Mizzou News Updates

Police say talk of stalking and human trafficking in Columbia is unsubstantiated
Columbia Missourian – Aug. 15, 2018
There is no evidence that recent social media posts about stalking and human trafficking in Columbia are true, according to a joint news release from the MU Police Department and the Columbia Police Department. Neither department has received recent reports of human trafficking in the area, according to the release.

Police respond to reports of human trafficking attempts
KOMU – Aug. 15, 2018
The University of Missouri Police Department and the Columbia Police Department issued a joint statement Wednesday calling recent rumors of attempted human trafficking "unsubstantiated." On Sunday, a Twitter thread about a student's possible experience of attempted trafficking in Missouri went viral, and around the same time other posts emerged about the issue in Columbia.

Columbia police: "No recent reports of human trafficking"
KMIZ – Aug. 15, 2018
The University of Missouri Police Department and the Columbia Police Department said there have been no recent reports of human trafficking activity in the Columbia area.

University says safety is the number one priority at Mizzou
KTVI – Aug. 15, 2018
As students move into their dorms and prepare for the school year the University of Missouri leadership say their goal is to ensure school safety. That includes students realizing that safety is also an individual responsibility. Wednesday was move-in day and for some students, it can be one of the most exciting and inspiring times in their life.

City police allocate more resources after Columbia downtown shootings
KMIZ – Aug. 15, 2018
ABC 17 News checked in with the city and University of Missouri to find if any plans are in place to keep people safe this upcoming weekend after the back-to-back weekends of shootings. The city plans to release an update on Aug 15.

University of Missouri students move into residence halls
Columbia Daily Tribune – Aug. 15, 2018
Madeline Boucher brought a few cartloads of things from home for her room in Bluford Residence Hall, but her mom, dad, grandma and hundreds of volunteers were available to help. “I’m super excited,” said Boucher, of Mackinaw, Illinois. "Mizzou is a dream. I’m nervous about leaving my family, but I know I’m going to have a big support system at Mizzou. They’ll be like a second family.”
MU student move-in causes congestion in traffic
KRCG – Aug. 15, 2018
Moving carts were filled up to the brim Wednesday for the University of Missouri’s dorm move-in day. Hundreds of excited students filled the parking lots as they quickly unloaded their cars. For some there were a lot of bittersweet goodbyes, welcomed by fresh hellos.

Climate change means the last call of Missouri songbirds*
Kansas City Star – Aug. 15, 2018
What “nature” means to us is inevitably tied to the form it takes around us. Thomas Bonnot is an assistant research professor in MU’s School of Natural Resources.

MU Health Care plans to take over St. Mary's Hospital
KMIZ – Aug. 15, 2018
University of Missouri Health Care plans on taking over St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City, according to multiple sources close to the deal.

Kids who need help with social skills may learn best together*
Futurity – Aug. 15, 2018
“We know that how you group children together in an intervention situation matters immensely,” says Janine Stichter, professor of special education at the College of Education at the University of Missouri. “However, we have to consider what types of groups work better than others and create the best positive behavior outcomes.”

Student debt crisis: This 28-year-old mom is 'drowning' in $80,000 of debt
ABC News – Aug. 15, 2018
Khallilah Beecham-Watkins and her family celebrated when she became the first person in her family to graduate from college. She did so from her dream school, the University of Missouri. Today, seven years after graduating, Beecham-Watkins, 28, of Chicago, is $80,000 in debt.

One question GOP candidate for Missouri auditor faces: Is she even eligible to run?
Kansas City Star – Aug. 16, 2018
Frank Bowman, a professor at the University of Missouri School of Law, doesn’t think McDowell meets the state Constitution’s residency requirements. Someone can’t be a resident of a place where they’ve never actually lived, he said.

A message from your friends in the free press
Columbia Missourian – Aug. 16, 2018
Today, more than 200 newspapers are joining together to violate one of the cardinal rules of journalism. We are going to state the obvious. Kathy Kiely is the Lee Hills Chair in Free Press Studies at the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Summer Briefing: Leadership and financial changes to shape fall semester
The Maneater – Aug. 15, 2018
Since students departed for summer break in May, MU officials have been hard at work. Here’s a recap of some of the summer’s biggest news updates.

