News Updates

**WSJ misses the story about Mizzou, strategic reallocation**
Southeast Missourian – June 21, 2018
In response to Jon K. Rust's column, June 20, "The collateral damage of Mizzou's past failures," which referenced an editorial in the Wall Street Journal, a University of Missouri spokesman requested the following letter be published. The Wall Street Journal's recent editorial "More Misery in Missouri" misses the story about what's really happening at Mizzou and perpetuates a narrative designed to erode higher education.

**$1 million grant to help MU diversity science education**
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 20, 2018
The University of Missouri is one of 33 colleges selected to receive a $1 million, five-year grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in support of the Inclusive Excellence initiative for 2018.

**University of Missouri leaders expected to approve 2019 budget Thursday**
KMIZ – June 21, 2018
MU saw about $49 million in revenue shortfalls for 2019. Earlier this month, the University of Missouri announced it was eliminating 185 jobs, about 30 of which are layoffs, to help fill a budget gap caused by reductions in state support and decreasing enrollment.

**MU awarded $1 million grant to enhance science education**
Columbia Missourian – June 20, 2018
The Howard Hughes Medical Institute selected the University of Missouri to receive a $1 million, five-year grant in support of the Inclusive Excellence Initiative.

**MU professor warns consumers about sharing medical information online**
KOMU - June 20, 2018
A study conducted by a University of Missouri professor shows sensitive medical information could be put in the wrong hands without people knowing.

**New method makes weather forecasts right as rain**
National Science Foundation - June 20, 2018
Now, researchers at the University of Missouri have developed a system that improves the precision of forecasts by accounting for evaporation in rainfall estimates, particularly for locations 30 miles or more from the nearest National Weather Service radar.

Binge-drinking 'Disturbs Gene That Regulates Sleep'*
MSN.com - June 20, 2018
Previous studies have suggested drinking alcohol to excess can affect a person’s sleep quality, so researchers at University of Missouri set out to understand why.

'Incredibles 2' is a seizure risk, warns Columbia neurologist
Columbia Missourian – June 20, 2018
It’s hard to tell when scenes with the strobe lights will occur, so it’s best that children with epilepsy not watch the movie at all, said Arayamparambil Anilkumar, a pediatric neurologist and an MU associate professor of clinical child health.

Fracking chemicals stimulate fat cell development
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette – June 20,2018
According to the study, funded by the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences and the University of Missouri, more than 1,000 chemicals have been used for hydraulic fracturing in the United States — though not all or even most are found in individual wells — and wastewater spills have been reported at up to 20 percent of active well sites.

MU enrollment chief leaving to run community college
Columbia Missourian – June 20, 2018
Pelema Morrice, MU’s vice provost for enrollment and strategic management, announced Wednesday he is leaving MU to become president of Great Bay Community College in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, starting in August.

Mizzou coach Haley draws strength from son with autism
St. Louis Post Dispatch – June 20, 2018
Learning how to sort through and rise above those challenges has made the University of Missouri’s 52-year-old coach more than a parent of a son with autism. He’s an advocate — with an audience and a platform. Similar stories were published in multiple Associated Press media outlets.

Miss Missouri crowned in Mexico
The Vandalia Leader (Vandalia, Mo.) – June 20,2018
The overall preliminary talent award was given to Miss Metro St Louis Holly Enowski, of Eldon. She is the daughter of Bob and Lisa Marie Enowski and attends the University of Missouri. Holly played the “Flight of the Bumblebee” on the marimba.

University of Missouri System

UM Curators discuss FY 2019 budget after tuition price hike
KOMU – June 21, 2018
Amid overall lower enrollment numbers, the UM Board of Curators will vote on the FY 2019 budget at Thursday’s annual meeting, cutting the budgets of some departments by roughly 12 percent.
The University of Missouri Board of Curators planned to meet Thursday and Friday. According to the agenda, the curators were set to approve the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget. The board was also scheduled to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 State Appropriations Request for Operations.

Faculty from across the UM System said Wednesday they believe the best way to provide treatment for ailments such as cancer, cardiovascular disease and Alzheimer’s disease is through collaborative research and individualized treatment.

This summit brought more than 180 top faculty researchers from each of the four system campuses to highlight the quality of precision medicine research activities across the UM System.

According to UM System President Choi, the theme for the summit is personalized medicine with an overarching theme of precision medicine.

“IT felt important to tell the story now,” says Austin Williams, a doctoral candidate at the University of Missouri-Kansas City whose documentary about those days, “The Ordinance Project,” premieres at the kick-off of this year’s Out Here Now Film Festival.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City has taken a new step toward building a conservatory after a previous plan was halted last year, according to the Kansas City Business Journal.

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Not Always Bad—MXenes’ Spontaneous Oxidation Harnessed to Create 2-D Nanocomposites*

Researchers at Missouri S&T 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. This news release was published on at least seven industry websites.

Missouri S&T awards degrees at annual commencement*

Nearly 1,200 candidates received degrees during Commencement ceremonies held May 12, 2018, at Missouri University of Science and Technology. Graduates from Fredericktown: Ty Anthony Boyd, bachelor of science, mining engineering. Travis Rae McDowell, Ph.D., chemistry.

Hite Named to Missouri S&T Honor List*

Missouri University of Science and Technology announces the names of students who made the honor list for the Spring 2018 semester. Evan R. Hite, a sophomore engineering student from Memphis, was named to the list.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

BES alumna Kayla Colona has found her niche at Mission: St. Louis*

She went to the University of Missouri–St. Louis with the clear aim of becoming an elementary school teacher.

Long but not strong: How 3 St. Louisans have experienced the economy since 2009*

Smith, a nurse at St. Anthony’s Medical Center since 2009, found a job just three weeks after graduating from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She does remember some angst during the recession, though.

33 people have died in 61 shootings involving Piedmont-Triad law enforcement officers

But police agencies have to be the organizations to investigate officer-involved shootings because they are the only organizations with the expertise to do so, said David Klinger, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Stenger creates task force for affordable housing trust

Karl Guenther, UMSL Public Policy Research Center

Stenger creates housing task force, then meets with governor

KTRS - June 20, 2018
Karl Guenther, UMSL Public Policy Research Center

17-year-old Antwon Rose was fleeing and unarmed when police in East Pittsburgh shot him

Constitutionally, “police officers are allowed to shoot under two circumstances,” David Klinger, a University of Missouri St. Louis professor who studies use of force, previously told Dara Lind for Vox. The first circumstance
is “to protect their life or the life of another innocent party” — what departments call the “defense-of-life” standard. The second circumstance is to prevent a suspect from escaping, but only if the officer has probable cause to think the suspect poses a dangerous threat to others.

East Pittsburgh police fatally shoot unarmed 17-year-old
World Socialist Web Site - June 21, 2018
A set of Supreme Court decisions in the 1980s—Tennessee v. Garner and Graham v. Connor—set a broad framework for determining if deadly force by cops is legally reasonable. University of Missouri St. Louis professor David Klinger explained to Vox that constitutionally, police are given authority to shoot people “to protect their life or the life of another innocent party” or prevent a suspect deemed dangerous from escaping.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Ohio State Shuts Down Office That Helped Sexual-Assault Victims
The Chronicle of Higher Education – June 20, 2018
Ohio State University is shuttering its campus office that assisted sexual-assault victims, and is firing four employees, after a review found that the unit had mishandled students’ reports.

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