**News Updates**

Mizzou Has Learned From Its Past Mistakes*
The Wall Street Journal – June 21, 2018
Response to editorial by David Steelman: Your editorial "More Misery in Missouri" (June 16) misses the story about Mizzou, perpetuating a narrative that erodes higher education. Were mistakes made? Yes. Are the individuals responsible still leading MU? No. And obviously, the institution paid a price for those mistakes. But we have new leadership and have affirmed our commitment to free speech.

Latha Ramchand appointed provost of University of Missouri
The St. Louis American – June 21, 2018
Latha Ramchand was appointed provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs of the University of Missouri, effective August 15, by Chancellor Alexander N. Cartwright. She is leaving her position as dean of the C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston.

MU appoints new provost, vice chancellor of academic affairs
KOMU - June 21, 2018
MU has appointed Latha Ramchand as provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. She was dean of the C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston.

MU appoints University of Houston business dean as new provost
Missouri Business Alert - June 21, 2018
The University of Missouri on Thursday announced the appointment of Latha Ramchand, dean of the college of business at the University of Houston, as provost and executive vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Judge orders University of Missouri to recognize graduate student union
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 21, 2018
University of Missouri graduate assistants are employees and their bosses should recognize their right to bargain collectively with administrators, a Boone County judge ruled Thursday.

UPDATE: Judge rules Board of Curators must recognize MU graduate worker union
Columbia Missourian – June 21, 2018
MU’s graduate student workers are employees under the Missouri Constitution. Further, their union, the Coalition of Graduate Workers, is the sole collective bargaining entity for MU graduate students and the UM System Board of Curators must recognize them.

University of Missouri Graduate Student Workers Can Unionize, Judge Rules
KBIA – June 21, 2018
Three years after a high-profile dispute over school-paid health insurance subsidies, graduate students at the University of Missouri System’s flagship campus in Columbia have won a key victory in their fight to unionize.
Judge says MU graduate workers are employees, allows them to unionize
ABC 17 News - June 21, 2018
A Boone County judge ruled Thursday that graduate workers at the University of Missouri are employees, and therefore are allowing them to unionize and bargain with the school.

Judge says MU graduate workers can unionize
KOMU.com - June 21, 2018
A judge has decided in favor of University of Missouri graduate students who want to unionize. The Coalition of Graduate Workers says the judge ruled Thursday that graduate students should be considered employees of the university.

MU chosen for inclusive science grant
Brownfield Ag News (Network of more than 500 radio stations)- June 21, 2018
The University of Missouri has been chosen for a one-million-dollar grant to expand science education to a wider diversity of students.

Mizzou receives $1 million grant to promote diversity in science education
St. Louis Business Journal – June 21, 2018
The Howard Hughes Medical Institute has selected the University of Missouri - Columbia as one of 33 colleges to receive a $1 million, five-year grant in support of the Maryland-based institute's "Inclusive Excellence" initiative.

Plastic bottles can induce multigenerational effects on ability to communicate, study finds
The Guardian – June 22, 2018
In a study published Tuesday in the journal PLOS One, researchers at the University of Missouri found that mice pups whose grandparents had been exposed to BPA, had different vocalization patterns.

IndyStar, journalists, authors to receive Missouri Honor Medal
Columbia Missourian – June 21, 2018
The annual award, given by the Missouri School of Journalism since 1930, honors individuals and organizations "on the basis of lifetime or superior achievement in journalism," according to a news release.

A Conference’s Recipe for ‘Viewpoint Diversity’: More Free Play, More John Stuart Mill
The Chronicle of Higher Education - June 21, 2018
Jason Stanley, a professor of philosophy at Yale University, argued that generalizing about college students and campus social environments is a mistake — that what’s going on at Reed isn’t the same as what’s happening at the University of Missouri. He also cautioned against the embrace of terms like “free-speech crisis” and “social-justice warrior.”

Teacher expertise impacts students' post-secondary success
Education Dive – June 21, 2018
In the study, Se Woong Lee, a University of Missouri researcher, analyzed data from more than 6,000 students and their teachers across the nation.

