One factor among many, MU's national ranking continues to slide
Columbia Missourian - September 13, 2018

Increasing enrollment numbers and improving the school’s public image remain on the front burner, and national rankings can affect both. MU understands some students and their families look at the rankings, but prospective students and parents also focus on the strength of academic programs and meaningful employment post-graduation, MU spokeswoman Liz McCune said in an email.

'Sometimes it's not in our hands': Athletic department looks within, to past to ensure player safety
Columbia Missourian - September 13, 2018

Rex Sharp is constantly preparing, and he has a good reason for it. “I can never guarantee that something might not happen,” Missouri’s head athletic trainer said. “It scares me. It always has. I can never guarantee that. But I will tell you this: It won’t be for a lack of preparation.” Sharp can’t guarantee that something won’t happen because in July of 2005, something did happen. A redshirt freshman, Aaron O’Neal, collapsed during a voluntary offseason workout at Memorial Stadium. Two hours later, the linebacker from St. Louis was dead.

Study: 60 percent of breast cancer patients receive diagnosis by phone*
CBS Philadelphia - September 13, 2018

A new study from the University of Missouri School of Medicine shows that when it comes to breast cancer diagnoses the majority of women receive the news from their doctors over the phone. Similar story ran on KBIA.

New Scanner At MU Could Help Food Shortages*
KBIA – September 13, 2018

September is National Hunger Action Month, a month dedicated to fighting food insecurity. With the help of a new PET/CT scanner, MU researchers are approaching food insecurity from a new angle. In addition to helping doctors diagnose cancer and other diseases, the scanner could help plant scientists create pest-resistant types of corn in efforts to solve global food shortages.

Off-label use of antipsychotics higher in nursing homes with lower registered nurse staffing, MU study finds*
Centralia Fireside Guard – September 14, 2018

Now, new research from the University of Missouri has found that increased staffing of registered nurses in Missouri nursing homes is associated with lower use of antipsychotics.

Southwest Research Center breaks ground on new ag building*
Joplin Globe – September 14, 2018

The University of Missouri Southwest Research Center broke ground Thursday on an almost $1.3 million conference center.
The building will offer a larger conference room for meetings and events as well as more advanced technological equipment. "We are very fortunate that the university has made that investment here," said David Cope, superintendent of the research center.

Death by a Thousand Charges: A Q&A With Devin Fergus

In Land of the Fee: Hidden Costs and the Decline of the American Middle Class, University of Missouri history professor Devin Fergus reveals an increasingly stark pattern of economic exploitation through charges, fines, and interest.

At Kansas City's Truman Library, Artists Drop A Replica Bomb For World Peace

“...we understand that it’s evil to indiscriminately kill mass civilians, and yet our attitude toward nuclear war is shaped by events of the past, and Truman didn’t have those events to draw upon,” says Phong Nguyen, a professor and chair of the writing department at the University of Missouri.

College ambassadors program helps comfort Boone Hospital Center patients

Meyers and her twin sister, Lauren Meyers, both began volunteering with Boone Hospital Center through its college ambassador program last April. Both pre-nursing sophomores at MU, they’ve resumed volunteering this semester after summer vacation.

University of Missouri System

Senate committee moves appointments to chamber floor

The work lasted more than two-and-a-half hours before the senators voted unanimously approved to pass the appointments out of committee in a single vote. Avery J. Welker, as a student representative to the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

UMKC chancellor talks vision, research — and cowboy boots*

After 27 years in San Antonio, Mauli Agrawal decided to move from his longtime home for a job at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Two sets of St. Louis sisters competing Tuesday on ‘Family Feud’

Sejla Turnadzic, a third-year medical student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, is a big fan of the show.

UMKC grad from Kenya brings opportunity back home through new computer schools

He’s spent more than $12,000 of his own money to create a place of learning halfway around the world.
Missouri University of Science and Technology

Missouri S&T’s fintech programs prepare business, IT students to stay competitive*
Phelps County Focus – Sept. 13
Global financial systems are undergoing major transformations with the advent of financial technology or “fintech” – new technologies that link information systems and finance. *Missouri University of Science and Technology* is one of the schools spearheading the movement by offering undergraduate and graduate fintech programs this fall.

