Mizzou News Updates

Mizzou chancellor speaks to public on year anniversary*  
KMIZ – Aug. 21, 2018
Mizzou chancellor Alexander Cartwright will address highlights and future actions at the university as he marks his one-year anniversary Wednesday. As Mizzou students head back to classes this week, early numbers from the school show this year’s freshman class is about 540 students larger than last year, the largest relative, single-year jump in enrollment in a decade.

University of Missouri Sees Hopeful Sign in Enrollment Stats*  
U.S. News and World Report – Aug. 21, 2018
The University of Missouri’s flagship campus in Columbia has recorded its lowest total enrollment in more than a decade, but a surge of freshmen has officials encouraged that the school appears poised to move past the slump that followed race-related protests. This story ran in many Associated Press outlets, including The Kansas City Star.

MU researchers create specialized delivery methods to treat cancer*  
BBC World Service "Newsday" Program – Aug. 21, 2018
Donald Burke-Aguero, Professor & Interim Chair Dept Molecular Microbiology & Immunology Joint appointments in Dept Biochemistry, Dept Biological Engineering appeared on BBC to discuss the specialized nucleic acid-based nanostructures he and his team developed that could be used to target cancer cells while bypassing normal cells. Note: Interview begins at 22:30.

West Texas Vineyards Blasted By Herbicide Drift From Nearby Cotton Fields  
National Public Radio, “Morning Edition” Program – Aug. 21, 2018
The problem is that these chemicals are more likely to drift into other fields than the older weedkillers did. That is causing a crisis that has swept across agricultural lands nationwide. Last month, University of Missouri researchers said states have reported more than 600 complaints about damage to soybeans and other kinds of plants.

Will your retirement make the grade?  
Hannibal Courier-Post, Hannibal, MO – Aug. 21, 2018
Some might delay retirement planning because thinking about their options leaves them feeling confused or overwhelmed, said Cynthia Crawford, a University of Missouri Extension financial planning specialist and extension professor in MU’s College of Human Environmental Sciences. Others say they aren’t earning enough to set aside money every month, and they tell themselves they’ll get to it when they have more time and money.

UM System Update

Missouri S&T begins nationwide chancellor search*  
KMIZ – Aug. 21, 2018
“Missouri S&T is an integral part of our UM System, and its success contributes significantly to the success of the entire state,” UM System President Mun Choi said in the release. “We are confident that we will be able to generate a broad, high-quality pool
of candidates from a national audience based on the tremendous strength and reputation of this institution as well as the efforts of our in-house recruitment staff and nominations from our community, campus leadership and committee members.”

Hank’s View: MU Health contemplates expansion
Columbia Daily Tribune – Aug. 21, 2018

University of Missouri Health Care is negotiating to buy hospitals owned by SSM Health in Jefferson City and Mexico as well as outpatient, home care and medical group operations in the region. Last year, SSM began serious consideration how best to assure the future of its regional hospitals. Now the Catholic organization indicates it will continue to serve the needs of its communities without owning hospitals.

Area SSM hospitals lost millions in recent years
Columbia Daily Tribune – Aug. 21, 2018

Any purchase would ultimately be up to the UM System Board of Curators. The hospital has grown to where it now produces about half of the total revenue of the entire university system. Surpluses generated by the hospital must be used to benefit the taxpayers that own it, board member Maurice Graham said.

MU Healthcare plans to use reserve funds to buy two mid-Missouri hospitals
KOMU – Aug. 21, 2018

MU Healthcare said Tuesday it will not use taxpayer dollars as it explores acquiring hospitals in Audrain and Cole counties. SSM Health confirmed last week it is in talks with MU Health to transfer ownership of St. Mary's hospitals in Jefferson City and Mexico.

Timeline still unclear on deal between MU Health and SSM
KMIZ – Aug. 21, 2018

It’s still unclear when a final deal could be reached between University of Missouri Health and SSM Health. MU Health CEO Jonathan Curtright provided a brief update on the negotiations at the Board of Curators' Health Affairs meeting Tuesday, telling reporters they are about to embark on the "due diligence" phase.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

The Journey Begins Now*
UMKC Today – Aug. 20, 2018
Loud cheers, a spirit squad and plenty of excitement made this year’s convocation event the ultimate kickoff for new Roos beginning the academic year at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

UMKC Activates Smart Campus With CityPost*
UMKC Today – Aug. 20, 2018
New school year, new technology. The University of Missouri-Kansas City is the first university in the U.S. to install CityPost digital kiosks.

Cornbread Buffet mixes food with entrepreneurship for UMKC students
Kansas City Business Journal – Aug. 20, 2018
Cornbread Buffet is mixing food with entrepreneurship thanks to a partnership with the University of Missouri-Kansas City, UMKC’s Regnier Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and the Full Employment Council.

KC Streetcar advances plans for Main Street Extension to UMKC
KSHB – Aug. 20, 2018
The KC Streetcar project team announced Monday it will advance plans to use outside-running line placement and has refined streetcar stops for the Main Street Extension to UMKC. This news was covered by other Kansas City television stations.