MU Extension seeks to improve programs, service
Cedar County Republican (Stockton, Mo.) – June 21, 2018
MU Extension will reorganize and restaff across the state to improve its services, making them more relevant to the community, effective and appropriate.

Wellness Instagram Is Actually Bringing Me Down
Self Magazine – June 21, 2018
Imagine a personal interaction where a friend said, “Oh what the hell, Amy, buck up, cheer up, just think of rainbows and puppies and all will be well,” says Margaret E. Duffy, Ph.D., executive director of the Novak Leadership Institute at the University of Missouri School of Journalism who has studied Facebook use and depression. “That isn’t helpful. It’s dismissive of your feelings.”

Missouri Teen Celebrates Prom While in the Hospital*
US News & World Report - June 22, 2018
When 15-year-old Skylar Russell 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. Similar stories appeared in Associated Press media outlets across the country.

Supreme Court ruling paves way for Missouri to collect online sales tax with lawmaker action*
The Missouri Times - June 21, 2018
In 2012, analysts at the University of Missouri Truman School of Public Affairs estimated that Missouri lost an average of $358 million annually in state and local sales and use tax revenue. A more recent analysis conducted by the United States Government Accountability Office found Missouri may miss out on between $180 – $275 million annually in state and local sales tax.

Missouri farmer says early heat has produced great year for gardening*
KRCG News - June 21, 2018
According to the University of Missouri, gardens not only promote a varied and nutritious diet, but gardeners benefit from the exercise, fresh air, and enjoyment.

Tick bite turns into a serious allergy for Jefferson City woman*
KRCG News - June 21, 2018
Sanford saw Christine Franzese, MD, an allergist with University of Missouri Health Care and a professor of otolaryngology at the MU School of Medicine. Franzese pinpointed the cause: a tick bite Sanford had gotten two weeks earlier.

Forage specialist urges farmers to ammoniate low quality hay
Brownfield Ag News - June 21, 2018
A forage specialist urges farmers to ammoniate their hay to improve the nutritional quality because of weather challenges this hay season. Craig Roberts with the University of Missouri explains the process.

Missouri’s Michael Porter Jr. falls to No. 14 in NBA draft, selected by Denver Nuggets
Kansas City Star – June 21, 2018
The Denver Nuggets answered that question for him when they selected the once highly-touted Missouri freshman with the No. 14 overall pick on Thursday. It was a disappointing result for Porter, whom NBA evaluators once viewed as on the same tier as DeAndre Ayton and Marvin Bagley III, the draft’s top two picks on Thursday night.

University of Missouri System

UM System President emphasizes jobs, research and health care with governor (AUDIO)
Missourinet (Network of 65 radio stations across Missouri) - June 22, 2018
The UM System President says Governor Mike Parson (R) is committed to Missouri and to public higher education.
Curators approve break-even budget
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 21, 2018
Ryan Rapp on Thursday described the $3.2 billion 2019 University of Missouri System budget as “break-even.” But Rapp, vice president for finance and chief financial officer for the UM System, said break-even isn’t sustainable.

Curators make NTT faculty eligible for reduced layoff assistance
Columbia Missourian – June 21, 2018
Some University of Missouri System employees would get fewer benefits if they are laid off under a plan approved by the UM System Board of Curators Thursday.

University of Missouri makes more eligible for layoff help
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 21, 2018
The University of Missouri System Board of Curators on Thursday approved extending layoff assistance to more employees while shrinking the length of time they can receive it.

MU changes rules on sick time and layoff assistance
KOMU.com - June 21, 2018
The University of Missouri is changing some of its rules and regulations to offer more leave and layoff benefits to faculty and staff. The UM System said it wants to provide more flexibility to faculty and staff without increasing costs.

UM Curators approve 2019 budget
KRCG News - June 21, 2018
Some University of Missouri employees saw cuts of up to 12% in their departments on Thursday. The Board of Curators approved next year’s budget as they faced overall lower enrollment numbers.

Ameren Aims to Accelerate Six More Tech Start-Ups
KMOX - June 22, 2018
Ameren Accelerate is a partnership between Ameren, the University of Missouri System, UMSL Accelerate, and Capital Innovators.
Similiar stories appeared in national media outlets including MarketWatch.

