News Updates

Missouri lawmakers have passed more than 30 bills that Gov. Greitens can't sign
KSDK.com - May 9, 2018
HB1465 Allows the state coordinating board of higher education to approve, for example, new degree programs at Missouri State University and Ozarks Technical Community College, though the permission of the University of Missouri would be required in cases including engineering degrees.

Higher education spending remains flat as budget heads to governor's desk
KRCG News - May 9, 2018
Sen. Caleb Rowden, R-Columbia, said the University of Missouri is in a good position financially because enrollment is starting to creep back up.

MU invests in training center for educators*
KOMU.com – May 9, 2018
The University of Missouri announced it will spend $750,000 to open a new Teaching for Learning Center. MU faculty, teachers and instructors already use the center virtually, but now there will be a physical location for professional development.

Student loan debt hits all-time high, MU mirrors national trend
KOMU.com - May 9, 2018
According to Nick Prewett, director of the University of Missouri Office of Financial Aid, MU graduates owe less in federal loans ($21,884) than the national average ($28,973). The monthly student loan payment for an MU graduate with $22,000 in debt factors to about $226 per month.

Graduation, SEC Softball Tournament, fills Columbia hotels
KOMU.com – May 9, 2018
There's a high demand for hotel rooms this weekend because of multiple graduation ceremonies at MU for the Class of 2018, and the SEC softball tournament. The graduation ceremonies begin May 11 and end on May 13th, while the softball tournament spans from May 9 to May 12.
Preparations underway for busy Columbia weekend
KRCG News – May 9, 2018
About 5,000 Mizzou graduates planned to invite family members and friends to Columbia for graduation ceremonies this weekend. MU officials tried to provide enough parking for people attending graduations and the SEC Softball Tournament near the Hearnes Center.

Editorial: University of Missouri is planning for a research resurgence
Columbia Daily Tribune – May 9, 2018
The University of Missouri wants to put its money where its research is.

Former high school teacher accused of peeping in MU bathroom
Columbia Daily Tribune - May 9, 2018
A former Columbia Public Schools teacher was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of taking illicit photos in a University of Missouri bathroom.

Police arrest man on suspicion of taking photos in Ellis Library bathroom
KOMU.com - May 9, 2018
For the second time in two months, police are investigating alleged invasion of privacy at MU's Ellis Library. Similar stories ran on KMIZ and KRCG.

UNL rebuked for bowing to ‘political pressure’ after incident with grad student-lecturer
The Norfolk Daily News - May 10, 2018
The 40,000-member group has 56 colleges on its "censured" list. Most of them are small, but the University of Missouri is included on the list.

MU's Tiger Pantry to trade food donations for cheaper parking tickets
KOMU – May 10, 2018
MU Parking is teaming up with Tiger Pantry for Donations for Citations. It allows you to donate food items to Tiger Pantry in exchange for a cheaper parking ticket.

The Real Reason Behind Recent Teacher Strikes -- And Why They're Likely to Continue
Governing - May 10, 2018
“"The compensation cost is going up, but actual compensation is not going up," says Cory Koedel, an associate professor of economics and public policy at the University of Missouri.

Different kinds of alcohol don't make you different kinds of drunk, but there are different drunks*
The Pacific Northwest Inlander - May 10, 2018
In a 2015 study of college students' drunk personalities, researchers at the University of Missouri-Columbia came up with four drunk archetypes.
University of Missouri System

You Paid For It: Questions University of Missouri cuts and paid for former chancellor
Kplr11.com - May 9, 2018
The You Paid For It Teams sits down with the President of the University of Missouri System who may have to chop another $62 million dollars from the university systems budget.

Missouri budget maintains financial support for higher education
Columbia Daily Tribune - May 9, 2018
The Missouri House was first to vote on the spending plan that continues funding for state-supported schools at current levels and includes $10.2 million additional for cooperative programs operated by the University of Missouri System and other institutions.

Lawmakers send higher ed budget to governor
News Tribune - May 10, 2018
Brown said the Council on Public Higher Education — which represents all 13 of Missouri's four-year university campuses — along with officials from the University of Missouri System and from Missouri State University, Springfield, "cut a deal with the House that they would just take 60 percent funding of those (cooperative) programs (involving several campuses), if the House would put those programs into the schools' core budgets, and then not do any of the new programs."

Missouri House of Representatives passing budget piece by piece
KOMU.com - May 9, 2018
Another representative suggested that the state should consider breaking up the University of Missouri System because of recent problems the Columbia campus has dealt with.

Higher ed gets most of what it wants
Hannibal Courier-Post - May 9, 2018
Greitens, a Republican, also did not recommend any funding for University of Missouri initiatives operated in cooperation with other institutions.

State budget denies aid to DACA students
Hannibal Courier-Post - May 9, 2018
There are 28 DACA students attending the four campuses of the UM System, spokesman Christian Basi said Tuesday.
The University of Missouri System has signed a multi-year agreement with Wiley Education Services to raise awareness and grow online programs across its institutions.

**University of Missouri-Kansas City**

*Hometown Pride*
UMKC Today – May 9, 2018
Video and Q&A with pharmacy student graduating from the first class in Springfield.

*Fueled By a Passion for Education*
UMKC Today – May 8, 2018
Kauffman School Founder and CEO will receive **UMKC** Bill French Alumni Service Award.

*Urban Planning + Design Program Earns National Accreditation*
UMKC Today – May 8, 2018
The Urban Planning + Design program at the **University of Missouri-Kansas City** has earned accreditation from the Planning Accreditation Board, which accredits university programs in North America leading to bachelor’s and master’s degrees in planning.

