News Updates

**The Tribune’s View: University of Missouri must stand alone**
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 14, 2018

The cavalry isn’t coming. This is the attitude *University of Missouri* leadership needs to embrace for its next budgeting cycle. For the third year straight the UM system is facing significant budget cuts, this time to the tune of $45 million for the next fiscal year, an 8 percent reduction in general fund spending year-over-year resulting in the loss of 185 positions -- about 30 of them through layoffs.

**Danforth Center terminates researcher for alleged sexual harassment**
St. Louis Public Radio - June 14, 2018

The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center has dismissed one of its researchers on suspicion of sexual misconduct. He also holds an adjunct professor role at the *University of Missouri-Columbia*, which did not immediately respond to questions about his status there.

**Free to speak freely; colleges protecting faculty speech on campus and off**
The Kansas City Star - June 15, 2018

After a week-long student organized, race-related protest on the Columbia campus in 2015, *MU adopted a written commitment* to free expression, including the speech of university faculty.

**Faculty leaves cut in MU budget; some programs could see reinstatement**
Columbia Missourian – June 14, 2018

The Chancellor’s Distinguished Visitors Program and Lecture Series, faculty development leaves, project awards and research leaves made up less than 1 percent of the more than $29 million budget the provost was allocated for the 2018 fiscal year. However, the programs make up about 10 percent of the required reduction for the provost’s office, said *MU spokesman* Christian Basi.

**After eight weeks in the hospital, a teenage girl gets her prom**
Columbia Missourian – June 14, 2018

When 15-year-old Skylar fell ill in April, she’d already bought her prom dress and shoes. The staff at *MU Women’s and Children’s Hospital* weren’t going to let them go to waste.

**Cardiologists recommend new blood pressure guidelines**
KRCG News - June 14, 2018

Brian Bostick, MD, PhD, is an *MU Health Care* cardiologist. In this Q&A, he explains the new standards and how you can keep your blood pressure in the normal range below 120/80.

**The good doctor in H-1B limbo**
India Blooms (digital news agency in India) - June 15, 2018
Five months ago, Bhupinder and Jasmine held their beautiful, healthy newborn Simar in their arms. She was born at University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri, where the two physicians are practicing and completing their training. Bhupinder has an H-1B work visa that has been the subject of recent scrutiny under U.S. President Donald Trump.

**International students face unique mental health stresses**
CGTN America (China global television network) - June 14, 2018
The problem is prevalent among all ages, but among international college students, those from China represent a high percentage. At the University of Missouri, a Chinese international student recovering from her own depression experience, is trying to raise the awareness of mental health issues of people like her.

**LU fees, room costs to increase**
Jefferson City News Tribune - June 15, 2018
Only Lincoln and the University of Missouri-Columbia are eligible for land grant funding, under the 1862 and 1890 Morrill Acts. MU’s land grant funding is part of its core budget, while Lincoln’s has been a separate line-item that, until this year, hasn’t been given much money.

**Columbia considers new water main for an MU hospital, surrounding area**
KOMU - June 15, 2018
The city of Columbia hopes to start a project to improve the water supply to MU’s Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

**University of Missouri-Kansas City**

**Applications now open for ScaleUP! KC entrepreneurial course**
Thinking Bigger Business Media – June 13, 2018
ScaleUP! KC is funded by a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and administered by the UMKC Innovation Center.

**Watkins Museum celebrating Pride Month with LGBT-themed exhibits, presentations**
Lawrence Journal-World – June 13, 2018
Ruminating on the questions about the origins of change and how history is made, the exhibit was designed by faculty, students and staff at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

**Missouri University of Science and Technology**

**What we know about the Fordland TV tower collapse**
Springfield News-Leader – June 14
From a couple of miles away, one witness said it sounded like a "car crash magnified by 500." So for the six workers who were 100 feet high on the KOZK tower when it collapsed on April 19 in Fordland, the sights and sounds must have been otherworldly...John Myers, a structural engineering professor at Missouri University of Science and Technology, told the News-Leader in April that it's extremely rare for any type of structure like a TV tower to collapse without some type of major event, like a hurricane or tornado.

**University of Missouri-St. Louis**

**UMSL hosts ‘Learning to Teach’ conference for teacher educators**
UMSL Daily - June 14, 2018
The experience for teacher candidates in the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Education, for
example, is different than those seeking licensure through a program such as the Boston Teacher Residency, where teachers enter classroom settings as "residents" almost immediately after starting the program. So there is value in getting a diversity of practitioner voices under one roof to learn from one another.

Missouri school board says state should reconsider how it measures charter schools
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 14, 2018
Lafayette Preparatory Academy, meanwhile, met four of six of its contract performance goals in English but did not meet its math and science goals. Percentage-wise, its students outperformed St. Louis Public Schools students in comparable grades on English and math tests in 2017. Lafayette is sponsored by the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

#ShiftHappens I tried to get over a breakup using science and here's how I got on
Her (digital website designed for Irish women) - June 14, 2018
Now, the study, conducted at the University of Missouri - St. Louis, had a fairly small sample size so it's probably fair to go ahead and say that these strategies definitely will not work for everyone.

Roccia Named SIUE Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
PRWeb - June 15, 2018
Roccia brings more than 18 years of professional experience in higher education to SIUE. Since 2012, she has been serving as assistant dean of students at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She oversaw UMSL’s residential life and housing, recreation and wellness, Millennium Student Center, student involvement and new student programs. She joined UMSL in 2007 and previously served as associate director in the Office of Student Involvement and director of student life.

Higher Education

Irate at Texas A&M’s Handling of Sexual-Abuse Cases, 2 Women Ignite a Blaze on Social Media
The Chronicle of Higher Education – June 14, 2018
Texas A&M University at College Station is facing a social-media firestorm over its handling of sexual-abuse complaints after two women who say they were victimized by athletes at A&M posted their accounts online. Both athletes, a swimmer and a football player, were initially suspended but later allowed to rejoin their teams.

MSU board member: John Engler must step down as MSU president
Detroit Free Press – June 15, 2018
Michigan State University interim President John Engler must step aside immediately, board member Brian Mosallam said Friday morning. Mosallam’s call for change came two days after the Detroit Free Press and the Chronicle of Higher Education published a series of emails that included Engler's top aide — Carol Viventi — accusing Mossallam of not doing a good enough job of protecting Engler.

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