Mizzou News Updates

Editorial: Alexander Cartwright - Local Perspective: An Economic Catalyst*
Columbia Business Times – September 26, 2018
As we chart our future at MU, we are focusing our energy on providing a world-class, comprehensive education at an affordable price, enhancing the student experience, and creating an environment that fosters interdisciplinary research and creative works.

Analysis: FBI data shows Columbia crime increased in 2017
The Columbia Daily Tribune – September 25, 2018
University of Missouri Columbia saw a 10-year low in violent crime, according to the report. While no homicides have been reported on campus in at least a decade, two rapes were reported in 2017. However, those two reports reflect a near 71 percent decrease from the year prior, with seven rapes reported in 2016.

MU administrators to celebrate nearly $30 million facility
The Columbia Missourian – September 25, 2018
MU administrators are scheduled to celebrate the completion of framework for a new nearly $30 million facility Saturday, according to a news release. The building, the East Campus Plant Growth Facility, is in its second year of construction and is expected to be completed by summer 2019.

Truman plans steps to boost enrollment
Columbia Daily Tribune – September 26, 2018
Facing a downturn in its freshman class enrollment, Truman State University is planning action to prevent the data point from becoming a trend. “There are a bunch of reasons for that,” Thomas said. “We had a number of late staff departures in admissions, so they had to bring people on pretty late in the summer, which meant training them and getting them out took a lot longer than usually happens. Mizzou, as you know, visited every single high school in the state to try and get their enrollment up.”

Mizzou researchers find potential link between insulin, plastic additive BPA*
St. Louis Public Radio – September 25, 2018
Biologists at the University of Missouri have found that a chemical commonly used in consumer plastics could affect how a body reacts to and regulates blood sugar. “In the presence of BPA as well as sugar, you have about twice the amount of insulin released relative to what you would have without the BPA,” researcher Fred vom Saal said. Similar stories ran on other NPR outlets including KSMU.

First Successful Treatment of Canine Sarcoma using IsoPet® to be Presented at Veterinary Cancer Society Conference
NASDAQ – September 26, 2018
Vivos Inc, a pharmaceutical company in the process of researching and developing minimally invasive treatments to combat cancer in humans and animals, is pleased to report several significant outcomes after its signature product, IsoPet®, was used to treat a hind-leg soft-tissue sarcoma in a Sheltie at the University of Missouri Veterinary Health Center in Columbia, Missouri.
Drinking water violations may be more common in U.S. counties with greater numbers of minorities, low-income families, and uninsured households, a new report suggests. “The Flint Water Crisis demonstrated that while the United States has one of the safest drinking water supplies in the world, there are problems. Flint is not an isolated incident,” coauthors Yolanda McDonald and Nicole Jones told Reuters Health by email. Nicole Jones is with the University of Missouri in Columbia.

The Thomas B. Fordham Institute posted a column this week in praise of state testing by Cory Koedel, an associate professor of economics and public policy at the University of Missouri. The column was in response to Fordham’s new study on high school grade inflation.

The Associated Students of the University of Missouri, or ASUM, set up the tents on MU’s campus, with forms people could fill out to register. MU Freshman Nash Walker is new to Missouri after moving here this fall from Minnesota. He registered to vote on Tuesday.

A professor who has been studying multicultural education for about 40 years will speak at two MU events Wednesday. The professor, Christine Sleeter, used to be president of the National Association for Multicultural Education and has written more than 140 articles and two novels.

Brownfield weather has been a huge factor.

A recent University of Missouri study explored the link between older adults and dog walking. It found that owners who were closer to their pet walked their dogs more and as a result had a lower body mass index, fewer doctor visits, and more frequent moderate and vigorous exercise.

University of Missouri System

David Steelman, a member of the University of Missouri System Board of Curators whose wife was in Greitens' cabinet, told The Star last week that he remembers venting to a friend at a dinner about Grietens, who had been governor for less than a year at the time. Similar Associated Press stories ran in The Columbia Missourian, KOMU, and KTRS (St. Louis).

Preparations begin to tear down the old Carriage House on UMKC campus

History on the University of Missouri-Kansas City's campus is coming down, making way for the future.
There’s no sign of construction equipment to tear down the historic Dickey Mansion Carriage House at UMKC, even though demolition was scheduled for Monday.

