Mizzou News Updates

Kavanaugh hearing brings back painful memories for local survivors
Columbia Missourian – September 27, 2018
There has been an increase in discussions about sexual harassment and sexual assault as a result of the #MeToo movement, MU spokeswoman Liz McCune said in an email. However, McCune said that she did not have enough information to specify whether there has been a recent increase in students looking for support regarding sexual violence in correlation with the allegations against Kavanaugh.

How Teaching Centers Can Get Professors to Buy Into Their Work*
The Chronicle of Higher Education - September 27, 2018
When people work in groups, the interactions among them play an outside role in how well they separate truth from fiction — even when they all have access to the same information online. That’s the conclusion of a recent study from the University of Missouri that examined the group dynamics of graduate students sent on a scavenger hunt that asked them to draw on both online information and prior knowledge.

Chats about relationships may be best between sisters*
Futurity.org - September 27, 2018
“If parents want their daughters to have healthy relationships, they should encourage their daughters to talk to one another about sex and dating,” says Sarah Killoren, associate professor of human development and family science in the College of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Missouri.

Older sisters can play a role in healthy conversations about teenage relationships*
Hannibal Courier-Post - September 27, 2018
University of Missouri study finds that sisters are more comfortable and honest in conversations about dating, sex.

The Learning Curve: The ‘Really Big Band-Aid’ California Schools Have Yet to Rip Off - Voice of San Diego*
Voice of San Diego - September 27, 2018
“You could describe where we’re at right now as a disaster,” Cory Koedel, a professor of economics at the University of Missouri, who headed up the pension research, told me. “The debt is so massive that to deal with it all at once would be like ripping off a really big Band-Aid and then be left holding this bloody, hairy mess.”

Wisper grows by helping rural areas bridge the digital divide
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - September 27, 2018
At one customer appreciation event, an older man thanked Stooke for enabling his son to move back to his hometown. The son’s job required him to have internet access. “It’s a constant theme,” Stooke says. “Because we went there when no one else would, people can live there, and it revitalizes the rural community.” That’s no exaggeration, according to Sharon Gulick, a community economic development specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

Health systems are dealing with increasing shortages of nurses and other providers. Some have come up with unique strategies to cope. #MHbestplaces
Modern Healthcare - September 27, 2018
In an era of severe nursing shortages that’s only predicted to get worse, University of Missouri Health Care is offering $10,000 to any employee who refers a nurse. Their names are also entered into an annual drawing for an all-expenses-paid trip to Hawaii.

‘A high-tech lynching’: How Kavanaugh took a page from the Thomas playbook
The Seattle Times - September 27, 2018
In an 18-page analysis of Thomas’ testimony, scholars from the University of Missouri dissected what they called Thomas’ “image-repair strategy.” “While his utterances did not conclusively prove that Anita Hill’s accusations were false,” the researchers wrote, “he did manage to secure confirmation.”

Christine Blasey Ford and Anita Hill: Comparing the situations
KOMU – September 27, 2018
An MU law professor who, as a reporter, covered Anita Hill’s testimony against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas said Christine Blasey Ford appearance before a Senate committee Thursday has some similarities, but just as many differences.

Mizzou Botanic Garden signs pledge to stop spread of invasive species
Columbia Missourian - September 27, 2018
Officials from the Mizzou Botanic Garden will ceremoniously cut down one of the eight Callery pear trees on campus at 9 a.m. on Friday in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources courtyard, according to a news release.
Drought committee hopeful winter will bust drought
Jefferson City News Tribune – September 27, 2018
Pat Guinan, a climatologist in the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, said as the state heads into fall, October and November could bust the drought. The driest conditions will likely be in the northwest part of the state, and the wettest conditions will likely be in the southwest part of the state, Guinan said.

Boone Hospital leads new insurance network plan
Columbia Daily Tribune - September 27, 2018
A new insurance product designed to lower costs, provide coverage to small employers and compete with the University of Missouri’s exclusive network was rolled out Thursday at Boone Hospital Center.

