Mizzou News Updates

**Judge rules against professor who wants to bring his gun to campus**
MSN—September 8, 2018
Hey, Mizzou law professor, for now you have to leave your gun at home.

**Controversial Bird scooters still remain in Columbia weeks after its inception**
ABC17—September 9, 2018
There was controversy at the start when a University of Missouri spokesman said he reached out to a Bird representative to voice concerns about the new scooter, but he said the meeting was unproductive.

**MU professor uses 'veil of darkness' method to distinguish racial disparity from bias**
Columbia Missourian—September 10, 2018
After years of saying the Columbia Police Department doesn't have a racial bias problem, Columbia Police Chief Ken Burton received backup from an MU professor last month.

**MU Introduces Safety App Tracking Real-Time User Location**
KBIA—September 7, 2018
MU is introducing a new safety app that tracks user locations in real time. The Rave Guardian allows family and friends to follow a user's location until they've reached their destination safely.

**Missouri Hyperloop Coalition draws on MU students’ ideas**
Columbia Daily Tribune—September 8, 2018
"We want to connect the hyperloop to Columbia and we want to get your input on how best we do that,” Virgin Hyperloop One senior tunnel engineer Tony Bauer told the room of 100-plus MU students Thursday night.

**Military-grade emergency bleeding kits placed on MU's campus**
ABC 17—September 7, 2018
The University of Missouri has placed 125 "Stop the Bleed" kits around campus in case of blood loss and trauma during events such as emergencies, injuries, bombings and mass shootings.

**MU School of Medicine announces gift to "Stop the Bleed"**
KOMU—September 7, 2018
The University of Missouri School of Medicine announced Friday it received a $100,000 gift to purchase and place "Stop the Bleed" kits throughout the MU campus to used in emergency situations.

**Mid-Missouri Business Week: MU Health combats nursing shortage**
As a nursing shortage continues across the nation, the University of Missouri Health System is working to find creative ways to attract and retain workers.

UA falls to 78 in colleges' rankings
Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette — September 10, 2018
Public university rankings for schools in nearby states showed Texas A&M University ranked in a tie for 24th, the University of Tennessee ranked in a tie for 52nd, the University of Oklahoma ranked in a tie for 58th and the University of Missouri ranked in a tie for 61st. Louisiana State University ranked in a tie for 70th.

UA reports record graduation rate
Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette — September 8, 2018
The six-year graduation rate at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville increased to a record-high 65.5 percent, according to data provided by the university. For students entering in 2011, the University of Missouri reported a six-year graduation rate of 68 percent.

Is getting back together with your ex bad for you?*
New Jersey Herald — September 9, 2018
"A pattern of breaking up and getting back together with the same partner -- what we refer to as 'relationship cycling' -- was associated with increased symptoms of depression and anxiety," says study co-author Kale Monk, an assistant professor of human development and family science at the University of Missouri, according to TIME.

The long, long history — and bright future — of the genderless 'they'
The Boston Globe — September 5, 2018
In 2013, Jo Herrera, then a student at the University of Missouri, became the first transgender candidate for the school’s Homecoming Court. When the university’s award-winning paper reported on the campaign, Herrera made history a second time — as the first person described in The Missourian as preferring the personal pronoun “they.”

The dad who feeds his son burgers almost every day
BBC News — September 10, 2018
Getting in touch with scientists at the University of Missouri who were doing research on plant-based meat substitutes, he began working with them on creating a viable product.

Now an official 'tree campus,' MU looks for ways to branch out
Columbia Missourian — September 7, 2018
When they saw that MU — the grounds of which make up the Mizzou Botanic Garden — wasn’t on the program’s list, they decided to work toward that designation.

Mizzou fans battle weather to keep tailgating tradition alive
KRCG — September 8, 2018
The rain Saturday morning didn’t stop Mizzou tailgaters from cheering on the Tigers against the Wyoming Cowboys.

Study uncovers impacts of low soybean prices
St. Joseph News-Press — September 7, 2018
The Missouri Soybean Association said the study was completed in partnership with the University of Missouri’s Commercial Agriculture Program and University Extension, and tracks the projected economic losses at both the county and congressional district levels.

Day Trippin’: MU Extension holding spirits industry tour
Lake News Online — September 8, 2018
Openings remain for the second annual University of Missouri Extension White Oak, Whiskey and Wine Tour on Saturday, October 13. The all-day tour toasts the state’s unique contributions to the wine and whiskey industries.

University of Missouri System

Missouri Influencers say businesses, unions ‘need each other’ for economic growth
Kansas City Star—September 10, 2018
Phil Snowden, University of Missouri Board of Curators member, former state lawmaker: “I guess the thing I always come back to is that people need to communicate, and it never hurts to sit down and talk no matter what the subject is and try to listen to all sides.”

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Top 8 Events*
UMKC Today—September 7, 2018
UMKC has it all: Sports, theatre, live performances.

Biology Students Further Research and Relationships*
UMKC Today—September 6, 2018
Through its unique expertise and deep connections, UMKC offers its students valuable opportunities.

In fight against cancer, UMKC’s Sam Humphreys determined to return to golf
Golfweek—September 7, 2018
Sam Humphreys, a redshirt senior at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, discovered over the summer he had testicular cancer. Doctors told the competitive Humphreys that he probably wouldn’t be able to practice until the middle of November. On Sept. 3 he began work on his short game. “I’m a little early,” he said. “Doctors over-exaggerate stuff.” The uber-upbeat Humphreys spreads his message of hope on Twitter, where UMKC started the hashtag #SamStrong.