UMKC Student Services welcomes students to new location
University News – September 24, 2018
Imagine a one-stop-shop for all your physical and mental health needs at little-to-no cost, a place on campus where you can be seen within a day or two of scheduling an appointment. The new Student Services Suite aims to provide that to UMKC students.

UMKC ends plans for downtown conservatory*
University News – September 24, 2018
UMKC’s plans for a downtown conservatory are over. The university announced earlier this month that all proposals for an off-campus facility submitted by architectural and construction firms must now be within 2.5 miles of the Olson Performing Arts Center.

Students, colleagues remember Mel Tyler*
University News – September 24, 2018
Mel Tyler, former vice chancellor of student affairs, died on Sept. 15 after a decades-long battle against cancer.

Demolition of historic carriage house paves way for engineering lab*
University News – September 24, 2018
You may not notice it, you may have never been inside it, and you may never see it again. Demolition began on the old carriage house behind Flarsheim Hall on Sept. 24.

Plan for dental school by one KC player falls out; another is still looking
Kansas City Business Journal – September 24, 2018
Plans for a new dental school in Missouri, with University of Missouri-Kansas City as a partner, have bitten the dust. But that could create an opening for another Kansas City university.

Our View: Need for dental school still exists
The Joplin Globe – September 24, 2018
Despite Missouri Southern State University’s best efforts to get a dental school on its campus, it’s not going to happen. The project, which had long been discussed as a joint venture with the University of Missouri-Kansas City, was finally abandoned after another fiscal year passed with no or limited state funding designated for it.

Blue wave? Democrats campaign and hope*
The Examiner – September 22, 2018
Elizabeth Vonnahme says she weighs in on the likelihood of a “blue wave” nearly every day. Vonnahme is the chair of the University of Missouri-Kansas City political science department, where she teaches a course on campaigns and elections.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Student-run detective noir comedy keeps you guessing 'til the end*
RiverBender.com – September 25, 2018
Missouri University of Science and Technology’s collegiate theater society presents its 2018 play this month - a comedic parody of classic detective murder mystery films.

Here’s How Missouri Ranks For Student Loan Debt
Patch.com – September 25, 2018
If your college-age kids are like many others across the country, an explosion in student debt may put some "adulting" on hold after they get their degrees... Missouri ranks 32 for average student debt, and 58 percent of 2017 graduates owed money... "Missouri University of Science and Technology" Average debt of graduates 2017: $27,500...

**How to be an entrepreneur, step by step: Program targets all UM students**
The Marietta Daily Journal – September 24, 2018
Each campus in the University of Missouri System has promoted entrepreneurship in recent years. In a new program, students at all four schools will simultaneously work together and compete against each other to learn entrepreneurial skills... Throughout October, professors from "Missouri University of Science and Technology", the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and MU will lead workshops for all participants.

**Missouri Senate candidate Craig O'Dear hopes independents could cure hyper-partisanship**
Springfield News-Leader – September 24, 2018
E lecting a bunch of independents to the U.S. Senate might not be the answer, but Craig O'Dear doesn't see any other cure for the "hyper-partisan poison that has everybody so polarized."... He studied engineering at the "Missouri University of Science & Technology", and studied law at Vanderbilt University.

**University earns three degree program accreditations**
Univ. of Central MO News – September 23, 2018
UCM recently received three degree program accreditations and two re-accreditations from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology... "This gives students in cybersecurity a chance to compete with jobs among bigger schools who offer ABET programs, such as Rolla ("Missouri University of Science and Technology") and Mizzou," Geddes said.

**University of Missouri-St. Louis**

**School District 189 celebrates National GEAR UP Week**
RiverBender.com - September 25, 2018
District 189 GEAR UP students with mascot from UMSL celebrating national GEAR UP week.

**Western Shawnee eye clinic thanks community for 10 years of support**
Shawnee Dispatch - September 25, 2018
It opened in western Shawnee a decade ago by Franken and Arnold, who became friends while at the "University of Missouri-St. Louis" School of Optometry

**Higher Education**

*What’s the Value in Helping Students ‘Reclaim’ Their Degrees?*
The Chronicle of Higher Education – September 24, 2018
Every so often, states or organizations develop “reverse transfer” campaigns. They’re typically designed to help students who have earned enough credits to qualify for an associate degree but never got the sheepskin — say, a community-college student who transferred in an attempt to earn a bachelor’s. Sometimes the campaigns also encourage adults who are a few credits shy of a degree but are already in the work force to return to complete those last courses.

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