News Updates

Mizzou’s freshmen enrollment is on the rise, and officials say it could continue to grow*
The Kansas City Star - May 2, 2018
Current enrollment figures indicate the University of Missouri will experience a much-needed boost in incoming freshmen next year.

University of Missouri expects big increase in freshmen*
Columbia Daily Tribune - May 2, 2018
The University of Missouri is predicting a surge in freshman enrollment for the fall, reversing a trend that began in 2016 after protests that drew national attention to the Columbia campus and months of adverse publicity.

UPDATE: MU freshman enrollment forecast to increase by more than 14 percent*
Columbia Missourian - May 2, 2018
Enrollment for the University of Missouri’s incoming freshman class is up 14.4 percent from this time last year, with 4,547 students having paid enrollment deposits, according to a news release from the university.

MU freshman class expected to grow more than 14 percent, per student enrollment deposits*
KMIZ-TV (ABC), Columbia – May 2, 2018
The University of Missouri is expecting a double-digit percentage jump in the size of its freshman class this fall based on early deposits, according to an official press release.

Blunt promises to push for Pell grant funding
Columbia Daily Tribune - May 2, 2018
At the University of Missouri, 5,112 students received $20.2 million in Pell grants in the current year. Financial aid director Nick Prewett said 910 students received summer grants last year, totaling $724,000 and MU expects that number to exceed 1,000 this summer.
University Hospital emergency department project on track
Columbia Missourian - May 2, 2018
Expansion of University Hospital's emergency department is proceeding on schedule, according to Jesslyn Chew, the MU Health public relations manager.

Elementary teachers stressed, study says: SoBoCo offers mentors, training - Boone County Journal*
Boone County Journal - May 2, 2018
Researchers at the University of Missouri have found that high levels of job-related stress affect 93 percent of teachers, a greater percentage than previously thought.

Back to the future: A new school district secession movement is gaining steam
The Washington Post - May 2, 2018
Sarah Diem is an associate professor of educational policy and leadership in the Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis at the University of Missouri.

CDC shows major jump in mosquito-borne diseases
KOMU.com - May 2, 2018
University of Missouri Animal Science professor Susanta Behura said the jump is not just because the disease is involving or the mosquitos are breeding better, but because people are traveling more.

Business owners to gather in support of raising minimum wage
KOMU.com - May 2, 2018
Peter Mueser, a professor of economics at the University of Missouri, said there are several positives and negatives with raising minimum wage.

MUPD asks for public's help identifying two vandalism suspects*
ABC 17 News - May 2, 2018
The University of Missouri Police Department is asking the public for help identifying the individuals who were in the area of a vandalism incident that happened on campus during the early morning hours of April 11.
Two Candidates Announced for Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Position
KBIA - May 2, 2018
The University of Missouri announced two of the five candidates for the office of Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs this week.

Power plant work will close sidewalk, lane of Fifth Street
Columbia Missourian - May 2, 2018
Weathercraft Roofing, a contractor for MU, will use a temporary crane to lift materials onto the roof of the power plant beginning at 7 a.m. Monday.

MU welcomes two-time Pulitzer winner Larry Price to speak
The Maneater - May 2, 2018
The MU School of Journalism welcomed Larry C. Price, two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, to talk about his work on “The Human Toll of Toxic Pollution” on April 26 in Neff Hall.

Greek life restrictions, new leadership, budget cutbacks affect campus this year
The Maneater - May 2, 2018
On Sept. 5, 2017, previous Maneater reporting stated that in late July 2017, the University of Missouri hired Dyad Strategies to evaluate the Office of Greek Life.

University of Missouri System

Presidential Engagement Fellows to spread UM system research throughout the state
The Maneater - May 2, 2018
On Feb. 28, the University of Missouri System introduced its first class of Presidential Engagement Fellows on Twitter.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

The Perfect Name*
UMKC Today - May 2, 2018
Video and Q&A with cellist who experienced master class with Yo-Yo Ma.

Promoting Emotional Competence*
UMKC Today - May 1, 2018
Urban Education Forum cites importance of emotional support for children.
As Kansas City Ponders American Jazz Museum's Future, What Do Musicians Say?
KCUR – May 2, 2018
Hermon Mehari earned his Bachelor of Music in jazz performance from the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance. He’s still based in Kansas City but is often on the road.

'I am very, very proud of him.' For 919 in Kansas City, college dream will be reality
The Kansas City Star – May 1, 2018
Aadesh Biswa plans to apply to the University of Missouri-Kansas City and the University of Kansas.

St. Dominic: Samantha Zoellner
St. Louis Post-Dispatch – May 2, 2018
College, major: University of Missouri-Kansas City, pharmacy.

