News Updates

Mizzou notebook: Ex-tutor plans to publish names from her academic fraud accusations
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - July 16, 2018
In a barrage of tweets posted Monday, the NCAA whistle blower said she plans to publish the names of Mizzou “students, classes and (academic) coordinators” connected to the academic fraud accusations she first made in the fall of 2016, along with “the new allegations.”
Similar stories appeared in The Kansas City Star, Fox 2 in St. Louis, Missourinet, Columbia Daily Tribune and KMIZ

Summons issued in former MU track coach Lyles’ lawsuit
Columbia Daily Tribune – July 17, 2018
Summons have been issued in the lawsuit between former Missouri assistant track coach CarJay Lyles and the University of Missouri Board of Curators, Missouri track coach Brett Halter and associate athletics director for compliance Mitzi Clayton.

Judge approves lawsuit against Mizzou for punishing student who asked woman on a date
The College Fix - July 17, 2018
Fittingly, it might be happening at the University of Missouri right now. A federal judge just approved a lawsuit against the beleaguered school by a black doctoral student who was suspended for two years because he made a white student feel “uncomfortable.”

White Oaks to Replace Unsafe Pin Oaks Coming Down On MU Quad*
Columbia Missourian and KBIA - July 16, 2018
Five towering pin oak trees are being cut down on the MU Francis Quadrangle this week.

Five pin oaks to be removed from MU Quad due to poor health*
KOMU.com - July 16, 2018
Work to remove several large pin oaks from Mizzou's Francis Quadrangle began Monday after a recent study showed the trees' health is declining.

MU starts removal of aging oaks from Francis Quadrangle*
Columbia Daily Tribune – July 16, 2018
Pin oaks grow tall and straight. When 20 were planted around the edges of the University of Missouri’s Francis Quadrangle more than 60 years ago, perhaps the idea was to provide a living complement to the columns of the university’s first building that are the school’s iconic symbol.
Positive Pet Benefits*
“Health and Happiness,” NBC News – July 16, 2018
Rebecca Johnson, professor in the MU College of Veterinary Medicine and the Millsap Professor of Gerontological Nursing in the Sinclair School of Nursing, presented the Research Center for Human-Animal Interaction’s program that helps seniors age in place with their pets at TigerPlace.

Could Chernobyl Wolves Be Spreading Mutations?*
MSN.com - July 16, 2018
“We know the wolf population in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone is high,” says first author Michael Byrne, who studies animal movement and ecology at the University of Missouri.

Teens eight times more likely to get in collisions in first three months with license
KRCG News - July 16, 2018
First Impact is a program run by the University of Missouri School of Medicine. The program was founded to reduce collisions involving teens by educating parents about the Graduated Driver's License.

This police chief is a doctor now
St. Joseph News-Press – July 17, 2018
Clarence Green has been the chief of the university’s police force for nearly 20 years. He’s a staple of daily life on campus for students and staff. Now, thanks to a partnership program between Northwest and the University of Missouri, Green is a doctor of education.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

KC police: Man who shot 3 officers was suspect in video before UMKC student's killing
The Kansas City Star – July 16, 2018
Police say Marlin Mack was the man seen in surveillance video at the restaurant prior to the July 6 robbery in which a UMKC student who worked there was killed.

UMKC student’s family awaits final confirmation that loved one’s killer is off the streets
Fox4KC – July 15, 2018
Sharath Koppu’s family is waiting to hear from police to know if they can rest easy knowing they found his killer.

UMKC lauds KC police who ‘risked their lives to pursue justice’ for slain student *
Kansas City Star – July 15, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City reacted with gratitude for Kansas City police officers who put themselves at risk investigating a person of interest in the July 6th shooting of one of its students.
Similar stories appeared in multiple international, national and state media outlets.

‘He just popped up’: Police investigating this man in UMKC student’s killing were ambushed
The Kansas City Star – July 15, 2018
The investigation that led detectives on Sunday to the scene of the first shooting began nine days earlier, when an armed robber shot and killed Sharath Koppu, a 25-year-old student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.
Family, friends gather to remember slain UMKC student *
KSHB – July 14, 2018
Friends and family gathered to remember a UMKC student who was killed July 6 during an armed robbery near 54th Street and Prospect Avenue.