Streetcar sets alignments for Main Street extension
Kansas City Business Journal – Aug. 20, 2018
The Kansas City streetcar project team selected the lane alignments for the streetcar's extension south along Main Street. The 3.5-mile route will run from Union Station to the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Volker Campus, with eight new stops being added.

Theater department merges with conservatory
University News – Aug. 21, 2018
Last spring, UMKC faculty voted to merge the Department of Theatre into the Conservatory of Music and Dance in an effort to enhance both programs.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Top 25 STEM Colleges 2018
Forbes – Aug. 21, 2018
Colleges and universities whose curricula emphasize STEM—science, technology, engineering and mathematics—rank high on FORBES’ list of America’s Top Colleges. The No. 1 STEM school, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is No. 4 on our national list… 25. Missouri University of Science and Technology

Ice may lurk on the moon’s surface in hundreds of locations — and it could be the 'first step in building a space economy'
San Francisco Gate – Aug. 21, 2018
Shadowy craters near the moon's poles may hide untold reserves of ice — an incredibly precious resource in space — within reach of robotic and human explorers. Leslie Gertsch, a geological and mining engineer at the Missouri University of Science and Technology, called the new data sophisticated and specific — though not a surprise.

Chemist Rolls the Dice to Better Identify Chiral Molecules in Drugs - Science and Technology Research News*
Science and Technology Research News – Aug. 21, 2018
"High risk, high reward" is the kind of discovery Dr. Garry Grubbs seeks with a new experiment designed to rapidly identify the atomic structure of chiral molecules widely used in pharmaceutical drugs. The finding could significantly reduce the time and costs involved in pharmaceutical development and manufacturing. Grubbs, an assistant professor of chemistry at Missouri S&T, ...

Missouri S&T first-day enrollment at 8,416*
Phelps County Focus – Aug. 21, 2018
Enrollment on the first day of classes at Missouri University of Science and Technology is 8,416, which is down slightly from the previous year's first-day total of 8,695.

Hilmas named chair of materials science and engineering at Missouri S&T*
Phelps County Focus – Aug. 21, 2018
Dr. Gregory E. Hilmas, a ceramic engineer and leading expert in methods to create more durable, next-generation materials, has been named chair of materials science and engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Is China a developed country? A long (and better) answer
Inkstone – Aug. 20, 2018
The short answer is, "not really." But why settle for less when the reality is much more complicated – and fascinating?... It’s no secret to scholars that the label "developing country" alone is simply inadequate to describe China and capture its economic development and real power. "Traditional indicators of developing or developed status do not tell the whole story of China’s transformation," says Alanna Krolikowski, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Last chance to see Civil War-inspired art at S&T*
Phelps County Focus – Aug. 20, 2018
The community’s last chance to view an art gallery of Civil War impression paintings and learn about the Civil War in the Ozarks will be at the closing reception for the summer-long art display and lecture series at Missouri University of Science and Technology.
Kaleidoscope celebrates half a decade of discovery
Rolla Daily News – Aug. 20, 2018
The Kaleidoscope Discover Center (KDC) recently celebrated half a decade of promoting ESTEAM concepts in the community, sharing their mission of creating activities grounded in science, technology, the environment, arts and mathematics... In March of this year, The KDC also solidified their relationship with Missouri S&T by signing a Memorandum of Understanding alongside Interim Chancellor Dr. Chris Maples, which allows the university to officially support the center in their efforts to promote ESTEAM interest and activities in the area.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

How To Land A Job At A Startup
Forbes – Aug. 21, 2018
While you should focus on your biggest why to hook hiring managers, your complete application should highlight a range of skills. For instance, there’s currently an uptick in businesses hiring software engineers, but as Dan Lauer, founding executive director of UMSL Accelerate, a St. Louis entrepreneurial resource, explains, “Not all would-be startup engineers understand the realities of entrepreneurship in the Midwest: One great skill isn’t enough. Because all employees have the chance to be a big part of the company’s future, everyone from engineers to salespeople needs to know a little bit of everything.”

Ameren Accelerator Provides A Multi-Purpose Approach To Innovation And Education
EQ – Aug. 21, 2018
The program, established in 2017, is designed to provide a win-win-win for UMSL students, entrepreneurs and Ameren itself while fostering innovation in the energy industry.

Dr. Rick and Anita R. White to co-chair Charmaine Chapman Leadership Society, African-American philanthropic group raised record $3.8M for United Way in 2017
The St. Louis American – Aug. 21, 2018
Anita White spent her career in IT and finance, including serving as faculty at California State University Fresno and as an adjunct assistant professor at University of Missouri-St. Louis’ School of Business.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

On Twitter, Students Want to Know: How Many Retweets for a Full-Ride Scholarship?
Chronicle of Higher Education – Aug. 21, 2018
Among other things, Layton Newberry had chicken nuggets on his mind this month when he posed a simple question to the University of Arizona’s Twitter account: How many retweets for a full ride?

Silent Sam No Longer Stands. But the Saga of UNC’s Confederate Statue Is Far From Over.
Chronicle of Higher Education – Aug. 21, 2018
On Tuesday morning, Michelle Brown walked across the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She slowed her pace near a lush green plaza. There, the recent graduate saw in daylight what she had been working toward for years: a vista with no Silent Sam looming over her.

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