News Updates

Academic Minute: More Activity During Recess*
Inside Higher Ed - June 25, 2018
Today on the Academic Minute, part of University of Missouri Week, Steve Ball, professor of nutrition and exercise physiology at Missouri, describes how to ensure kids use recess to get their allotted amount of daily exercise.

UH dean appointed provost of the University of Missouri*
Houston Chronicle - June 22, 2018
The dean of the University of Houston’s C.T. Bauer College of Business has been tapped to serve as provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

A to Zinc: Missouri Researchers Confirm Zinc’s Role in Fertility*
Ozark Radio News (Missouri News Service) – June 24, 2018
Infertility affects 20 percent of the population, and finding ways to overcome the conditions that prompt it can cost thousands of dollars and hours of heartache. Researchers at the University of Missouri have confirmed that zinc plays a large role in supporting fertility in men.
Similar stories ran on multiple radio networks across the Midwest including KMA Land

Tribune’s View: Health care jobs a boon to Boone
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 22, 2018
Last week we reported that the University of Missouri has seen a net increase in jobs (that’s right, increase) since the 2015 tumult that contributed to sharp enrollment declines and battles over state funding and a subsequent major loss in revenue. MU reported last fall that it had 10,723 full- and part-time employees, down 384 from 2015.

Trade tensions send waves through Missouri, offering a possible opening for McCaskill
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 23, 2018
Patrick Westhoff, director of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri, said several factors had reduced the price of soybeans recently, including trade tension and the expectation of a healthy crop this year.

Pupillary reflex in infancy may yield clues to autism
Spectrum (digital news source dedicated to autism research) – June 25, 2018
"They didn’t find any difference in latency, which is the strongest measure in older kids, and that was a little bit surprising to
me,” says Judith Miles, professor emerita of child health-genetics at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Miles was not involved in the new study but led some of the latency studies.

How Prized Bull Semen And DNA Testing Are Reshaping America's Beef Herd
Iowa Public Radio - June 24, 2018
This new genetic information takes some of the risk out of the equation, said Jared Decker, a cattle geneticist and assistant professor at the University of Missouri.

MU saves millions through energy efficiency programs
KOMU – June 24, 2018
MU has saved money and reduced emissions through its long-term energy efficiency programs.

Former Missouri coach manages Alzheimer's with wife's help
KOMU - June 23, 2018
The wife of a former University of Missouri football coach is helping her husband remember the details of his seven seasons with the team after he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. This AP story was picked up by news outlets across the state and nation.

Greystar buys developer of college housing for $4.6 billion, including debt
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 25, 2018
Among EdR's developments is The Reserve at Columbia, a 260-apartment community for University of Missouri students.

Two counties participating in wind farm meetings
The Marietta Daily Journal - June 24, 2018
"We need to hear your stories and how the recent projects have affected you," said a University of Missouri Extension news release on Friday. "The goal is to respectfully gather everyone’s views and concerns around the issue — pro and con."

University of Missouri System
Missouri Chair Defends Direction, Freedom of Speech
Inside Higher Ed - June 25, 2018
The chair of the University of Missouri System Board of Curators defended the system’s direction and its dedication to freedom of speech last week, publicly pushing back against a scathing Wall Street Journal editorial.

Curator punches back at Wall Street Journal editorial criticizing MU
A University of Missouri curator has written a response to a Wall Street Journal editorial slamming the university for allowing protests in the fall of 2015 to dictate its course. Similar stories ran across the state and nation, including in the Columbia Missourian.

UM Curators believe progress has been made since 2015 protests
KOMU - June 22, 2018
MU has faced big challenges in recent years - from changes in administration to loss of state funding to on-campus protests in 2015 - but the University of Missouri Board of Curators said progress has been made.

UM leaders say they are correcting past mistakes
KRCG News - June 22, 2018
University of Missouri leaders said on Friday they were correcting the mistakes of their predecessors.

Curator Steelman: There is a "false narrative" at Mizzou after 2015 protests
ABC 17 News - June 22, 2018
Curator David Steelman kicked off day two of the University of Missouri System Board of Curators meeting with a series of passionate remarks about the state of the system's flagship campus.

Choi: University of Missouri will appeal ruling in union case
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 22, 2018
University of Missouri System President Mun Choi on Friday said UM would appeal a Boone County judge’s ruling regarding graduate assistants as employees.

University leaders to appeal ruling saying grad students are employees
KOMU - June 22, 2018
Graduate students at the University of Missouri celebrated Thursday after they were officially considered employees, but the celebration may not last.

UM System president says he will appeal judge's graduate student unionization ruling
KRCG News - June 22, 2018
University of Missouri System President Mun Choi announced Friday morning he planned to appeal a judge's ruling regarding graduate student unionization.

