News Updates

Loftin pay cut after critical 2017 audit of University of Missouri
Columbia Daily Tribune - May 10, 2018
Former University of Missouri Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin was quietly relieved of administrative duties and took a pay cut of about $50,000 a year in July following a state audit critical of the deal he was given after resigning as chancellor in November 2015.

Hawley blames higher ed for leftist ideology
Columbia Daily Tribune – May 10, 2018
Hawley, a Republican, who attended Stanford University for his undergraduate degree and Yale University for his law degree, is a former assistant professor of law at the University of Missouri and his wife, Erin Hawley, is currently an associate professor of law. He hopes to win the GOP primary against 10 lesser-known opponents to take on McCaskill, a Democrat, in November.

These are America’s best colleges that cost less than $20,000
Market Watch – May 10, 2018
University of Missouri consistently ranks at the top in lists of the nation’s best journalism schools. And at $11,258 in annual tuition, it could be a solid choice for one of the growing number of students looking to become journalism majors.

MU Clinical Campus in Springfield continues with state funding
KY3 - May 10, 2018
More doctors training and staying in the Ozarks: That is one goal for the University of Missouri Medical Campus in Springfield, Mo., as lawmakers outline a funding plan at the state level.

Advances in technology make it easier to invade someone’s privacy
ABC 17 News - May 10, 2018
Austin Miller, a former Columbia Public Schools teacher, is accused of using his phone to take a photo of another man in the bathroom at Ellis Library on the University of Missouri campus.

Grow Our Own Teachers provides full-ride scholarships for students of color
KOMU.com - May 10, 2018
The University of Missouri, Central Methodist University and Columbia College will grant full-ride scholarships to three students who aspire to be teachers in Columbia. This program is a way to obtain more diverse teachers to teach future students.
Heavy traffic expected for graduation weekend

KOMU.com – May 10, 2018

The University of Missouri's graduation ceremonies start Friday and go throughout the entire weekend, which means there will be a lot of visitors in town. "This year we will have more than 5,500 graduates participating in exercises this month and we're expecting an influx of maybe as many as 60,000 people in town this weekend," said MU spokesperson Liz McCune.

Target 8 compares Missouri senate fundraising numbers

KOMU.com – May 10, 2018

MU Political Science Professor Peverill Squire said receiving donations from out of state is normal, and at the end of the election, it doesn't really matter where the money came from. "Well, out of state contributions are always part of a campaign," Squire said.

As News Divisions Grapple With #MeToo, What They Could Have Done Better

Forbes - May 10, 2018

"The only way things are going to change is if organizations start thinking differently," says Debbie Dougherty, Ph.D., professor of organizational communication at University of Missouri, in an interview.

Dyslexia screenings required for Missouri schools this fall

KOMU.com - May 10, 2018

Research suggests that anywhere between five to 15 percent of kids can have dyslexia, according to Erica Lembke, department chair of special education at the University of Missouri.

Vaping contributes to nicotine addiction in young people

KRCG News - May 10, 2018

University of Missouri Family and Community Medicine Associate Professor Kevin Everett said that's not true. While vaping is potentially safer in terms of the number of chemicals and the toxicity, the vapor still contains chemicals that are harmful to the human body.

Living apart together: A new option for older adults

Medicine news line - May 11, 2018

Jacquelyn Benson, an assistant professor of human development and family science at the University of Missouri, is among a handful of researchers who've asked older adults about their experiences in LAT relationships. "Older adults really see this as a lifestyle choice, not a relationship of convenience,” she said.

Missouri faces physician shortage, medical students leaving | The Modesto Bee

The Modesto Bee - May 10, 2018

The lack of medical residency slots may contribute to the physician shortage, said James Stevermer, a University of Missouri School of Medicine professor.
Missouri DACA recipients denied financial aid
KOMU.com - May 10, 2018

University of Missouri student Jorge Soto has friends and family members who are recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. He said allowing them to receive financial aid would help immensely.

Three CPS seniors receive EdX scholarships
Columbia Daily Tribune – May 10, 2018

Kathryn Chval, dean of the University of Missouri’s College of Education, said Washington in her essay said she wanted to create future leaders in her community.

Poor leadership at Harris-Stowe is rewarded
St. Louis Post-Dispatch – May 10, 2018

Now, President Warmack is asking for more money, putting Harris-Stowe on the same funding equation as the University of Missouri.

University of Missouri System

Auditor cites improvements in Mizzou System after critical 2017 audit*
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - May 10, 2018

The State Auditor's Office says the University of Missouri System has improved its practices since a 2017 audit found evidence of fiscal mismanagement.

State auditor praises UM system after previous report slammed executive pay*
Missourinet - May 10, 2018

State Auditor Nicole Galloway is praising the University of Missouri System for reforming its expense and bonus structure for high ranking administrators.