Missouri S&T dedicates Rolla mural for public display*
Phelps County Focus – Sept. 13
*Missouri University of Science and Technology* will officially dedicate the “Rolla Mural,” a work of art that depicts more than 100 years of local history, during a public ceremony at 4 p.m. Oct. 4, followed by a reception on the second floor of the Curtis Laws Wilson Library at 400 W. 14th S…

Collier County schools to host annual college night at Golden Gate High
Naples Daily News – Sept. 13
Collier schools will host their annual college night Monday, Sept. 17, at Golden Gate High School. Representatives from nearly 100 universities as well as all branches of the military will be available… *Missouri University of Science & Technology*, Rolla

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Chancellor recognizes outstanding faculty, staff for their varied contributions to UMSL*
UMLS Daily - September 13, 2018
Chancellor Tom George honored some of the outstanding contributions of faculty and staff members to the *University of Missouri–St. Louis* on Wednesday afternoon as the people from across campus gathered for the annual State of the University Address.

Opal Jones doubles the size of DOORWAYS to $9 million in revenue
St. Louis Business Journal - September 13, 2018
What’s your most rewarding volunteer experience? I really enjoy my volunteer work with the *University of Missouri - St. Louis*. Recently, I delivered the keynote address at their alumni leadership conference.

Amy Hunter launches TEDx Talk to tackle social justice topics
St. Louis Business Journal - September 13, 2018
College? Bachelor’s degree from *University of Missouri – St. Louis*; Ph.D. student at UMSL, anticipated graduation in 2021.

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra announces one new musician hire and several retirements
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - September 13, 2018
Ward performed frequently around the region via the orchestra's education and community programs; coached the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra; and taught clarinet as an adjunct at Webster University, the *University of Missouri-St. Louis* and Washington University.

VIDEO: McCaskill Says ‘#MeToo’ Label Makes Her ‘A Little Uncomfortable’
Washington Free Beacon - September 13, 2018
"The #MeToo movement is a large generic title that makes me a little uncomfortable," McCaskill said when asked about it during a Tuesday event at University of Missouri-St. Louis.

‘The Curren(t)cy of Frankenstein’
Washington University in St. Louis Newsroom - September 13, 2018
The forum will continue Saturday, Sept. 29, with William Newman, historian of science at Indiana University, who will explore “Frankenstein, the homunculus, and the long history of artificial life.” On Sunday, Sept. 30, Amy Pawl, senior lecturer in English in Arts & Sciences, will argue that “We must save Frankenstein’s monster,” while Minsoo Kang, historian at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, will make the case that “We must kill Frankenstein.”

3 Candidates On Crestwood Ballot For Special Mayoral Election
West End Word - September 13, 2018
Court works as a business analyst for a St. Louis telecommunications company. Previously, he worked for the St. Louis County Board of Elections for 13 years as an assistant director to oversee election judges. He holds a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He also earned a master's degree in finance from Webster University.

Startups demonstrate energy technologies at Ameren Accelerator Demo Day
Daily Energy Insider - September 13, 2018
The Ameren Accelerator program, a public-private partnership with the University of Missouri System, UMSL Accelerate and Capital Innovators, assesses, mentors and invests in energy-technology startup companies.

Higher Education
Stephens College aims to address need for more physician assistants
KOMU – September 14, 2018
Stephens College will see the first graduating class for its master's of physician assistant studies program. Administrators hope this will help fill a crucial need for more health care providers in mid-Missouri. "The importance of it was that it was needed and the patients needed it," said Eric Johnson, director of the physician assistant program at Stephens College.

Hurricane Trump Bears Down on Science
Chronicle of Higher Education – September 13, 2018
President Trump’s general distaste for the nation’s “elites,” a broad moniker that comfortably includes the professoriate, was more narrowly focused Thursday on a single piece of academic research that the president finds politically inconvenient. In two early morning tweets, Trump blasted the merits of a study from George Washington University that placed the death toll from Hurricane Maria near 3,000 — far more than the 64 deaths that the Puerto Rican government had originally acknowledged.

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