News Updates

University of Missouri spent $1.3 million on PR firm to fix negative image after protests
Fox News – June 11, 2018
Two and a half years after the University of Missouri at Columbia’s race-based protests garnered negative national attention, especially after former communications professor Melissa Click went viral for threatening a student journalist, freshman enrollment is still down, costing the university millions.

After student outrage, MU makes parking changes to simplify registration process
Columbia Missourian – June 8, 2018
Last August, many MU students expressed outrage when campus officials cut the number of available parking garage permits. In addition, students had trouble accessing the parking portal and parking citations increased in cost. The MU Parking and Transportation Services office hopes to avoid those issues this year by implementing several changes that will simplify the process.

University of Missouri to cut 185 jobs – mostly staff
Columbia Tribune – June 8, 2018
The University of Missouri’s flagship campus will eliminate nearly 200 jobs as part of an effort to cut into a $49 million budget shortfall.

Man who drove through Mizzou Arena given 5 years of probation
Columbia Missourian – June 8, 2018
A man who drove into Mizzou Arena and on the basketball court in June 2017 pleaded guilty on Monday to two counts of first degree property damage. Nathaniel Conant, who was an events assistant for SEC Network, was given five years of supervised probation with 100 hours of community service and is not allowed on MU property.

Caught on camera: Joy ride through Mizzou Arena
ABC 17 – June 8, 2018
ABC 17 has received the surveillance video of Nathaniel Conant taking a 30-minute joy ride through Mizzou Arena in June 2017.

Governor Parson announces statewide listening tour
The Missouri Times - June 8, 2018
The tour will continue Wednesday with visits to Columbia, Cape Girardeau, Sikeston, and St. Louis.
A summary of this new study from the *University of Missouri* reports that millennials tend to job hop – something well

“One of the issues with approaching treatment of autism is there are many subtypes and many different genes and potentially other factors that contribute to the disorder,” says David Beversdorf, professor of radiology, neurology, and psychology at the School of Medicine and the Thompson Center at the *University of Missouri*.

Lyris Lidsky, dean of the *University of Missouri Law School* and a scholar of free speech online, cautioned against taking an approach that was overly paternalistic or that gave too much decision-making power to a handful of companies.

"If you don't have the photograph, it's hard to get the conviction," said Ben Trachtenberg, an associate law professor at the *University of Missouri* who teaches courses on evidence and criminal procedure. Greteins' attorneys had argued that Gardner, a Democrat, was politically motivated in her prosecution of him. *Associated Press story that ran in national media outlets.*

*MU Health* is working to market its services as destination care.

For the first time in her collegiate career, *University of Missouri* runner Karissa Schweizer participated in two events at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships: the 10,000 and 5,000 meters. And until the final moments of Saturday's 5K, it appeared Mizzou’s most-decorated athlete would leave Eugene, Ore., without winning a national championship in either event this week.

The *University of Missouri Extension* suggests pinning nonvenomous snakes down with a long pole such as a broom handle, then carefully scooping them up with a shovel and transporting them outside.
University of Missouri-Kansas City

New series called ‘Kansas City’ won’t be filmed here*
KSHB – June 7, 2018
“The bottom line to any producer is ‘How can I save money? How can I spend less and what states are going to allow me to have some sort of rebate or tax advantage?’” explained UMKC Associate Teaching Professor Mitch Brian.

Smart City: KC seeks partners for second, more extensive effort
Kansas City Business Journal – June 7, 2018
The second phase of the expansion would run south along Main Street to the University of Missouri-Kansas City’s Volker Campus.

Academic All-Stars: Top Van Horn students eye medical careers
The Examiner – June 8, 2018
“I (Rochelle Garciano) have chosen to study biology at Park University because they offered me scholarships, covering most of my tuition...and their 2 Plus 2 program will allow me to attend UMKC medical school my junior year, as long as I maintain a 3.5 GPA.”

Medical student accuses UMKC of racketeering, fraud
Kansas City Business Journal – June 7, 2018
A medical student named Joshua Carter accuses the University of Missouri-Kansas City of purposely running up tuition, fees and other costs by requiring students to repeat courses and academic years, then not fully replacing grades and counting them toward grade point average.

Alteryx Unveils 2018 Analytics Excellence Award Winners and ACEs
KRGV – June 7, 2018
Jim DeLisle, Brent Never and Ron House of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, drove a project that employed core functionalities of the Alteryx platform to harness the power of millions of disparate data points generated by Smart Cities, empowering city leaders to make smart decisions for allocating scarce resources.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

IUB first in Asia in Univ Rover Challenge
The Observer Bangladesh - June 11, 2018
PCz Rover Team from the Czestochowa University of Technology became first while MRDT from Missouri University of Science and Technology, USA secured second.

Finley River Community Foundation recognizes scholarship winners
Christian County Headliner (Nixa, Mo.) - June 10, 2018
On May 15, Finley River Community Foundation hosted its annual reception for 2018 scholarship winners. The purpose of the reception is for the scholarship donors to meet the scholarship winners. ... Elizabeth Powell, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Mining Engineering

Missouri S&T designated as highly selective*
Columbia Daily Tribune - June 8, 2018
Missouri University of Science and Technology, the Rolla campus of the University of Missouri, became the second public university in the state to be designated as highly selective with a Thursday vote of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.
Kirkwood man assigned to Russia on Fulbright scholarship*
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - July 8, 2018
Owen Smith, a St. Louis University High alum and a December graduate of Missouri University of Science and Technology, will pack his bags at summer’s end and head for Russia.

Legislature works to fill Missouri’s talent pipeline
Letter to the Editor, St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 7, 2018
The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recommended, and the Legislature funded, a partnership between Project Lead the Way and the Missouri University of Science and Technology to promote STEM fields and provide teacher training and professional development.

Rolla Town Band seeking musicians
The Guidon (Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.) - June 7, 2018
Area musicians are invited to join the Rolla Town Band this summer. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 137 Castleman Hall, located on the campus of Missouri University of Science and Technology at the corner of 10th and Main streets in Rolla.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Here’s how to get over a breakup, according to science
Her - June 8, 2018
A small study conducted at the University of Missouri - St. Louis has revealed that there are a few strategies to consider when trying to get over someone.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

We Aren’t Teaching What Students Need to Know About Climate Science
The Chronicle of Higher Education – June 8, 2018
For several years, I have been including an introduction to climate science and politics in most of my classes. One study has provoked particularly thoughtful discussions. A paper by two sociologists, Aaron McCright and Riley Dunlap, published in 2011, reported that a college education was related to acceptance of the effects of global warming as already apparent — but that the acceptance varied by ideology.

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