UM system president expected to give President's Report Friday
ABC 17 News - June 22, 2018
The University of Missouri Board of Curators are scheduled to meet Friday for day two of meetings on Mizzou’s campus.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

UMKC issues call to developers interested in new performing arts conservatory
The Kansas City Star – June 21, 2018
Heartened by signs that Missouri Gov. Mike Parson would support funding a University of Missouri-Kansas City conservatory in the future, university officials have issued a call to developers interested in designing and constructing the project.

UMKC Seeks Conservatory Proposals, Potential Downtown Site Survives*
CityScene KC – June 21, 2018
UMKC officially has restarted its pursuit of a new combined Conservatory of Music and Dance and Theater Department facility, and has set a July 24 deadline for responses to what’s now described as a $100 million project.

Plans for a new Kansas City arts campus are moving forward*
The Washington Times (via Associated Press) – June 20, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City is moving forward on plans to build a conservatory after Gov. Mike Parson offered support. Related headlines: US News & World Report, The Modesto Bee

Voters Approve Streetcar Extension To University Of Missouri-Kansas City
KCUR – June 20, 2018
Kansas City streetcar advocates got a big win on Wednesday. Roughly three-quarters of residents who submitted a ballot approved a 1 percent sales tax and special property assessment to help fund an extension south to the University of Missouri-Kansas City, election officials announced. Related headlines: Fox4, KCTV5, KMBC, KSHB

Taxes for KC Streetcar extension to UMKC approved by wide margin in mail-in ballots
The Kansas City Star – June 20, 2018
Plans for expanded Kansas City streetcar service took another step forward as a handful of voters approved special sales and property taxes to extend the downtown route along Main Street to UMKC, election officials announced Wednesday. Related Headline: US News & World Report

The Ordinance Project and the 1993 fight for LGBTQ+ rights in Kansas City
The Pitch – June 20, 2018
Austin Williams, who originally hails from Raytown, has just completed a new documentary, The Ordinance Project, that captures both the struggle and the ultimate success of the movement. Williams is a UMKC doctoral candidate and an adjunct history instructor whose previous experience behind a camera was making music videos for his band.

Life-saving skills
Hutchinson News – June 20, 2018
Chris Harris stopped to tell University of Missouri-Kansas City student Maddie Jackson to tape a neck stabilizer to the stretcher and not the gurney to avoid a mishap when moving the patient again.

Keith Cutler of ’Couples Court with the Cutlers’ gives advice on fatherhood
RollingOut – June 20, 2018
Dana and Keith Cutler earned undergraduate degrees from Spelman College and Morehouse College, respectively, and continued their education together, graduating from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 1989.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Novel Method for Harnessing Potential of MXenes to Develop 2D Nanocomposites*
AZoNano – June 20
An innovative method for harnessing the capacity of a kind of spontaneously oxidizing MXene thin films, for developing nanocomposites with the ability to sense light as well as the environment, has been devised by scientists from Missouri S&T.

Mining and Metals Industries Growing Workforce
St. Louis Post-Dispatch – June 19
Mining and manufacturing are part of the many STEM-related (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) occupations projected to grow to more than 9 million jobs between 2012 and 2022, faster than most other occupations... This summer, Doe Run welcomed the following interns: Hunter Strope is a student at Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) pursuing degrees in Geological Engineering and Engineering Management.

**Council hears update on proposed development**
Farmington Press – June 21
Most of the talk during the June 14 Farmington City Council hearings and regular session was of the growing residential in the community... He noted the storm water improvement plan for this development is scheduled to be reviewed by Dr. Charles Patterson, a professor at Missouri S&T specializing in civil, architectural and environmental engineering.

**Local students honored for academic excellence**
Aurora Advertiser – June 21
At the end of the spring 2018 semester, colleges and universities across the country have recently celebrated commencement for graduates and recognized their top students on dean’s lists and with awards. A number of local students have earned recognition from their respective colleges, including the following: Missouri S&T, honors list: Aurora -- David Forgy and Jacob Tullock, Marionville -- Geren Reavis

**Short earns degree at Missouri S&T**
The Edmond Sun – June 20
Missouri University of Science and Technology announces the names of students who made the honor list for the Spring 2018 semester. Matthew James Short was among those listed.