Soy diets may improve women’s bone strength*
Lake News Online, Camdenton, MO – Aug. 15, 2018
Researchers from the University of Missouri now have discovered through a new animal study that soy protein found in food might counter the negative effects of menopause on bone and metabolic health. Moreover, the researchers believe that soy protein might also have positive impacts on bone strength for women who have not yet reached menopause.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

*Children who lived with smokers are more likely to die of lung disease as adults, study says*

The Washington Post – Aug. 16, 2018

“There is evidence that secondhand smoke is even more detrimental than smoking. A lot of cigarettes have filters. So it [secondhand smoke] can be more detrimental in that regard,” said Geetha Raghuveer, a pediatric cardiologist at the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Medicine.

*Accelerated learning courses prep metro HS students for college and career success*

WDAF – Aug. 15, 2018

Now, students with an interest in other disciplines will have similar opportunities thanks to a new partnership with UMKC. The Blue Springs School District is now offering pre-law and pre-dental classes.

*Student Life At UMKC*

KBIA – Aug. 15, 2018

UMKC has a reputation as a "commuter school" where the majority of students live off campus. But with new dorms and a student union, the university has made a lot of investments in campus life. As a new school year begins, we learn what goes into creating a thriving student life on campus.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

*Missouri S&T, Missouri State to Expand Engineering Degrees*

Missouri Ag Connection - 08/16/2018

Students at the state's second-largest public university will soon be able to pursue an additional undergraduate engineering degree as part of an expanded agreement with the nation's first technological institution west of the Mississippi River. For the past decade, Missouri State University has offered courses in civil engineering and electrical engineering on its Springfield campus taught by faculty from Missouri University of Science and Technology and Missouri State.

*An extra-special welcome to Phelps County*

Phelps County Focus – August 16

Way back in 1971 a group of people from the non-denominational Christian churches here in Rolla acquired a house at 1208 Pine Street for the purpose of reaching out to university students; offering Christian fellowship, encouragement and Bible study. Since then the Christian Campus Fellowship (CCF) has impacted the lives of literally thousands of Missouri S&T students; providing solid Bible teaching, fellowship and housing hundreds of students—both young men and women.

*Lusk becomes Dyno Nobel’s new vice president*

Aggregates Manager - August 15

Nobel announced that Braden Lusk joined the company as vice president DynoConsult and applications technology, effective Aug. 1, 2018. Braden comes to Dyno Nobel with extensive technical experience in the blasting and explosives industry and is considered an industry leader in his field. In addition to earning bachelor’s and doctorate degrees in mining engineering from
the Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Braden has been the professor and chair of mining and nuclear engineering at Rolla since 2016.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Woman says she was denied job in Chesterfield because name too 'ghetto'; company says it was hacked*
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - August 14, 2018
Jianli Pan, a professor in the cybersecurity program at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, said this case was not likely "a high-tech hacking event" but an internal break-in of the system by someone familiar with how the company works.

Extensive undergraduate involvement inspires Yaniv Dudaie’s return to MBA program*
UMSL Daily - August 15, 2018
The six-week volunteer mission was split into three distinct stops – an orphanage, an elephant sanctuary and a school. Each exposed Dudaie, a May graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, to his privilege back home.

Tong-Wielding ‘Trash Runners’ Fight Litter in Shanghai
CityLab - August 15, 2018
Ryan Krull teaches in the Department of Communication and Media at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He was a 2018 Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Fellow.

Higher Education

5 Helpful Media Engagement Tips for Academics
Inside Higher Education – Aug. 16, 2018
In an era of growing political polarization and partisan distrust of many media outlets, it is more important than ever for academics to share their expertise with journalists and the public. Yet although a growing number of colleges and funding agencies are rewarding (if not expecting) academics to interact with members of the media, few of us feel comfortable doing so right out of the gate.

New Disclosures About an NYU Professor Reignite a War Over Gender and Harassment
The Chronicle of Higher Education – Aug. 15, 2018
When word broke that Avital Ronell, a professor of German and comparative literature at New York University, had been suspended for sexually harassing a male graduate student, skeptics of the #MeToo movement pounced.

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