ledger – April 30
An outstanding member of the senior class Vincent Vitale, son of Mike and Rhonda Vitale, has been selected to receive the $7,500.00 scholarship, which is renewable for a total of four years...Mr. Vitale will pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo.

University of Missouri-St. Louis
Achieving Diversity Demands Less Talk and More Action. And Good Intentions Alone Won’t Do It.
Entrepreneur - May 1, 2018
Here, at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, we’ve designed corporate and industry accelerators. In that context, we realized the unique opportunity we have to share our experiences of living, working and collaborating with the members of our diverse community.

Collinsville news and events for the week of May 2
Suburban Journals - May 2, 2018
Gayle Ross, of Cherokee descent, will be at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site at 2 p.m. May 5, as part of the 36th annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival, sponsored by the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The Chronicle of Higher Education
Is College President ‘the Toughest Job in the Nation’?
Chronicle of Higher Education – May 1, 2018
At a meeting of the University of Texas system’s board on Tuesday, the departing chancellor, William H. McRaven, made a striking comment about his latest gig. “The toughest job in the nation is the one of an academic- or health-institution president,” he said.

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