Missouri Minute: Missouri reacts to SCOTUS sales tax ruling; MU grad students score legal win
The University of Missouri’s graduate student workers are employees under the Missouri Constitution, and the UM System Board of Curators must recognize their union.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Dental hygienist, Joplin philanthropist Debbie Thompson honored*
The Joplin Globe – June 21, 2018
Debbie Thompson, of Joplin, was recognized for her lifetime of service to others last week with a 2018 Alumni Achievement Award at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Local psychologist discusses effects of border separations on children*
Fox4 – June 21, 2018
UMKC psychology professor Erin Hambrick said one of the most glaring problems with the new order is that it mentioned nothing about reuniting the children who have already been separated from their parents.

Child Trauma Can’t Be Undone With an Executive Order
Elle Magazine – June 21, 2018
"There are many different types of events that can be categorized as traumatic," says Dr. Erin Hambrick, an assistant professor of psychology at UMKC and Director of Research for the nonprofit Child Trauma Academy.

This artist just crushed the #stylechallenge
Mashable – June 20, 2018
The artist is UMKC student Sam Skinner.

Vote OKs new sales, property taxes to fund KC streetcar expansion
Missouri Business Alert – June 21, 2018
Plans to expand the Kansas City streetcar toward the University of Missouri-Kansas City’s campus are moving forward after voters in a new Transportation Development District approved special property and sales taxes to support the project. Related headlines: Kansas Public Radio, KRCG, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Hip Hop Goat Yoga Anyone?
435 Magazine – June 21, 2018
The Swinney Recreation Center (on the UMKC Volker Campus) is putting on goat yoga classes this summer on July 7, Aug. 17 and Sept. 9.

Rutgers University Appoints 22 Research Fellows to Study Employee Share Ownership and Profit Sharing
KLTV – June 21, 2018
Erik Olsen, University of Missouri-Kansas City economics professor, was named a Senior Fellow.

Our View: Dental school a health priority
The Joplin Globe – June 19, 2018
You might remember that there are plans in the works for a satellite dental school on the MSSU campus operated jointly with the University of Missouri-Kansas City.
Missouri University of Science and Technology

Family Firm Institute Announces 2018 Academic and Family Business Review (FBR) Award Recipients
Albany (N.Y.) Times-Union - June 22, 2018
Outstanding Reviewer: Hanqing Fang, Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Council hears update on proposed development
Farmington Daily Journal - June 21, 2018
(City development director Tim Porter) 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.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

UMSL interns to partner with six new startups in second annual Ameren Accelerator cohort*
UMSL Daily - June 22, 2018
Improving the Ameren customer experience and exposing employees to other energy experts were among the key selling points. But the chance to offer internships to students at the University of Missouri–St. Louis sealed the deal.

And then there were 88: A village in St. Louis County dissolves, and others ponder path forward
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 25, 2018
Mackenzie incorporated in 1946, making it one of more than 50 municipalities in St. Louis County to form between 1945 and 1952, according to the book “Fragmented by Design: Why St. Louis Has So Many Governments” penned by E. Terrence Jones, a longtime political science professor at the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

Unions give big to block 'right to work' in expensive Missouri ballot initiative race
The Kansas City Star - June 25, 2018
"This is going to be one of the most expensive initiatives ever," said Dave Robertson, chair of the political science department at the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

We now have a terrifying, militarized law enforcement system
Salon - June 25, 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.

Is Springfield the 8th worst city? Councilman calls rankings list 'deeply flawed and lazy'
Springfield News-Leader - June 23, 2018
Richard Rosenfeld, criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, said rankings "should not be taken very seriously."

McCaskill faces a familiar political problem: her own wealth
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 22, 2018
“Missouri is seen as a very average state with common folk who will vote in November in part on whether or not they can identify with the individuals running for office,” said Dave Robertson, political scientist at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The latest story, he said, “plays on some of the themes that she’s been vulnerable to in the past.”

Baskets, other goods part of St. Louis entrepreneur’s goal to build girls’ school in West Africa
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 22, 2018
Seck, now 30, arrived in St. Louis at age 14. While at McCluer High School in the Ferguson-Florissant District, she learned to speak English. At the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Seck studied business with a minor in photography. She worked as a wedding and portrait photographer when she graduated.

More misguided spending will not fix Maryland schools
The Baltimore Sun - June 24, 2018
James V. Shuls is an assistant professor and the graduate program director of educational leadership and policy studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Setting the bounds: Balancing employee structure and freedom makes an effective workplace*
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 23, 2018
The mid-century foreman mentality that emphasized rigid worker oversight because employees couldn’t be trusted has changed, said Jim Breaugh, a professor of management at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Higher Education

Scholars Sound Alarms on Trump’s Border Crackdown. But Academic Nuance Doesn’t Always Break Through.
The Chronicle of Higher Education – June 22, 2018
When news about the U.S. child-detention centers first began to break, Jelena Subotic saw unsettling historical parallels. Subotic, a genocide scholar at Georgia State University, had researched an unusual concentration camp for children that the Nazi-allied Croatian government operated during World War II.

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