Three Kansas City Police Officers Shot, Suspect In Killing of UMKC Student Dead
KCUR – July 15, 2018
Three Kansas City police officers were shot Sunday afternoon during a hunt for a man they suspected of killing a UMKC student.

Kansas City Communities Express Gratitude To Police As They Mourn UMKC Student *
KCUR – July 15, 2018
Kansas City police confirmed that Sunday’s exchanges of gunfire involved a man suspected of killing University of Missouri-Kansas City student Sharath Koppu on July 6 in Kansas City.

VIDEO: Heart failure presents unique challenges in diabetes
Heallo – July 15, 2018
In a video exclusive, Mikhail Kosiborod, MD, FACC, FAHA, cardiologist at Saint Luke’s Mid America Heart Institute, professor of medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine and co-chair of the Heart in Diabetes meeting, discusses the challenge of heart failure, which has emerged as a major issue in patients with diabetes.

Moving Out But Struggling To Move On
Flatland KC – July 16, 2018
“This group faces limited economic and social capital, which limits the number of opportunities they might find or pursue,” said Damon Guinn, assistant director of the L.P. Cookingham Institute of Urban Affairs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

50 faces, one new direction: Viral self-portraits encourage a career change
The Joplin Globe – July 15, 2018
"It’s changed my career path,” said Skinner, who is currently a communications major with a minor in law enforcement at University of Missouri-Kansas City. Skinner attended elementary and junior high schools in Joplin and Webb City.

Need a road trip excuse? Pick a kid-friendly museum exhibit and drive.
St. Louis Post-Dispatch – July 13, 2018
Organizers worked with the University of Kansas Paleontological Institute and the University of Missouri-Kansas City’s school for geosciences and paleontology, giving the exhibit a local flavor.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Mining Moon Ice: Prospecting Plans Starting to Take Shape
Yahoo! News – July 13
A diverse range of scientists, engineers and mining technologists have begun blueprinting what hardware and missions are required to explore and establish a prospecting campaign for water ice at the poles of Earth's moon..."Most agree that lunar exploration for science, of all types, will benefit from lunar exploration for mineral resources, and vice versa," said Leslie Gertsch, an associate professor in geological engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla.

This article appeared on several national news websites.

Engineer patents cost-effective method to remove endotoxins from fluids Medicine news line*
Medicine News Line – July 13
By some estimates, 18 million people die each year from sepsis triggered by endotoxins – fragments of the outer membranes of bacteria. A biochemical engineer at Missouri University of Science and Technology has patented a method of removing these harmful elements from water and also from pharmaceutical formulations.  

This article appeared on several medical news websites.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Summer Academy strengthens academic standing of St. Louis youth*
UMSL Daily - July 16, 2018
Nia Sumpter was sitting in a University of Missouri–St. Louis office when she had an epiphany.

Eye on UMSL: Rooted in air*
UMSL Daily - July 16, 2018
The Marillac Hall lobby at the University of Missouri–St. Louis has been home to an aeroponic garden tower, featuring such vegetables as swiss chard, as part of a science, technology, engineering and math education project funded by the National Science Foundation.

UMSL well represented in 2018 St. Louis Business Journal 30 under 30 class*
UMSL Daily - July 16, 2018
Three of the honorees at The Caramel Room at Bissinger’s, just north of downtown St. Louis, credit the University of Missouri–St. Louis for helping bolster their career pursuits.

MIMH Professor David Tate honored for his research on traumatic brain injuries*
UMSL Daily - July 16, 2018
Tate, an associate research professor at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, uses the technology as a central part of his research while directing the Brain Imaging and Behavior Laboratory at the Missouri Institute of Mental Health.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

This President Tripled the Size of His University. Here’s How.
The Chronicle of Higher Education – July 15, 2018
Call John C. Hitt a visionary and he’ll chuckle, dub the description "over-the-top phrasing," and deflect it with wry humor. After all, when he arrived in 1992 to serve as president of the University of Central Florida, he says, it was a newish, midsize public commuter campus situated on former agricultural acreage 14 miles from downtown Orlando. There wasn’t much to look at. "You got scrub pine, you got palmetto," he says, a slight drawl betraying his Texas roots. "What would a ‘visionary’ see?"

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