News Updates

The Mizzou Effect: Some Colleges Struggle to Recover from Protests Sparked by Racial Tensions
Insight Into Diversity - June 25, 2018
These figures represent the damage suffered by the University of Missouri (MU) — commonly referred to as “Mizzou” — since fall 2015, when frustrations over the administration’s weak response to racist incidents on campus sparked weeks of student protests, eventually leading to the resignations of the university’s chancellor and the president of the University of Missouri system.

Hawley campaign paid attorneys to screen Mizzou emails for public release
The Kansas City Star - June 25, 2018
Republican Senate hopeful Josh Hawley paid lawyers tens of thousands of dollars from his campaign funds to review emails and other documents from his time as a University of Missouri law professor before those records could be released under the state's Sunshine Law, according to documents obtained by The Star through an open records request.

Academic Minute: Mental Health Support for Students*
Inside Higher Ed - June 26, 2018
Today on the Academic Minute, part of University of Missouri Week, Melissa Maras, a researcher in Missouri's college of education, explores a possible way to determine which students need mental health screenings.

Sexual Harassment on College Campuses*
WOSU Radio (NPR station in Columbus, Ohio) - June 26, 2018
Debbie Dougherty, PhD, professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Missouri who has written several reports on sexual harassment

Local public employee unions face uncertain future under new law
Columbia Daily Tribune - June 25, 2018
Laborers’ International Union Local 773 represents custodians with CPS, the University of Missouri and the city of Columbia, plus city street crews, Boone County Road and Bridge workers and workers in the Centralia Public Works Department.

Elsie the Eagle Heads to Virginia
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 25, 2018
A part of the University of Missouri-Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine, the Raptor Rehab Project has trained volunteers that will come out to safely capture injured birds, or coordinate with another trained rehabber to do so if it is a few hours away from Columbia.

**University of Missouri System**

St. Charles Co. gives green light to controversial subdivision
KMOV (CBS station in St. Louis) - June 25, 2018
For months, people who live and visit the area near the proposed development have spoken out against the idea of building a subdivision on the land owned by the University of Missouri.

St. Charles County approves unpopular proposal to build subdivision in Missouri Bluffs
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - June 25, 2018
The council voted 5-1, with one member abstaining, to approve developer Greg Whittaker’s plan to build 140 single-family homes and up to 136 multifamily units in a hilly, forested area on the edge of the Missouri Bluffs Golf Club near Highway 40 (Interstate 64) on land he plans to buy from the University of Missouri.

University of Missouri has a responsibility to the Katy Trail corridor
The Kansas City Star - June 25, 2018
A proposal to build a large housing development on land owned by the University of Missouri appears to have the blessing of the UM system.

University of Missouri system president to attend Tri-State/Mizzou alumni event
KHQA 7 Online (CBS/ABC station in Quincy, Il.) - June 25, 2018
Dr. Mun Choi, president of the four-campus University of Missouri system, will be the speaker July 21, 2018 for the annual student sendoff sponsored by the local chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association.

UM System plans to appeal decision over graduate workers’ union
Missouri Business Alert - June 25, 2018
The University of Missouri System plans to fight a court ruling that would require it to recognize graduate student workers as employees and to bargain with their union.

**University of Missouri-Kansas City**

UMKC Partnership To Prepare Urban Principals Is ‘Missing Piece’ From Teacher To Leader
KCUR – Jun 25, 2018
“Most of our students in the graduate program are ... working as teachers as they're going to school to get their principal certification,” says Gus Jacob, who teaches in the School of Education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

KC Repertory Theatre should return to its roots in the classics
The Kansas City Star – June 23, 2018
In 1964, Patricia McIlrath and James D. Costin joined together in a fledgling effort, the UMKC Summer Repertory Theatre.
Letters: Readers discuss immigration, Sterling Brown and a downtown UMKC conservatory
The Kansas City Star – June 22, 2018
Letter: Moving the UMKC conservatory downtown would not benefit the students.

Plans for a new Kansas City arts campus are moving forward*
KCTV5 – June 20, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City is moving forward on plans to build a conservatory after Gov. Mike Parson offered support.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Carthage's Janet Kavandi gets endorsement from NASA chief to be next deputy administrator
The Joplin Globe - June 25, 2018
Kavandi also has a master's degree in chemistry from the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla and a doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Washington-Seattle.

Dealing with AI backlash*
Workflow - June 2018
Successful technologies build and maintain trust, says Keng Siau, a professor at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. “AI is supposed to make our lives better,” Siau says, but that’s far from a predictable outcome. “Smarter companies are being proactive about this by developing trust.”

Rolla Town Band to perform June 28*
Phelps County Focus – June 25, 2018
The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 28 on the Castleman Hall Green, located at the corner of 10th and State streets, on the campus of Missouri University of Science and Technology.

S&T cavers helping lead effort to save local caves
Phelps County Focus - June 24, 2018
Phelps County Focus learned about local cave conservation Saturday during an expedition underground with some Missouri S&T cavers.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

NAF Future Ready Lab gives Jennings students learning opportunities on UMSL campus*
UMSL Daily - June 25, 2018
Jennings School District Superintendent Art McCoy wanted to make sure that the University of Missouri–St. Louis College of Education was a crucial part of the inaugural St. Louis NAF Future Ready Lab summer internship program from its earliest planning stages.

Faculty members bring attention to UMSL with their expertise, research pursuits*
UMSL Daily - June 25, 2018
Before long, Langeslag and her team in the Department of Psychological Sciences at the University of Missouri–St. Louis found their work being written about by other outlets from New York state to New Zealand.
MFA alumnus Jason Vasser-Elong explores his family's origins and own experiences in debut book, 'shrimp'

His girlfriend bought the first copy he sold after 2Leaf Press published it on April 23. Her sister bought one too, as did a few of Vasser-Elong’s former professors at the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

Maine Tried a New Way of Voting. Will Other States Follow?

Most cities that use ranked-choice voting have adopted the system only in the last two decades. But a century ago, the system was more common, said David Kimball, associate professor of political science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Only Cambridge, Massachusetts, which adopted the system in the 1940s, has kept it. Other cities ditched the standard after major political parties and organized factions didn’t like how it gave other parties, and in some cases racial minorities, a chance at winning local races, Kimball said. The system may be making a comeback.

Young working women are shocked by the 'mommy effect' on their lives

Working mothers face serious challenges when they have a child. In some cases, career opportunities shift or disappear completely when they go back to work after having children, according to one analysis, “Women, Work and Family,” by researchers at Cornell University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

U. City Will Meet With Stakeholders Ahead Of Next Public Hearing

Despite a reputation as a "liberal and progressive community," University City has "deep roots in the practice of de jure and de facto segregation," says Carlos Javier Diaz-Grandos in his doctoral dissertation for the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Higher Education

Campus Lawyers' Deepest Fear: the Protest or Tweet That Spins Into a Free-Speech Crisis

Every college — public or private, large or small, residential four-year or not — is one tweet, email, or protest away from a First Amendment tussle.

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