**Nance named to Missouri S&T dean’s list**
Dover Post – June 19
Robert L. Nance, of Dover, was named to the spring 2018 dean's list at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Missouri. Nance is a junior chemical engineering major.

**University of Missouri-St. Louis**

**Ameren Accelerator adds six firms, including two from St. Louis**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 21, 2018
The electric utility has chosen six early-stage companies for the second round of an accelerator program it launched last year with the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Capital Innovators. Two of the six firms are from the St. Louis area; the others are from New York, Texas, Canada and Israel.

**UMSL Athletics year in review**
UMSL Daily - June 21, 2018
The 2017-18 season was another historic one for University of Missouri-St. Louis Athletics, with the women’s tennis team reaching new heights, five teams qualifying for the NCAA Division II Tournament in their respective sports and a record number of student-athletes being named to the conference All-Academic team. Tritons teams posted a combined .629 win percentage for the year, 24 athletes earned All-GLVC honors, and 11 were named to all-region teams.

**UrbArts Boosts St. Louis' Creative Community to the Next Level**
Riverfront Times - June 21, 2018
A St. Louis native, Stallings grew up in the Normandy area and ultimately went on to earn a master’s degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The idea for the organization started with a small group of friends who ran an open mic event inspired by the R&B artist Maxwell. It was called Urban Hang Suite and held at north county’s Heritage Cafe. That led to Stallings becoming a partner in Legacy Books and Cafe, from 2000 to 2003. (Then located in the Loop, the business has now moved further east on Delmar.)
Freeman Hrabowski receives honorary doctoral degree from UMSL*

The St. Louis American - June 21, 2018
Freeman Hrabowski received an honorary doctoral degree in humane letters from the University of Missouri–St. Louis. He is president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, which is noted nationally for producing a high percentage of minority graduates in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math. His methods have been replicated at other universities and have become national policy.

Homecoming At Bellerive: Former St. Louis Resident Earns Spot In 100th PGA Championship

KMOX - June 21, 2018
It will be the ultimate homecoming for Block, who played golf at Parkway Central High School and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He now lives in Mission Viejo, Calif., where he is the head golf professional at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club.

Police Say Crime on Metro is Down Overall Despite Recent Attack

KMOX - June 21, 2018
Belmar says crime on Metrolink is down more than 45 percent this year in both St. Louis County and St. Clair County and down 22 percent in St. Louis City. Three men have been charged in the recent beating, which was captured on a westbound train between St. Charles Rock Road and UMSL.

IAAFestival 2018 To Include Africa World Documentary Film Festival (AWDFF) In Its Programming

Blackfilm.com - June 21, 2018
The Africa World Documentary Film Festival is sponsored by the E. Desmond Lee Professorship in African/African-American Studies under the leadership of Dr. Niyi Coker at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The AWDFF has as its objective the promotion of knowledge and culture of the people of Africa, in a Pan-African context.

We Now Have a Terrifying Militarized Law Enforcement System — And It’s the Unavoidable Result of Living in a War Economy

Alternet - June 21, 2018
Perhaps more disturbing than the growing number of para-militarized units is what their deployments are meant to achieve. Research from the University of Missouri-St. Louis determined that the majority of SWAT deployments in their research sample between 1986 and 1998 were for warrants (34,271) as compared to barricaded suspects (7,384) and hostage situations (1,180). A more recent 2014 study from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) reaffirms this trend.

Higher Education

Guest Post: The Problem with Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

Scholarly Kitchen - June 22, 2018
It goes without saying that Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity make for an awful acronym: DIE. More importantly, these three words are strung together so often that some think that these words are synonymous and use them interchangeably, leading to a number of people writing about the differences between these three words.

Trump Wants to Drastically Alter the Education Dept. Here’s What You Need to Know.

The Chronicle of Higher Education - June 21, 2018
A U.S. Department of Education and the Workforce? That’s what the Trump administration envisions in its new 132-page framework for merging the Education and Labor Departments, as part of a broader overhaul of the federal government.
Virtual reality has undeniable appeal. Strap on a headset and you're flying high above the ground. Put on special glasses and a spaceship floats in front of your eyes. These immersive tools are great for gaming, but what role might they play in teaching?

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