News Updates

Incoming UVa class reflects greater diversity
Richmond Times-Dispatch of Virginia - July 2, 2018
When some schools — such as the University of Missouri, California’s Claremont McKenna College and Evergreen State College — experienced mass upheaval, they also saw enrollment declines.

Wolves from Chernobyl could spread mutant radioactive genes*
Daily Mail Online of London - July 2, 2018
According to research led by Michael Byrne from the University of Missouri at Columbia, grey wolves in the reserve have a population density up to seven times greater than surrounding areas.
A similar story appeared in Live Science.

Chernobyl is Turning Into a Wildlife Preserve for Wolves*
Popular Mechanics – July 1, 2018
According to study author Michael Byrne, a wildlife ecologist at the University of Missouri at Columbia, gray wolf population density around Chernobyl is up to seven times higher than in surrounding reserves.

MU med school researcher tests plant-based cancer treatments*
Missouri Business Alert - July 2, 2018
Dr. Kattesh Katti combines two liquids in his lab at the University of Missouri Medical School, bringing the mixture to a boil on a hot plate.

Missouri physicians warn against bug-borne diseases*
Fox4KC - July 2, 2018
Christelle Ilboudo, an infectious disease physician for University of Missouri Health Care, said she’s seen more patients are coming in with symptoms.
A similar story ran on KOMU.
Dangerous heat: Staying hydrated and checking on the elderly
ABC 17 News - June 29, 2018
"Get in the shade, splash cool water on your face and body and don't hesitate to seek medical help if your symptoms persist or worsen. Physicians at MU Health Care's emergency room are always ready to care for anyone who gets ill during times of extreme heat," Sampson said.

'Never do this again': reporters face harassment
Toronto Star Replica Edition - July 2, 2018
Elizabeth Willis Frogge, an associate professor of broadcast journalism at the Missouri School of Journalism who cofounded the school's student chapter for the Association for Women in Sports Media, recently attended the association's annual convention on sexual harassment.

Capital Gazette shooting shows us we need to support the media for the sake of democracy
The News Leader of Virginia - June 29, 2018
Kathy Kiely is the incoming Lee Hills chair in Free Press Studies at the University of Missouri and the Press Freedom Fellow at National Press Club's nonprofit Journalism Institute.

Missouri’s McCaskill faces critical Supreme Court vote
KRCG News - July 2, 2018
"It’s a difficult situation for her simply because she’s going to get a lot of pressure from the Democratic base to resist any nomination, and at the same time she can’t really portray herself as an obstructionist because she is trying to move to the political middle," University of Missouri-Columbia political scientist Peverill Squire said.

Caregiving Conferences Offer Help, Networking
AARP - June 30, 2018
"Any kind of caregiver really has to take care of themselves as well," said Mary Engram, a human development specialist with the University of Missouri Extension. She leads a committee that plans local conferences.

Kevin McClintock: Local artist creating unique sculpture for Joplin Humane Society
The Joplin Globe - July 1, 2018
According to the University of Missouri Extension, before the introduction of barbed wire, local farmers during the mid-19th Century would plant Osage orange trees so they could quickly grow and form "living fences" that kept livestock from wandering away.
University of Missouri-Kansas City

UMKC helps students find new housing after problems shutter on-campus apartments*
Fox4 – June 29, 2018
Hundreds of UMKC students remain in limbo about where they'll be living this fall. Earlier this year, the university was forced to shut down Oak Place Apartments on campus, which housed up to 500 students.

The Big Winner in the Streetcar Expansion Vote Could Be UMKC Athletics
KC Sports Biz – June 28, 2018
As the battle to gain the attention – and open the wallets – of Kansas City metro residents continues for the UMKC athletics department, a potential new boost to traffic for events on campus for the Roos has come without the department having to spend a penny.

Retiring Kansas City Symphony Musicians Say '36 Years Went By Pretty Fast'
KCUR – June 29, 2018
Marita Abner: “I've been teaching at UMKC (Conservatory of Music and Dance), along with playing in the orchestra, for many years, and I've thrived on it.”

Radiologists favor RADPAC as profession’s political contributions triple
Health Care Business – June 29, 2018
“With the uncertainty regarding healthcare currently, and the increasing political polarization of the country, we essentially wanted to investigate how self-identified radiologists were contributing,” Amy Patel, M.D., medical director of Women’s Imaging at Liberty Hospital and clinical assistant professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, and lead author, told HCB News.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management Board approves grant funds for two local projects
Phelps County Focus - June 29, 2018
Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District (ORSWMD) approved grant funds for the Missouri S&T Eco-Miners and the Rolla Recycling Center in Rolla at its full council meeting on June 12 at MRPC. ... The grant funds provide for the purchase of eight recycling bins to be placed at the football and soccer field on the Missouri S&T campus.

