News Updates

Mizzou’s Freshman Class Shrank by a Third Over 2 Years. Here’s How It’s Trying to Turn That Around.
The Chronicle of Higher Education – June 1, 2018
At first glance, the University of Missouri at Columbia looks a lot like most large college campuses: a maze of brick and stone buildings and a grassy quad.

Missouri first lady Sheena Greitens makes a graceful exit from public life
The Kansas City Star - June 1, 2018
Now the mother of two sons and an assistant professor at the University of Missouri, she’s advocated for adoption and foster care and has spent the last academic year researching a book on refugees from North Korea.

Similar stories ran in news outlets across the state.

UNL says it’s been unfairly criticized in grad student free speech case
Scottsbluff Star-Herald - June 2, 2018
About 55 colleges are on the censure list. Most are small, but the University of Missouri, Louisiana State, Brigham Young and the State University of New York are on it as well.

Legal experts disagree over if new governor can appoint his successor as lieutenant governor
Jefferson City News Tribune - June 3, 2018
University of Missouri Law School professor Frank Bowman reminded the News Tribune: "Until the passage of the 25th Amendment in 1967, when a U.S. vice president ascended to the presidency, no replacement occurred."

Expert predicts less dramatic administration with Mike Parson as governor
KOMU.com – June 1, 2018
MU Professor of Political Science Peverill Squire said, "Not that everything would function perfectly, but it would be much less dramatic and probably less stressful."

Incoming governor Mike Parson brings less drama to Jefferson City
Nodaway News - June 1, 2018

Peverill Squire, political science professor at the University of Missouri, said that while Parson isn’t particularly dynamic, Squire suspects that Republican officeholders will be happy to govern with less drama.

Can It Really Be True That Half of Academic Papers Are Never Read?
The Chronicle of Higher Education - June 1, 2018

Arthur G. Jago is a professor emeritus of management at the University of Missouri at Columbia. He has published articles in, among other journals, the very prestigious but not widely read Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes.

Andy Ostmeyer: Confluence of characters helped save Ozark river
The Joplin Globe - June 3, 2018

That’s according to Susan Flader, a retired University of Missouri professor of environmental and western history, and co-author of “The River of the Mother of God,” a book of Leopold’s essays

Columbia hosts annual hazardous waste drop-off event
KOMU.com - June 2, 2018

The City of Columbia, Boone County and the University of Missouri had the annual tire, electronic waste and household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event. They collected household items like light bulbs and batteries.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

With Greitens gone, could UMKC’s plan for a downtown arts campus be revived?
The Kansas City Star - June 4, 2018

legislation for the bonds to cover the state’s share of the University of Missouri-Kansas City’s planned downtown conservatory. That started

UMKC Law Dean ‘honored and humbled’ by appointment
Missouri Lawyers Weekly – May 31, 2018

Barbara Glesner Fines is no stranger to leadership at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Glesner Fines recently shared her vision for the role with Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

Former mayor Kay Barnes finally has something named for her (hint: it’s not a street)
The Kansas City Star – May 31, 2018

Former Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes was one of the first inductees into the Starr Women’s Hall of Fame at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.
Missouri University of Science and Technology

Research removes obstacle to lasers and computers working at speed of light
GSA BizWire - June 3, 2018
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.

S&T team places second in University Rover Challenge, best among U.S. teams
Missouri S&T News and Events - June 3, 2018
Missouri S&T’s Mars Rover Design Team, winners of the 2017 University Rover Challenge (URC) finished second among a field of 36 collegiate teams in this year’s competition, which was won by Czestochowa University of Technology. Missouri S&T had the top score among the 12 U.S. teams in the competition.

Iron Phosphate Waste Forms for Nuclear Waste Disposal
Ceramic Industry - June 1, 2018
Research has demonstrated that iron phosphate waste forms can increase radioactivity concentrations (> 2× greater) that can be safely stored and thereby decrease the total nuclear waste volume (> 2× smaller) for storage and disposal.*

*Collaborative work between Mo-Sci Corp. and Missouri University of Science and Technology.

2018 AIAA Lawrence Sperry Award Winner
AIAA Bulletin - June 2018
Masters Category Winners ... Region V: Multi-Mode Micropropulsion Systems Enabling Swarm Technology, Matt Klosterman and Shannan Withrow, Missouri University of Science and Technology.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Missouri report: Blacks 85 percent more likely to be stopped*
The Associated Press (via The Seattle Times) - June 1, 2018
Richard Rosenfeld, a University of Missouri-St. Louis criminologist who analyzed the data for the attorney general’s office, said the report does offer evidence that police are becoming more selective in their traffic stops. The total number of stops has declined in recent years, and a higher percentage of stops are resulting in confiscation of weapons, drugs and other contraband.

Cultivating the next writers of the literary world*
UMSL Daily - June 1, 2018
The budding writers of the MFA in Creative Writing program climb the stairs to the fourth floor of Lucas Hall at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, past the Rembrandt poster that becomes a familiar sight and signal of the next hours focused on refining words, plot, syntax, form and meaning.

How to get over a breakup: New research from UMSL’s Sandra Langeslag featured in TIME*
UMSL Daily - June 1, 2018
Langeslag, assistant professor of psychology and director of the Neurocognition of Emotion and Motivation Lab at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, headed a new study that was published in the May edition of the Journal of Experimental Psychology: General in which she studied different strategies for getting over the end of romantic relationships. The findings
from her paper, titled “Down-regulation of love feelings after a romantic break-up: Self-report and electrophysiological data,” was featured on the TIME website and two other outlets this week.

Logan University, UMSL Establish Joint Health Services for Students*
UMSL Daily - June 1, 2018
The collaboration of two higher education institutions in St. Louis has resulted in a partnership that provides free or reduced chiropractic and eye care services to students attending Logan University and University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Here’s the best way to get over a bad breakup, according to science
Hello Giggles - June 3, 2018
Professors from the University of Missouri-St. Louis recently evaluated three “love regulation” strategies to lessen those lingering feelings of love after a breakup: negative reappraisal of the relationship; reappraisal of love feelings; and distraction.

The Chronicle of Higher Education
A Third of Your Freshmen Disappear. How Can You Keep Them?
The Chronicle of Higher Education – June 3, 2018
When the first-year retention rate at Southern Utah University fell five percentage points over five years, college administrators there knew they had a problem. They just weren’t sure what to do about it.

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