The best and brightest
San Antonio Express-News – May 1, 2018
The event honors the top 8 percent of students from 21 local high schools, and also honors a teacher and scholastic athletes of the year. A total of 211 students were listed, including EHS senior Kennison Adams. She plans to attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

In MeToo era, a call for more scrutiny of doctors who get arrested
CNN – May 2, 2018
"Is he the sort of person we want on our hospital’s staff?" asked John Lantos, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. "It’s our professional responsibility to police ourselves." Related headlines: F3News

Young violinists get a chance to shine alongside conservatory musicians through String Sprouts program
Shawnee Mission Post – May 1, 2018
Last Thursday, the stage of the White Recital Hall at the UMKC Conservatory was filled with promising musicians — many of them shorter than a cello.

Pell Grant funds now available year-round for collegiate summer school
KSHB – May 1, 2018
At UMKC about 3,000 of their students are Pell Grant eligible.

Layoffs highlight UMKC budget struggles
University News – May 1, 2018
Amid budget cuts across the UM system, UMKC last week announced the elimination of 17 academic and administrative jobs.

Termination of tenured professor drives UMKC to litigation
University News – May 1, 2018
What was first a termination of a UMKC faculty member has now turned into a city-wide scandal. UMKC is currently under litigation by former Bloch School Professor Richard Arend.

The Year in Headlines
University News – May 1, 2018
Provost Bichelmeyer takes the wheel.
Koch Brothers’ Money went to George Mason University to Influence US Government
The Real News Network – May 1, 2018
Recently released documents show that the Charles Koch Foundation's millions of dollars in donations to GMU were tied to control over hiring and firing of professors. The ultimate target of their conservative agenda, though, is to influence DC politics, says Bill Black, professor of economics and law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Ballots mailed out in KC Streetcar expansion election
KSHB – May 1, 2018
The fate of a KC Streetcar expansion to UMKC is now in the hands of voters.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

S&T announces Undergraduate Research Conference winners*
Phelps County Focus – May 2
Nineteen students in eight categories received recognition and cash awards as winners of the 14th annual Undergraduate Research Conference at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Missouri S&T Observatory to host May Visitors’ Night*
Phelps County Focus – May 2
The public is invited to view Jupiter through Missouri University of Science and Technology’s 16-inch-diameter telescope May 9. All viewings are subject to weather conditions.

Missouri S&T students receive Grainger Power Engineering Awards*
Phelps County Focus – May 2
Eleven recent electrical engineering graduates will each receive a $6,000 Grainger Power Engineering Award from the electrical and computer engineering department at Missouri University of Science and Technology. The awards are presented as a reward for academic excellence.

State Historical Society of Missouri Bluegrass event in Rolla
Phelps County Focus – May 2
The State Historical Society of Missouri invites you to join us on Sunday afternoon, May 20, for Bluegrass Pickin’ One More Time. The event, which will be held at the Havener Center on the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus in Rolla, celebrates the Jones family’s Dixon bluegrass festival and promotes the preservation of Missouri bluegrass for future generations.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Why we should understand the danger of not telling our own stories
Nigerian Tribune - May 3, 2018
Professor Niyi Coker of the University of Missouri, Saint Louis, United States, is the organiser of the Africa World Documentary Film Festival (AWDFF) which promotes African films across the world. In this interview with
Adewale Oshodi, the professor of African and African-American Studies speaks on the vision behind the film festival and why it is important for the future of the continent.

Seeking ‘equity and excellence in higher education’
The St. Louis American - May 2, 2018
The local coalition’s letter gave an example of unnecessary duplication in Missouri. Although Harris-Stowe had more than 100 years of teacher education and preparation by 1963, the University of Missouri–St. Louis was allowed to establish an education school that year, offering both undergraduate and graduate programs. However, Harris-Stowe was restricted from offering graduate degrees. This provided “an unfair long-term competitive advantage” to other institutions, the letter stated.

Symphony Chaco A Journey of the Spirit
The Montage - May 2, 2018
Not a single seat was empty in the University of Missouri St. Louis’ Touhill Performing Arts Center on Monday, April 23, when the Meramec and UMSL music departments came together to perform “Symphony Chaco: A Journey of the Spirit.”

Leaders of Tomorrow: Lischen Peso Gibson
Missouri Lawyers Weekly - May 2, 2018
Gibson earned her bachelor’s degree in journalism with a minor in political science from the University of Missouri and her master’s in education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She served as a Teach for America educator in Kansas City for four years.

Higher Education

Beyond the Brand: The Marketing Department of the Future
Blog U - Inside Higher Ed - May 3, 2018
Today, higher education marketing tends to be an end-of-the-pipeline activity, based on raising awareness of and generating interest in programs or services that have already been developed. While this work is essential and shows progress overall, an institution’s CMO has much more to offer in helping shape strategic offerings and bring new programs to market. A 2016 study by SimpsonScarborough, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and CASE revealed a wide range of marketing duties in academia.

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