**News Updates**

Curators hear MU Health Care success, MU enrollment increase  
Columbia Missourian - September 20, 2018

*MU Health Care* celebrated a solid year and the Translational Precision Medicine Complex received support from the UM System Board of Curators on Thursday. Also, although official fall enrollment numbers are still being finalized, a projected 13 percent growth at *MU* is “probably going to hold,” Kamrhan Farwell, chief marketing and communications officer for both MU and the UM System, told curators at their meeting at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Mizzou touts enrollment boost one year after hiring branding agency  
ABC 17 News - September 20, 2018

Citing an increase in enrollment at the *University of Missouri*, UM System President Mun Choi said a partnership with branding agency 160over90 was "definitely worth it." Choi spoke to ABC 17 News after Thursday's UM Board of Curators meeting in Kansas City, where MU chief marketing officer Kamrhan Farwell gave an update on the university's work with the company.

MU strategic plans include increasing graduation rate, doubling research  
ABC 17 News - September 20, 2018

The *University of Missouri* plans to increase graduation rates by 5 percent and double research expenditures in the next five years. That's according to the strategic plans outlined by Chancellor Alexander Cartwright at the UM Board of Curators meeting Thursday in Kansas City, where curators approved strategic plans for each of the four universities.

New $220 million MU Research building set to be built by 2021  
KOMU – September 20, 2018

A new *MU* Research building is set to be built by October 2021, after the MU Board of Curators decided to move forward with the plans. Elizabeth Loba, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships and Dean of the College of Engineering, said the complex will "address critical needs in cancer, neurological disorders and vascular health got really do cutting edge research."

MU curators approve a new doctoral program  
KOMU – September 20, 2018

*MU's School of Health Professions* will be crafting a new curriculum starting Friday after the MU Board of Curators unanimously voted to approve a doctoral program in Health and Rehabilitation Science.
Your social circle stymies your ‘Fake News’ radar
Futurity – September 21, 2018
“We imagined that working in groups would actually help the students find the correct information, but that was not the case,” says study coauthor Isa Jahnke, an associate professor in the College of Education at the University of Missouri. “In fact, group dynamics outweighed information access, and discussion and decision-making was more important than the facts.”

Cryotherapy freezes cancer cells while preserving sight*
KRCG News - September 20, 2018
For 13 years, Miller has fought a rare form of eye cancer called ocular melanoma. Fewer than three thousand Americans are diagnosed each year. “Up to 45 percent of people die from their melanoma within 10 years, and so it’s considered something we’re relatively aggressive about,” said Rick Fraunfelder, MD, an MU Health Care ophthalmologist. Fraunfelder is the person Miller makes the long journey to see. He is one of only a handful of ophthalmologists in the U.S. who are trained in cryotherapy.

MU Political Communication Institute provides assistance with organizing local debates and political forums*
The Missouri Times - September 20, 2018
The Political Communication Institute at the University of Missouri has developed a “how-to” guide to hosting debates and issue forums at the local level. This guide, Engaging Your Community: A guide to hosting local debates and forums, provides insights on the main questions and issues related to organizing and planning these events.

Boone County Commission approves tax break for Northwest Medical Isotopes
Columbia Daily Tribune - September 20, 2018
Northwest will produce molybdenum-99 and technetium-99m, used in medical scans for heart disease, cancer and bond and kidney disease. The isotopes have short half-lives, so they can’t be stored and must be produced continuously. They have not been produced in the U.S. since the 1980s and there have been shortages. The company will work with the University of Missouri Research Reactor in producing the isotopes. The plant will be in the university’s Discovery Ridge Research Park.

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Georgia gardening experts to lead plant walk, symposium Sunday at MU
Columbia Missourian – September 20, 2018
Four big names in gardening are coming to MU this weekend to discuss future trends in planting. The event, hosted by MU Botanic Garden, is called “Georgia Champions of Landscape Gardening & Their Published Passions for Plants” and includes a campus walk and symposium. The featured guests — Allan Armitage, Michael Dirr, Natalia Hamill and Georgia coaching legend Vince Dooley — will lead the walk at 10 a.m. starting from the Jesse Hall Rotunda. They will walk through Mel Carnahan Quadrangle to Francis Quadrangle talking about a variety of plants on campus and potential improvements.
Editorial: A big Sinquefield gift to SLU raises concerns over academic integrity
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - September 20, 2018
Sinquefield already has a think tank, the Show-Me Institute, to promote his libertarian philosophies. The conditions on this donation must not serve as a Trojan horse to lend academic credibility to some of the institute’s less-than-practical libertarian theories. Mark Higgins, dean of SLU’s Chaifetz School of Business, confirmed that Michael Podgursky, a University of Missouri economics professor and the Show-Me Institute’s director, had already been suggested as director but not yet hired.

MU outrage
The Joplin Globe - September 21, 2018
How much should a public institution (the University of Missouri) that is heavily funded by public dollars (hundreds of millions annually) charge the public (that's you and me) for copies of records (that already belong to us)? Nothing, might seem like the obvious answer. Failing that, how about: As little as possible. MU wants to charge more than $82,000 for records that should be easy and quick to access in this electronic age. It's outrageous.

University of Missouri System

University of Missouri curators remain focused on finances
Columbia Daily Tribune - September 20, 2018
The only area of University of Missouri operations that showed a significant revenue increase during fiscal 2018 was MU Health Care, and that means every program must be as focused on where money comes from as how it is spent, the Board of Curators heard Thursday.

