News Updates

The collateral damage of Mizzou's past failures
Southeast Missourian – June 20, 2018
The editorial board of the Wall Street Journal slammed the University of Missouri last week for its "ambiguous" commitment to free speech, declining enrollment and expensive marketing campaign, writing: "Apparently, fewer parents want to send their kids to a school where activism eclipses academics." The editorial points out, "In May 2017, the university signed a $1.3 million contract for three years of outside PR help. This year it has spent $1.8 million on ads to recruit and enroll new students."

Interns are construction firm's answer to worker shortage
St. Louis Post Dispatch – June 15, 2018
Kaelen Small, a senior civil engineering major at the University of Missouri is overseeing a $4.5 million paving project this summer at Mid Rivers Mall. Rachel Wakeman has already designed a high school athletic field and is writing proposals for several similar projects.

Sinclair School of Nursing gets $3 million for building renovation*
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 19, 2018
The Sinclair School of Nursing at the University of Missouri received $3 million from University of Missouri Health Care to aid in renovating the nursing school building, which is scheduled for completion in 2021, MU said Tuesday in a news release.

When it comes to Native American health coverage, readers need more context*
Columbia Missourian – June 19, 2018
When journalists leave out that history, they hinder efforts to address health problems Native Americans face, according to a recent study from MU.

BPA seems to alter communication for generations*
Futurity – June 29, 2018
"Rodent pups use vocalizations to communicate with one or both parents, as in the case of biparental species, such as California mice," says Cheryl Rosenfeld, professor of biomedical sciences at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, an investigator in the Bond Life Sciences Center, and research faculty member for the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurobehavioral Disorders.

Aging out of WIC leaves some kids hungry*
Futurity – June 20, 2018
Not only does the coverage gap affect overall food insecurity, but it also reduces reading scores at kindergarten entry, a time when children are often placed on learning trajectories, says Irma Arteaga, assistant professor in the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri.

Just 4 drinks can change sleep gene*
"Sleep is a serious problem for alcoholics," says Mahesh Thakkar, professor and director of research in the neurology department at the University of Missouri School of Medicine and lead author of the paper, which appears in Journal of Neurochemistry.

A single binge-drinking episode could disturb the gene that regulates sleep, scientists believe. Previous studies have suggested drinking alcohol to excess can affect a person’s sleep quality, so researchers at University of Missouri-Columbia set out to understand why.

According to research published in the Journal of Neurochemistry by the University of Missouri School of Medicine, one heavy drinking session alters the gene responsible for sleep regulation, leading to sleep disruption in mice.

People gripe to their friends or whine to their spouses but don’t actually approach the company that did them wrong to make their grievance known. "Companies know that most consumers will not take the time to complain," said Amy Schmitz, a University of Missouri law professor who has spent much of her career studying consumer dispute resolution.

The heat and drought have led to the early bloom and management depends on what farmers plan to spray, "If there’s some kind of application that has a stage of development on the label then you need to follow whatever that label says and we’re going to have to stop, in some cases, maybe spraying a particular herbicide sooner than what we normally would have."

Honey Smacks cereal and pre-cut melons are being recalled due to concerns over salmonella. 60 people in five states have gotten sick. Doctor Tara Flynn with MU Healthcare said salmonella comes from animal feces and can affect people differently.

Dr. Arayamparambil Anilkumar, a pediatric neurologist at the University of Missouri Children’s Hospital, pointed out that in the late 1990’s, the new "Pokemon" movie sent hundreds of children to the hospital after a scene that featured red and blue flashing lights. Many of them were not previously diagnosed with seizures and epilepsy.
On Friday, June 15, the University of Missouri-Kansas City welcomed a sold-out crowd of diverse women to campus for the annual Women of Color Leadership Conference.

Honoring Alumni, Preserving a Legacy
U[MKC Today - June 18, 2018

Former Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes (M.A. '71, M.P.A. '78) was recognized as the 2018 Alumna of the Year at the gala Alumni Achievement Awards program June 15 at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Gov. Mike Parson wants to spend a day in KC. Here's his itinerary
The Kansas City Star – June 19, 2018

While you’re in the neighborhood of UMKC, swing by and take in the university’s growing footprint. You’ll want to meet the campus’ new chancellor, C. Mauli Agrawal, and have a conversation about how UMKC can grow into a world-class institution, the need for which was outlined in a recent report.

Are your allergies getting worse? Climate change may be to blame
The Kansas City Star – June 19, 2018

The increase in pollen and mold has led to worsening symptoms for many patients, said Jay Portnoy, a pediatric allergist at Children’s Mercy and professor at UMKC School of Medicine.

From Freshman To Resident: 3 BS/MD Programs You Can Complete In Only 6 Years
Forbes – June 18, 2018

Lucky students at UMKC can complete their BS and MD degrees in only six years.

KC attorney Charlie Harris finds the funk in music, law
Missouri Lawyers Weekly – June 18, 2018

In many ways, Charlie Harris has a dream career. He jettisoned a job in human resources to become a lawyer, graduating from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 1995.

In women, type 1 diabetes associated with rheumatic disease, autoimmune conditions
Healio – June 18, 2018

“Systemic rheumatic disease, including rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma and systemic vasculitides, are debilitating conditions that disproportionately affect women,” Yicheng K. Bao, a third-year medical student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Not always bad - MXenes' spontaneous oxidation harnessed to create 2-D nanocomposites
Nanowerk – June 19

Researchers at Missouri University of Science and Technology have discovered a new way to harness the potential of a type of spontaneously oxidized MXene thin films, to create nanocomposites that could sense both light and the environment. Previously, such spontaneous oxidation was considered detrimental because it degrades the MXene structure. The research is published in the June 2018 issue of ACS Nano ("Environment-Sensitive Photoresponse of Spontaneously Partially Oxidized Ti3C2 MXene Thin Films").
NEMO scholars receive degrees from Missouri S&T*
Hannibal Courier-Post – June 18
Scholars from Northeast Missouri were among nearly 1,200 candidates who received degrees during Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 12 at Missouri University of Science and Technology. The university awards bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, master of science and doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees.

Gamers, the object of desire of large companies
PC World Español - June 18, 2018
Can a Fortnite or Warcraft player be the ideal candidate for a large company? Does extrapolating game methods help improve corporate processes? Various studies suggest that yes. For an important portion of society, video games are conceived as hobbies and sometimes dangerously addictive. But the truth is that they can be very powerful learning tools and extrapolated to other areas... A study by researchers at the Missouri University of Science and Technology, remarked on video games as hobbies and contemporary qualities.

The Chronicle of Higher Education
College Leaders and Professors Ramp Up Protest of Trump’s Family-Separation Policy
The Chronicle of Higher Education – June 29, 2018
Ana Mari Cauce, president of the University of Washington, knows that wrenching a child away from his or her family can do serious, long-term damage. She knows that, she says, from her training as a clinical pediatric psychologist. And that’s why she decided to use her position as the head of the state’s flagship university to condemn the separation of immigrant children from their families, a practice taking place at the U.S.-Mexico border under a policy set by President Trump.

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