Auditor’s progress report shows improvement in incentives program and fiscal management for University of Missouri System*
The Missouri Times - May 10, 2018

Missouri State Auditor Nicole Galloway and her office have continued looking into the work done by the University of Missouri System to address the findings of fiscal mismanagement uncovered in a 2017 audit.

Auditor says new UM System administration ended "secret" incentives, is improving*
Columbia Missourian - May 10, 2018

A follow-up audit by State Auditor Nicole Galloway found the UM System has made positive changes since a 2017 report found "secret" incentive payments to top executives that might have violated the Missouri Constitution.
State auditor finds improvement since report critical of University of Missouri
KY3 - May 10, 2018
The report found improvement since the March 2017 audit criticized the UM System for hidden payments and incentives to top executives; for the management of Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin's contract, after he resigned in 2015; and for excessive vehicle allowances for system executives.

New audit praises UM System for "improvements" more than a year after scathing report
ABC 17 News - May 10, 2018
State Auditor Nicole Galloway praised the UM System in a new audit report issued Thursday which found "improvements" in the UM System more than a year after her office issued a blistering report.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

After years of pushing for downtown conservatory, UMKC eyes another option: On campus
The Kansas City Star - May 10, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City is still hoping for a new home for its Conservatory of Music and Dance, but under a new plan unveiled Thursday, that could mean a new building on campus. Or downtown. Or a renovation of an existing building around town.

UMKC Reorganizes Arts Programs Ahead Of Renewed Push For Conservatory Facility
KCUR.org - May 10, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City on Thursday announced the merger of two arts programs: the Conservatory of Music and Dance and the Department of Theatre.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Missouri S&T one of the nation's best values in higher education
Phelps County Focus – May 10
Missouri S&T is ranked again as one of the top schools in the nation for annual return on investment (ROI), according to the 2018 PayScale College ROI Report.

Beyond the sound booth: 2 students use music as a ticket to their future
St. Louis Public Radio – May 10
Music comes naturally for Arthur Ross. He’s been immersed in hip-hop since he was a child. Now he’s hoping one of his songs might help with his college goals...The song he submitted for the Mentor in Motion competition highlights the next step he wants to take, going to college at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. Ross raps: "They call us at risk but I disagree; judge opened ICA to keep us off the streets; so let me clarify, the new me; I just want my engineer degree from S&T."
STEM students hope to attend national conference
Daily Journal Online – May 10
Three Farmington students involved in a STEM-centered organization recently placed in the top three in two events at the organization's state championship at Missouri S&T in Rolla.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

The tale of St. Louis ties behind Ameren Accelerator*
UMSL Daily - May 10, 2018
They attended the same middle school in the Ritenour School District, and when it came time for college, they shared a path through the University of Missouri–St. Louis and its College of Business Administration, both earning bachelor's degrees in 1983.

Bi-State promotes Vago to CFO
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - May 11, 2018
Vago joined Bi-State in 2008 and has served as controller since 2012. He holds an MBA from Washington University and a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

A conversation with celebrated jazz vocalist Denise Thimes as her Mother's Day concert approaches
St. Louis Public Radio - May 10, 2018
On Thursday's St. Louis on the Air, host Don Marsh talked with the jazz great about this year's iteration, which is set for Sunday evening at the University of Missouri-St. Louis' Touhill Performing Arts Center.

Silk Foundation smooths way for many Jewish agencies
St. Louis Jewish Light - May 10, 2018
The foundation's work at Washington University isn't limited to Hillel. Leslie Rigsby, the school's director of development, said the family has a long legacy on campus and has sponsored a scholarship there, an effort it has also expanded to the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Yes, Work Is Changing, But Is AI The Real Reason Why?
Huffington Post UK - May 10, 2018
In the research for our new book, entitled Robotic Process and Cognitive Automation: The Next Phase, Professor Mary Lacity of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and I have found there is an exaggeration surrounding the application of AI and cognitive automation to work.

Robotic Process and Cognitive Automation: The Next Phase, Reviewed
Irish Tech News - May 10, 2018
By @SimonCocking, review of Robotic Process and Cognitive Automation: The Next Phase by Leslie Willcocks Professor of Work, Technology and Globalisation in the Department of Management at the London School of Economics and Mary Lacity, Professor and International Business Fellow at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Chronicle of Higher Education
How Your Office Could Inspire Student Collaboration
The Chronicle of Higher Education - May 10, 2018
Private faculty offices have long signified prestige. But they can also intimidate students, especially if they’re first generation, and discourage them from knocking on the door to seek help. And so some colleges are rethinking the use of these spaces, or creating new ones, to foster learning and student-faculty collaboration.

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