News Updates

Former MU assistant track and field coach suing for racial discrimination
ABC 17 News - June 27, 2018
A former University of Missouri assistant track and field coach is suing the University of Missouri Board of Curators; the head coach of Mizzou track and field, Brett Halter, and Halter’s supervisor, Mitzi Clayton, for racial discrimination.

Report: Former MU track coach suing UM Board of Curators for racial discrimination
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 28, 2018
Former assistant University of Missouri track coach Carjay Lyles is suing the University of Missouri Board of Curators, head coach Brett Halter and associate athletic director of compliance Mitzi Clayton.

MU selects Teaching for Learning Center director
Columbia Daily Tribune – June 27, 2018
Victoria Mondelli, director of the Office of Teaching Excellence and Engaged Learning at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, New York will become the first director of the University of Missouri’s Teaching for Learning Center on Sept. 4, MU officials said in a news release Wednesday.

Truman Youth Leadership Academy grooms future leaders
Columbia Tribune – June 27, 2018
The city council members and mayor, and those advocating for each option, were 22 middle school students participating in the week-long Truman Youth Leadership Academy at the University of Missouri.

Academic Minute: ACL Surgeries
Inside Higher Education - June 28, 2018
Today on the Academic Minute, part of University of Missouri week, James Cook, professor in orthopedic surgery at Missouri’s School of Medicine, describes how a new technique could lead to a more active lifestyle for those with repaired ACLs in their knees.
Missouri Ag Dept: Dicamba complaint update
Brownfield Ag News - June 27, 2018
The University of Missouri’s lead weed scientist says they have on-the-ground reports of more dicamba damages to soybeans than have been reported to the ag department so far this year.

Right-to-work, school, senator race among issues on upcoming ballot
Fulton Sun (Fulton, Mo.) – June 28, 2018
A mental health grant provided for three years through the University of Missouri is ending in November. The school website stated if this measure is approved, it will provide replacement funds.

Why Mizzou’s Cuonzo Martin is becoming more involved in the coaching community
Kansas City Star – June 27, 2018
The now-Missouri head coach didn’t have time for internships as a college athlete, and he didn’t have a plan for whenever his professional playing career would come to an end — both of which he thought about last week, just before he traveled to New York, where he attended his first meeting as a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches’ board of directors. After much prodding from peers to become more involved in the coaching community, Martin said he accepted the NABC position this summer, as well as a spot on the NCAA’s Division I Men’s Basketball Oversight Committee, because “It’s time now.”

University of Missouri-Kansas City
Billy Hart, Bobby Watson to be honored with Don Redman Jazz Heritage Award
Herald Mail Media – June 25, 2018
Bobby Watson is the director of jazz studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

Visiting UMKC’s Geosciences Museum
KC Parent – June 27, 2018
Kristina Light’s family is learning more about geology this summer and recently took a tour of UMKC’s Richard L. Sutton, Jr., M.D. Museum of Geosciences.

Missouri University of Science and Technology
CFSEI webinar: Understanding the Fundamental Behavior of CFS members
Civil & Structural Engineer - June 27, 2018
Roger LaBoube, Ph.D., P.E, is Curator’s Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering and Director of the Wei-Wen Yu Center for Cold-Formed Steel Structures at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly University of Missouri – Rolla).

IUB ranks top among Asian universities in the URC 2018
The Daily Star (Bangladesh) - June 28, 2018
PCz Rover Team from the Czestochowa University of Technology became first while MRDT from Missouri University of Science and Technology, USA secured second and Kielce University of Technology’s Team IMPULS clinched third position in this global competition.
St. Louis refugee group opposes travel ban decision
KSDK - June 26, 2018
"The court is really saying if this is a Muslim ban it's not a very good one because a Muslim country was taken off the list and Venezuela, a non-Muslim country was included on the list," said professor Richard Middleton of the University of Missouri–St. Louis.

How to tell the sex of a Galápagos penguin?
UW Today - June 28, 2018
In order to find out the physical sign of the sex, scientists collected body measurements from 61 adults Galápagos penguins in the wild — including head size, flipper length, foot length and a half-dozen measurements of the beak and its surrounding feathers. They also gathered blood samples and later sent them to Patty Parker, a professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, to determine the sex of each adult using the DNA test.

Six things you might not realize about PTSD
St. Louis Magazine - June 27, 2018
We sought insight from a local expert, psychologist Steven Bruce, associate professor of psychological sciences and director of the Center for Trauma Recovery at the University of Missouri – St. Louis.

Opioid deaths in Missouri increased at slower rate than previous year
Missouri Times - June 27, 2018
The Missouri Department of Mental Health, in collaboration with researchers at the University of Missouri, St. Louis – Missouri Institute of Mental Health, received a grant to expand access to integrated prevention, treatment and recovery support services for individuals with opioid use disorder throughout the state. This grant, known as the Missouri Opioid State Targeted Response is implementing a "medication first" treatment model, designed to increase access to evidence-based medications for OUD.

Missouri News: Missouri’s rate of opioid deaths decreasing
STL News - June 27, 2018
The Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH), in collaboration with researchers at the University of Missouri, St. Louis – Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH), received a grant to expand access to integrated prevention, treatment and recovery support services for individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) throughout the state.

3 smart grid technologies that will get a boost in Ameren's startup incubator
Energy News Network - June 28, 2018
Each company is awarded $100,000 in funding and will receive mentoring from the incubator partners, University of Missouri, UMSL Accelerate and Capital Innovators. At the end of the summer, Ameren will host a demo-day to showcase the startups.

New Director of Public Works and Health Department
FloValley News - June 27, 2018
Mayor Schneider is pleased to announce that Todd Hughes has been selected as the City of Florissant’s new Director of Public Works. Todd has over twenty years of engineering experience working most recently as a Project Manager for the City of St. Charles, and served formerly as the Assistant Director of Public Works with the City of Webster Groves. Todd holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri, St. Louis/Washington University.
Higher Education

**What Does Justice Kennedy’s Retirement Mean for Higher Education?**
The Chronicle of Higher Education - June 27, 2018
Justice Anthony M. Kennedy’s announcement that he planned to retire this summer from the U.S. Supreme Court set off legal and political shockwaves on Wednesday in the nation’s capital. The open seat will give President Trump an opportunity to appoint the second justice of his term and set the court on a more conservative footing for, possibly, decades.

**Supreme Court Rules Against Public-Sector Unions**
Inside Higher Education – June 28, 2018
In a decision that has the potential to gut public-sector unions, the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled 5 to 4 that non-union-member public employees don’t have to pay “fair share” or “agency” fees to the unions that represent them in collective bargaining and, in many cases, grievances.

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