*Kansas City Advocate for Children’s Health Will Receive Honorary Doctorate from UMKC*
UMKC Today – May 8, 2018
Expert in crisis management and strategy design David Westbrook will be honored during spring commencement.

*UMKC Alumni win Fulbright Awards*
UMKC Today – May 8, 2018
Sydney Harvey (B.A. 2016) has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award to study in the United Kingdom; and Marc Reyes (M.A. ‘14) has received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award to study in India.

*H3 win at Regnier challenge puts Roy Scott $20K closer to his slice of $3B edtech market*
Startland News – May 8, 2018
Founder Roy Scott secured another $20,000 in prize money Friday, winning top honors in the Regnier Venture Creation Challenge. Scott thanked the **University of Missouri-Kansas City**, the Henry W. Bloch School of Management and the Regnier Institute for believing in the mission of Healthy Hip Hop.

*Missouri Gov. faces busy month as trial nears*
KCTV5 – May 8, 2018
Greg Vonhamme, an associate professor of Political Science at the **University of Missouri-Kansas City**, says the judge’s decision could be a big blow to the governor.
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City Announces 2018 Winners of Healthcare Innovation Prize
Cision PR Newswire – May 8, 2018
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City (Blue KC) in partnership with the Regnier Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and the Henry W. Bloch School of Management at the University of Missouri-Kansas City announced today the first and second place winners of the inaugural Blue KC Healthcare Innovation Prize, BodyGuard ID and Exodus Biosciences. Related headlines: SNJ Today, Health Technology Net

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Report Shows Synthetic Jet Fuel Emissions Benefits*
AIN (Aviation International News) online – May 4
The Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has released an FAA-sponsored report on the air quality impact of sustainable alternative jet fuel (SAJF) emissions... “Until this report, these reductions had not been well defined,” said co-author Dr. Phillip Whitehead, professor and chair of chemistry at the Missouri University of Science and Technology...
This news story was picked up by multiple aviation industry news sites.

Missouri S&T camp set to host aspiring engineers*
Jefferson City News Tribune – May 9
There's still time to register for the Missouri University of Science and Technology’s Jackling Introduction to Engineering Camp that will host high school students this summer.

Missouri S&T’s Baja car to race in Kansas*
Phelps County Focus – May 9
Students from Missouri University of Science and Technology will demonstrate the engineering principles of off-road vehicles by racing a four-wheeled Baja vehicle during the Baja SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Kansas collegiate design series.

Plainfield Students Earn Summer Learning Grants
Plainfield Patch – May 9
Six District 202 high school juniors will get to experience their personal summer learning adventures thanks to the Plainfield Foundation for Excellence...Spencer Cibulskis (Plainfield East High School) – plans to attend the "Final Frontier" program at Missouri University of Science and Technology, in which students will design, build and fly small satellites to the edge of space.

Multi-dimensional American folklore scholar named S&T’s visiting humanities professor*
Phelps County Focus – May 9
Dr. Simon J. Bronner, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of American Studies and Folklore at The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) at Harrisburg, has been named the Maxwell C. Weiner Distinguished Visiting Professor of Humanities at Missouri University of Science and Technology for the upcoming academic year.
University of Missouri-St. Louis

**Brewer/barrister Schlafly speaking Sunday to UMSL grads**
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch - May 9, 2018*
Local lager legend Thomas Schlafly will be the main speaker Sunday at the graduation ceremony at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**AG Josh Hawley is investigating Greitens again. Will the outcome be any different?**
The Kansas City Star - May 9, 2018
Without subpoena power, the investigation can only go so far, said Dave Robertson, professor and chair of the University of Missouri-St. Louis' political science department.

**Thursday: A conversation with jazz vocalist Denise Thimes as Mother’s Day concert approaches**
St. Louis Public Radio - May 9, 2018
Set for Sunday evening (May 13) at the University of Missouri-St. Louis' Touhill Performing Arts Center, it will benefit the Mildred Thimes Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, which the vocalist founded and named in remembrance of her mother two decades ago.

**Guest Post: St. Louis tried to give Amazon more than $7B. Here’s what it should do with that money instead.**
Silicon Prairie News - May 9, 2018
Though I work in economic development, I don’t know exactly what $7 billion would buy for the city of St. Louis, but I do know that the cost of a four-year degree, without housing, at the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) is roughly $44,000. That means that the subsidy and incentives package offered to Amazon would pay for more than 150,000 bachelor’s degrees at UMSL—or three times the number of qualified tech workers Amazon said it needed for HQ2—to say nothing of what that money could do if it were injected into St. Louis’ homegrown entrepreneurial ecosystem.

**Muma named Wichita State University provost**
Wichita State News - May 8, 2018
He received his bachelor's degree at University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston (physician assistant); his master’s degree at University of Texas Health Science Center Houston (public health) and his doctorate at University of Missouri St. Louis (education).

**Ex-con guides others out of a life of crime**
The Journal - May 8, 2018
Clark Porter went to prison before he could graduate high school. After serving his 15 years, Porter earned his associate’s degree from St. Louis Community College, bachelor’s degree from Washington University and master’s degree from University of Missouri St. Louis.

**Chronicle of Higher Education**

**AAUP Says U. of Nebraska Denied Due Process to Grad Student Who Heckled Activist**
Chronicle of Higher Education – May 10, 2018
The University of Nebraska at Lincoln did not provide due process to a graduate student who was removed from her teaching duties after giving the finger to an undergraduate and calling her names during a political protest, according to the American Association of University Professors.

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