MSSU chemistry professor earns statewide award for excellence in teaching
The Joplin Globe - June 28, 2018
[Lynelle] Gilbert-Saunders received her bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Missouri Southern in 1998. She earned her doctoral degree from Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla and was hired at Missouri Southern in 2006.

Researchers mimic Legos for molecular building blocks, earn $411,000 NSF grant*
Phelps County Focus - June 28, 2018
Scientists at Missouri University of Science and Technology are drawing inspiration from toy building blocks to create fixed molecular units used to accelerate the material discovery process known as rational design. They'll use these “molecular blocks”
to discover highly ionic conductive materials that could be used to make today’s much sought after all-solid-state lithium batteries.

Civil War had benefits for Rolla*
Phelps County Focus - June 28, 2018
There were some benefits to Rolla during the War Between the States, and historian John Bradbury mentioned a couple of them in his talk Friday night at the Curtis Laws Wilson Library on the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

With NorthSide stalled, it’s time to rethink city’s development approach
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - July 1, 2018
“The market was so weak that he was unable to activate it, even with all the subsidies,” said Todd Swanstrom, professor of public policy at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Three Ways Your Entrepreneurial Mindset Can Disrupt Industries
Business.com - June 29, 2018
For instance, at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, we partnered with energy tech startups to create a 12-week accelerator program. By collaborating with these startups, we were able to participate directly in product and service innovations. An open innovation program, on the other hand, would give you the opportunity to discuss industry-specific hurdles with peers. By enrolling in some of these programs, you might uncover customer pain points you hadn't even thought of.

Study reveals how to get over your ex without drinking yourself silly
Techly - July 2, 2018
Researchers from the University of Missouri-St. Louis recently published their findings on breakups in the Journal of Experimental Psychology under the title “Down-regulation of love feelings after a romantic break-up: Self-report and electrophysiological data”.

St. Louis County Sees Dwindling Number of Municipalities
The Associated Press (via U.S. News & World Report) - July 1, 2018
"Suburban municipalities see themselves as different from central cities like St. Louis where conflict prevails, parties compete, and patronage persists,” wrote author E. Terrence Jones, a political science professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. "Government is more about delivering public services efficiently than it is about resolving disputes amicably."

Synthesizing mothers’ milk
Chemical & Engineering News - July 1, 2018
Another chemical automation group, led by Alexei V. Demchenko at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, uses repurposed high-throughput liquid chromatography instruments commonly found in labs (J. Org. Chem. 2016, DOI: 10.1021/acs.joc.6b01439). In one example, his lab was able to make a pentasaccharide compound—which takes weeks to prepare by traditional methods—in one day.

3 Ways to Get Over Your Ex
Psychology Today - June 30, 2018
Though the heart may not be practical, as Baum put it, are there practical strategies people can use to recover from a breakup? This question was the focus of a recent study conducted by Sandra J.E. Langeslag and Michelle Sanchez of the University of Missouri at St. Louis. They reasoned that because enduring feelings of love for an ex-partner can make breaking up so
devastating, it may be helpful to try to diminish the intensity of those feelings. In other words, they recommend falling out of love.

**College Bound: Mitchel Becher**
The Dubois County Herald - June 30, 2018
The first thing the coach said was, “This team isn’t just all about athletics but also academics. We strive to work very hard in the classroom before we get out on the field.” As a player I love this because I feel the main purpose of college is getting prepared for a job in the future. Getting a good education is a must for me and **UMSL** has one of the top nursing programs in the country.

**Quintonio LeGrier was killed by police. A jury awarded his family $1 million. Then a judge took it away.**
Vox - June 29, 2018
David Klinger, a criminologist with the **University of Missouri in St. Louis**, previously told Vox that the first standard allows officers to use lethal force “to protect their life or the life of another innocent party.”

**Homer woman works to bridge art and science**
Home Tribune - June 29, 2018
While in Seward, she also began an educational doctoral program for heritage leadership in education from the **University of Missouri St. Louis**, from which she will graduate next year.

**Higher education**

**The Neglected Implications of Grant Culture**
Inside Higher Ed – July 2, 2018
Much ink has recently been spilled over the problems posed by the grant-mandatory culture, an ethos in which the procurement of external funding is a de facto requirement for many faculty members, especially those in the sciences. In a growing number of academic institutions, tenure, promotion and access to graduate student lines and laboratory space have become difficult or impossible without grants, regardless of one’s levels of scholarly productivity and influence.

**No More Chili Pepper: RateMyProfessors Ditches ‘Hotness’ Ratings**
The Chronicle of Higher Education – June 29, 2018
RateMyProfessors.com, an online forum for students to rate their instructors, this week quietly dropped a prominent and widely criticized category: the chili pepper, denoting a professor’s physical appearance. The website said on Tuesday that it had acted after receiving numerous complaints, from female professors on Twitter, that the symbol is sexist.

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