Midtown site emerges as likely contender for UMKC conservatory
Kansas City Business Journal—September 6, 2018
With Downtown out of the picture, an adaptive reuse project near Midtown might house a new conservatory for the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Editor’s Notebook: Crossroads loses conservatory; sails lose some wind
Kansas City Business Journal—September 6, 2018
When the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce rolled out its Big 5 ideas in 2011, the list was filled with weighty, important initiatives for the region. But two generated more immediate buzz than the others: making Kansas City “the nation’s most entrepreneurial city” and building a new University of Missouri-Kansas City conservatory in the Crossroads Arts District.

UMKC Theatre Announces Season And Directors
KC Applauds—September 6, 2018
Known for high-quality productions and successful collaborations with Kansas City and nationwide theatre companies and ranked by Hollywood Reporter as having the #17 best graduate acting program in the English-speaking world as well as being selected one of the top 10 Costume Design and Technology programs in the country, UMKC Theatre announces its 2018-19 season.

Pay for school, skip the rent: Why one UMKC student decided to go homeless
University News – September 6, 2018
Affordable housing as a college student can be hard to find. But would you be willing to sleep in your car to save a few bucks? That’s just what part-time student Erica, 19, is doing.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Missouri S&T Observatory to host September Visitors’ Night*
Phelps County Focus - September 7, 2018
The public is invited to view the planet Saturn through Missouri University of Science and Technology’s 16-inch-diameter telescope on Monday, Sept. 17.

Missouri S&T to celebrate Constitution Day*
Phelps County Focus - September 7, 2018
The public is invited to celebrate national Constitution Day at an event hosted by Missouri University of Science and Technology.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor offers lessons from her life to sold-out Touhill audience*
UMSL Daily - September 7, 2018
Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor had a last-minute request before taking her seat on stage Thursday evening at the University of Missouri–St. Louis’ Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center.

Rachel Winograd directing efforts that are stemming opioid overdoses by increasing access to evidence-based services*
UMSL Daily - September 9, 2018
“It was still an increase, but based on what you would predict, we’re seeing progress,” said Rachel Winograd, an assistant professor of research at the University of Missouri–St. Louis’ Missouri Institute of Mental Health who leads the Missouri Opioid State Targeted Response grant. “We know what works. We’re following the lead of states that have been dealing with the heroin epidemic for longer than we have and have deployed more innovative and progressive approaches that really work. We’re leveraging those insights and adding novel programs here in the Midwest.”

MU professor uses ‘veil of darkness’ method to distinguish racial disparity from bias
Columbia Missourian - September 10, 2018
Among the report’s critics are Race Matters, Friends and a criminologist from St. Louis. The advocacy group says Mlyo and the city keep changing the subject — the problem is systemic racism and not individual bias among police officers — and Richard Rosenfeld, of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, has questions about the “veil of darkness” method itself.

Monday: The impact of climate change in St. Louis*
St. Louis Public Radio - September 7, 2018
On Monday’s St. Louis on the Air, host Don Marsh will speak with Andrew Hurley, history professor of the University of Missouri – St. Louis, about his examination of the climate from a historical perspective in St. Louis.

McClellan: Is an expensive new light-rail line the best option? Let the millennials decide
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - September 8, 2018
One thing our region has always done well is conduct studies. I’m serious. It has long been one of our strengths. We definitely need another one now. The mayor can appoint a couple of millennials. So, too, can the St. Louis County executive and the St. Clair County executive. Maybe they could travel to a few cities to see what’s working and what isn’t. They can talk to a few experts. The Business Journal quoted Ray Mundy, University of Missouri-St. Louis professor of transportation studies. (He seemed skeptical about the expansion plans.)

Tompkins Cortland Community College Inaugurates Orinthia Montague
The Cortland Voice - September 7, 2018
Montague earned a Bachelor of Arts in interpersonal communication from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri; a Master of Arts in counseling from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri; and a Doctorate degree in higher education administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in St. Louis, Missouri.

Five Black Scholars Taking on New Assignments
The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education - September 7, 2018
Maurice Dawson has been appointed director of the National Center of Academic Excellence for Cyber Security and assistant professor at Illinois Institute of Technology. Previously he was an assistant professor of information systems and cyber security at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

ICYMI: De Soto hires Melkus as city manager; mayor resigns
Leader Newspapers - September 9, 2018
He is a Jefferson College graduate and earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

OPRF approves pay increase, additional vacation days for superintendent
Chicago Tribune - September 8, 2018
Pruitt-Adams earned her doctorate in educational policy and leadership from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in May 2015, and also served as an adjunct professor at the university.

Missouri S&T to celebrate Constitution Day
Phelps County Focus - September 7, 2018
As part of the celebration, Dr. Dave Robertson, Curators’ Teaching Professor of political science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) and the 2016 Maxwell C. Weiner Distinguished Professor of Humanities at Missouri S&T, will discuss the creation of the U.S. Constitution and how it was formed through battle and compromise. Robertson will also talk about how the Constitution made it difficult to assemble majorities large enough to let the government act.

Tarlton Building Out Innovation Hall At 4220 Duncan Ave.
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - September 7, 2018
Founded in 2002 through a collaboration of Washington University in St. Louis, BJC Healthcare, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Saint Louis University, and the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Cortex Innovation Community (CortexSTL.com) is a nationally and internationally recognized hub of innovation and technology commercialization.

Higher Education

The 'U.S. News' Rankings' (Faux?) Embrace of Social Mobility
Inside Higher Ed — September 10, 2018
For years, critics of the college rankings of U.S. News & World Report have said that they reward prestige and wealth. The institutions that are always on the top of the rankings -- places like Harvard, Princeton and Stanford Universities -- enroll students who are destined to succeed, the critics say. It should be no surprise (and not worthy of praise) that the students then do well.

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