Conservation Department seeds city, UM system tree programs with grant money
Columbia Missourian - September 20, 2018
The city of Columbia and the University of Missouri System won grants from the Missouri Department of Conservation for community forest improvement. The UM System Board of Curators received $10,000 for the planting and removal of trees, and the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department was awarded almost $7,000 for educational programs.

MU Extension receives $1.1 million grant to help businesses get back on their feet
The Maneater - September 20, 2018
MU Extension recently received a $1.1 million grant to aid manufacturing businesses. MU Extension is a part of the UM System and aims to solve problems for businesses in the surrounding areas. According to the MU Extension website, the
program “addresses a wide range of needs that fall into three grand challenges for the state of Missouri,” which include economic opportunity, educational excellence and healthy futures.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

**Missouri Southern abandons dental project**
The Joplin Globe - September 20, 2018
Missouri Southern State University has dropped all plans for a long-desired dental school that would have operated on its campus in partnership with the *University of Missouri-Kansas City*.

**Missouri University of Science and Technology**

**Fall enrollment at Missouri S&T tops 8,600* **
Phelps County Focus – Sept. 20
The fall 2018 enrollment at *Missouri University of Science and Technology*, officially recorded at the end of the semester’s fourth week, is 8,607. This is a 3.1 percent decrease over last year’s fall enrollment of 8,884, says Deanne Jackson, Missouri S&T registrar.

**This Week at Baylor: Sept. 23-29, 2018**
Baylor University – Sept. 20
This week, Baylor University will host a variety of speakers in chemistry, biology, Christian music studies, business and leadership, along with two movie screenings and performances from Baylor Theatre Arts… Garry Grubbs II, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry at *Missouri University of Science and Technology*, will present “Microwave Spectroscopy: Living at the Intersection of Space, Chirality, Quantum Chemistry, and Technology.

**'Next Gen Scientists for Biodiesel' program selects 2 new leaders**
Biodiesel Magazine – Sept. 20
Shyam Paudel’s interest in energy comes from deep in his childhood, growing up in the mountains of Western Nepal. Children commonly studied by the light of kerosene lamps… Paudel, a chemical engineering Ph.D. candidate at *Missouri University of Science and Technology*, is one of two new co-chairs selected to lead the Next Generation Scientists for Biodiesel.

**Report: Utility investment in fiber optics could enhance smart grid* **
Energy News Network – Sept. 20
Utilities with fiber optic networks can establish a more robust smart grid by improving the chatter between smart devices and power providers, according to a new study… Some utilities are beginning to explore fiber’s potential. Ontario-based energy startup Hyperion Inc. is partnering with *Missouri University of Science and Technology* and Ameren to extend research and development into fiber optic cables that can detect temperature along power lines and within transformers.

University of Missouri-St. Louis
State teacher of the year award an unexpected honor for education alumna
UMSL Daily - September 20, 2018
“I had no idea. I found out right in that moment,” said Parks, a 2006 MEd graduate of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. “If there was no video footage, I wouldn’t believe it. It still feels like it’s just this dream.”

Why ‘boys will be boys’ is an unscientific excuse for assault
PBS NewsHour - September 20, 2018
“Younger persons are more likely to be both offenders and victims of crime, including rape and sexual assault,” said Janet L. Lauritsen, a criminology and criminal justice professor at University of Missouri – St. Louis. “Adolescents — ages 12 to 17 — have slightly higher [sexual victimization] rates than 18 to 34 year old. The risks are about eight to nine times greater for women under age 34 than for women ages 50 and above.”

20 Under 40: Natalie Johnson has channeled a love for nature into a career
Kokomo Perspective - September 21, 2018
Johnson's journey to the south shore of Lake Michigan began when she and several fellow graduates of the University of Missouri-St. Louis were offered projects to protect the Indiana dunes and Michigan watershed.

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Curator Phillips later asked University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor Thomas George what the campus would “bring to the table to help (TPMC) be a successful center.”

Eight excellent awardees
The St. Louis American - September 20, 2018
Dorthea B. Nevils earned her bachelor of arts degree in English at University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL), and she also earned a masters of education in administration degree at UMSL. Nevils has taught English at University City High School since she was 21 years old. At the school Nevils has played many roles, such as English Department chairperson, building assistant principal, class sponsor and more. Nevils says teachers have a professional and moral obligation to create an environment where children can learn and achieve together.

Stephanie Wright, first black assistant U.S. attorney in Iowa northern district, to retire
Waterloo-Cedar Fall Courier - September 21, 2018
“Not easy” is putting it lightly for Wright, whose path to federal law was untraditional and circuitous. Law actually was her second career. After receiving a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Missouri at St. Louis — where she met her husband, Charles — she took a job as an engineering analyst with John Deere.

Jazz cabaret to benefit Hannibal Arts Council
Hannibal Courier-Post - September 20, 2018
The group brings some very impressive jazz experiences and expertise with them to Hannibal. Dunlap is the Director of Education and Community Engagement for Jazz St. Louis and UMSL Adjunct Jazz Studies Professor of Music Education, Dr. Wood is Director of Jazz at Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Turnbaugh is a St. Louis jazz educator, composer and engineer at Sawhorse Studios and Morrison is a Jazz Studies instructor at Missouri State in Springfield.

The Chronicle of Higher Education
How Notre Dame Rethought Its Core Curriculum
The Chronicle of Higher Education – September 20, 2018
In recent years, faculty members at the University of Notre Dame came to a realization about their institution’s core curriculum: Students had adopted a checklist mentality, seeing their required general-education courses as something to simply get through. And Notre Dame, the professors realized, was feeding that attitude.

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