News Updates

Fierce competition continues in student housing market
Columbia Daily Tribune – August 4, 2018
With less than two weeks before almost 30,000 University of Missouri students descend on Columbia, fierce competition that sent one housing property into foreclosure this year continues unabated, with offers of as many as three months of free rent dangled in front of prospective tenants.

MU med school sees fewer students
KMIZ – August 3, 2018
The MU School of Medicine introduced the class of 2022 during a White Coat Ceremony Friday afternoon. Students were given their first white coats at the ceremony, marking their first steps toward becoming physicians.

Residents still hope to save ‘the last KC forest’ despite Park Hill School plans*
The Kansas City Star - August 3, 2018
One species spotted in the forest, the Acadian Flycatcher, was the subject of a recent University of Missouri study that found the songbird is at risk of near-extinction within the century if the climate continues to warm, although habitat restoration may not be enough to save them.

Boone County Historical Society explores real history of fake news
Bonner County Daily Bee of Sandpoint, Idaho - August 5, 2018
"The History of Fake News (and the Importance of the World’s Oldest School of Journalism)" opened Tuesday and will run until January 2019 at the Boone County History and Culture Center. It was curated by Clyde Bentley, an associate professor at University of Missouri School of Journalism, and Chris Campbell, executive director of the historical society.

If Trump Won’t Protect the Free Press Abroad, Maybe America’s J Schools Can
The Washington Monthly - August 6, 2018
Foreign reporters facing intimidation by their governments benefit greatly from fellowships at the University of Missouri and other colleges. So let’s provide more of them.
The University of Missouri will use $149,972 in grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to create conservation demonstration projects for farmers and study the timing of farm activities to reduce erosion.

This year, despite the new changes, more than one million acres of soybeans are estimated to have been damaged by dicamba as of July 15, according to Kevin Bradley, a University of Missouri weed scientist.

Depend on fall rains to bring fall regrowth, said University of Missouri Extension forage agronomist Craig Roberts.

Scott Brown is a livestock economist with the University of Missouri. He grew up on a diversified farm in northwest Missouri.

Over the past three years, state audits have identified more than $300 million in government waste, fraud and mismanagement. That included inappropriate bonus payments made to top administrators in the University of Missouri System, millions of dollars in questionable costs in social safety net programs and $90 million in a billing scheme at a small public hospital in north Missouri.

David Steelman joins St. Louis Public Radio’s Jason Rosenbaum and Jo Mannies to talk about the health of the University of Missouri System, as well as the demise of former Gov. Eric Greitens.
University of Missouri-Kansas City

Which KC hospitals fared best on new sepsis scores? These five for-profit facilities
The Kansas City Star – August 2, 2018
“These numbers unfortunately do not really measure quality of care,” said Jeffrey Hackman, the chief medical information officer for Truman Medical Centers, a teaching hospital for the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

New Tool for Nuclear Fuel Pin Performance Assessment*
Engineering 360 - August 3, 2018
How can the performance and feasibility of the new generation of nuclear reactors and attendant fuels under development be gauged? ... A new tool developed by Missouri University of Science and Technology and Idaho National Laboratory scientists promises to shorten this analytical timeframe.

Missouri S&T student named to UM System governing board*
Columbia Missourian - August 3, 2018
Avery Welker, a doctoral student in engineering at Missouri University of Science & Technology in Rolla, is the new student representative on the UM System Board of Curators.

3D Printing the Next Generation of Li-ion Batteries
Power Pulse - August 3, 2018
Rahul Panat, an associate professor of mechanical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, and a team of researchers from Carnegie Mellon in collaboration with Missouri University of Science and Technology have developed a revolutionary new method of 3D printing battery electrodes that creates a 3D microlattice structure with controlled porosity.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Missouri campaigners gear up for right-to-work vote
The Associated Press (via Miami Herald) - August 5, 2018
University of Missouri-St. Louis political science chair Dave Robertson said it’ll come down to who shows up, since fewer voters usually turn out for August primaries.

Online Bachelor of Liberal Studies program ranked among nation’s best values*
UMSL Daily - August 3, 2018
The University of Missouri-St. Louis online Bachelor of Liberal Studies program is among the best in the nation at giving students more for their money, according to the Best Value Schools website.

3 UMSL alumnae selected for yearlong Japan Exchange and Teaching Program*
UMSL Daily - August 3, 2018
The 2017 graduate of the biology and Japanese programs at the University of Missouri–St. Louis began to weigh her options. She was torn between the two fields of study but quickly realized that participation in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program wasn’t a compromise but a way to blend both passions.

A decade on, Olympics changed China, but not how many hoped
Agence France-Presse (via MalayMail) - August 6, 2018
Instead of changing its ways, Beijing instead countered the criticism by investing more in external public relations, according to Susan Brownell, an expert on the Olympics at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Higher Education

Ohio State Suspended Its Head Football Coach. Does That Show Universities Are Taking a Stronger Stand on Domestic Abuse?
The Chronicle of Higher Education – August 3, 2018
Urban Meyer isn’t the first college football coach accused of mishandling a response to domestic-abuse reports involving one of his assistants.

How Harvard Can Legally Favor Alumni Children and Athletes
Inside Higher Ed – August 6, 2018
The group suing Harvard University over alleged discrimination against Asian American applicants has released documents that it says show unfairness.

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