Mizzou News Updates

Do you dip? Vape? Don't do it at Mizzou. University announces ban on all tobacco use*
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - August 28, 2018
University of Missouri-Columbia administrators want tobacco users to empty their lips and power down their e-cigarettes when they step onto the state's flagship campus. Similar stories appeared in multiple Associated Press outlets including the Springfield News-Leader and KY3 in Springfield.

University of Missouri to expand tobacco ban*
Columbia Daily Tribune - August 28, 2018
The University of Missouri will ban the possession and use of all tobacco products on the Columbia campus, expanding a ban on smoking and the use of e-cigarettes in place since 2013.

All forms of tobacco use now banned from MU's campus*
Columbia Missourian - August 28, 2018
As of Aug. 20, the MU campus is to be entirely tobacco-free, MU Chancellor Alexander Cartwright announced in an email Tuesday morning.

MU is fully tobacco-free with new policy*
KOMU - August 28, 2018
The University of Missouri announced a new tobacco policy Tuesday, banning all tobacco products from campus. Similar stories appeared on KMIZ, KRCG and KBIA.

Illinois' new in-state tuition deal not a concern for MU
Columbia Missourian - August 28, 2018
MU's top financial aid administrator doesn't think a new University of Illinois tuition affordability program will hurt enrollment on the Columbia campus.

MU IT department rids email system of phishing scam
KOMU – August 28, 2018
Millions of emails flooded inboxes across MU's campus Tuesday, after someone used a student’s email address to spread a phishing scam.
How on-off relationships could seriously impact your mental health*
Yahoo Style UK - August 29, 2018
New research from University of Missouri-Columbia has looked into the negative impacts, and the lead researcher has even gone as far as to conclude those in on-off relationships should seriously considering ending it if they can’t "stabilize". Similar stories appeared in more than 150 national and international media outlets.

Drought, dicamba take center stage at field day
St. Joseph News Press - August 28, 2018
Andy Luke, a master’s student in plant sciences at University of Missouri — Columbia, said growers may want to consider conducting trials if they suspect carryover of herbicide to cover crop fields that once featured soybeans. Lack of moisture this season is the culprit that prevents a breakdown of herbicides in the fields.

Paul Pepper: Dr. Anand Chockalingam, "Extra Weight on the Body, Extra Stress on the Heart"*
KBIA - August 28, 2018
Extra weight may affect the heart's normal operation, but Dr. Andand Chocklingam, MU Health Care, says that shedding those unwanted pounds by simply dieting isn’t the answer.

Advocates, drivers say newer 15-passenger vans less dangerous
41 Action News - August 28, 2018
Both federal agencies and safety advocates have warned of dangers with the vehicles for years, including rollover propensity and low use of seat belts. Such warnings led the University of Missouri to prohibit the purchase of 15-passenger vans, while the Boy Scouts of America prohibits use of vans made before 2005.

Sinquefields donate $50 million for St. Louis University research, largest gift in school's history
Columbia Missourian - August 28, 2018
This isn't their first major gift to a university, either. In 2015, they donated $10 million to the University of Missouri for a new music building on its Columbia campus. Similar stories appeared in multiple statewide media outlets.

University of Missouri System
Graduate workers’ hold annual protest on the Quad
The Maneater - August 28, 2018
For the fourth year in a row, the Coalition of Graduate Workers held a protest for graduate workers’ rights Aug. 22 on the Francis Quadrangle. The protest occurs near the anniversary of the August 2015 dispute between graduate workers and MU where workers’ subsidized health care was withdrawn, according to CGW Outreach Officer Nicholas Brothers. However, this year’s protests took place nearly two months after the UM Board of Curators chose to appeal a district court ruling recognizing graduate workers’ right to unionize.

Missouri University of Science and Technology
Missouri S&T researcher designs DNA-assembled electronic circuits for miniaturization of computers*

IT News Online – August 27
A researcher at Missouri University of Science and Technology continues her exploration of self-assembled DNA nanostructures with a project to fabricate a new generation of molecular electronic circuits that would allow for the unprecedented miniaturization of computers and other electronic devices.

Biomaterials expert Convertine joins Missouri S&T*

Phelps County Focus – August 27
Dr. Anthony J. Convertine, a biomedical engineer whose research seeks to tap polymer science to unlock the next steps in advancing drug delivery systems, has been named a Roberta and G. Robert Couch Assistant Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Independent candidate will be on Missouri U.S. Senate ballot in November

MissouriNet – August 28
The Missouri U.S. Senate race now has an independent candidate. Kansas City-based attorney Craig O'Dear announced Monday that he’s been cleared for the November election... He graduated from the Missouri University of Science & Technology, and with a law degree from Vanderbilt University.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Missouri News: Francis Howell English language arts teachers named 2019 Missouri Teacher of the Year, Shelly Parks
STL News - August 28, 2018
After transitioning to Francis Howell North in August 2002, she eventually earned a master’s degree in secondary education/English from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2007.

'If it can happen to me, it can happen to you'
Mata Press Service (via Asian Pacific Post) - August 28, 2018
"It's a lesson we all learned in kindergarten: don't tell a lie," said the study’s co-author Ho Kim, assistant professor of digital and social media marketing at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. "It's not surprising, but a lot of people spread fake news. When it's uncovered as fake news, it brings lasting reputational damage for the offender," he said in a statement.

Higher Education

Colleges Say They Prepare Students for a Career, Not Just a First Job. Is That True?
The Chronicle of Higher Education – August 28, 2018
About 60 percent of executives and hiring managers think that most college graduates are prepared to succeed in entry-level positions. But only a third of executives, and a quarter of hiring managers, believe graduates have the skills and knowledge to advance or be promoted.

Tweeting on the Front Lines
Inside Higher Education – August 29, 2018
As floodwaters from Hurricane Matthew surged through Flagler College’s campus in 2016, Holly Hill, director of web and new media services for the Florida institution, realized she had a problem. Thousands of students, faculty and staff were turning to social media for information and help. But Hill and the one other colleague responsible for manning the college’s social media accounts couldn’t keep up.
*Story generated by efforts of the university’s PR team.*