Boone Hospital Center offers new insurance plan to employers
ABC 17 News - September 27, 2018
Miles said Boone Hospital Center's insurance doesn't exclude physicians or services Boone Hospital doesn't provide. He said they are open to a contract with the University of Missouri Health Care system.

Crews begin replacing arena floor of Hearnes Center after flooding
ABC 17 News - September 27, 2018
MU deputy athletic director Nick Joos initially said the damage will exceed $100,000. However, he now said the exact total is still to be determined. Joos said crews will continue to clean debris and the arena area before a replacement floor goes in. He said he hopes to have more details soon.

University of Missouri System

UM System document redaction clouds facts in employee embezzlement case
Columbia Missourian – September 27, 2018
The University of Missouri System has refused to provide the Columbia Missourian with basic information about a suspected embezzlement incident from July 2017 that involved a university employee. Similar stories appeared in Missouri newspapers such as the Houston Herald

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Fighting Cancer and Liver Disease*
Since joining the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2007, School of Pharmacy Professor Kun Cheng has worked on developing targeted delivery systems for drugs that treat cancer and liver disease.

Biology Bootcamp Recruits Fall in Line*
UMKC Today – Sept. 26, 2018
This summer as the hum of cicadas was at its height and most incoming college freshman were wrapping up summer jobs and packing their duffels, 111 UMKC students were already settled on campus as willing recruits to Biology Bootcamp, a one-week orientation that helps familiarize first-year students with the rigorous expectations of the science programs.

Award-winning UMKC pharmacy professor racks up 2 more NIH grants worth $3.5M*
University of Missouri-Kansas City
Professor Kun Cheng is proving successful at winning grants to fund his research.

Meet Venture for America’s new KC fellows
Kansas City Business Journal – Sept. 25, 2018
Venture for America placed two fellows in the Kansas City market this year, inching toward its goal of eventually placing as many as 15 fellows a year in area companies. This year’s fellows are Chad Feather, who graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Apurva Kasam, who graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

From college athlete to fashion designer
KSHB – Sept. 25, 2018
Aaron Washington (B.B.A. ’15) is a UMKC Bloch alumnus.

Personal income growth in Kansas is among the best in the nation
KMBZ – Sept. 26, 2018
The booming agricultural sector has a lot to do with the solid numbers, said Dr. Stephen Pruitt, an economist at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Seg. 1: Reactions To Kavanaugh. Seg. 2: Kansas Women Were Among Group Of First Female Aviators.
KCUR – Sept. 25, 2018
Brenda Bethman, director of the UMKC Women’s Center, was a guest on Up to Date.

UMKC responds to medical school lawsuit*
University News – Sept. 25, 2018
In response to a lawsuit filed by a former student last March, UMKC denied all allegations brought against them.

Wind symphony takes on the Kauffman
University News – Sept. 25, 2018
The Conservatory Wind Symphony, one of UMKC’s many large ensembles, was directed by Steven D. Davis, the Rose Ann Carr Millsap Missouri Distinguished Professor of Music and Professor of Conducting at UMKC’s Conservatory.

UMKC Career Services launches Professional Wardrobe Program
University News – Sept. 26, 2018
**UMKC** Career Services launched its Professional Wardrobe Program on Sept. 6, making business attire available to students free of charge.

**New School of Computing and Engineering Research Center coming to campus**
University News – Sept. 26, 2018
**UMKC** will soon be home to the new Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise and Research Center, set to open in 2020.

“The Queer Eye” hero, producers speak at Student Union viewing party
University News – Sept. 26, 2018
The Kansas City Center for Inclusion and **UMKC** Pride Alliance teamed up to bring Skyler Jay, as well as “Queer Eye” producers Rachelle Mendez and Jennifer Lane, to campus on Sept. 24.

**Missouri University of Science and Technology**

**Researcher to Test Low-Cost Method of Strengthening Concrete with Nanoparticles - Science and Technology Research News**
Science and Technology Research News – Sept. 27
It’s long been proven that adding nanoparticles to concrete improves the materials’ strength and durability, but the cost of such processes has outweighed the benefits. A **Missouri S&T** researcher is working on a safer, simpler and potentially more affordable method of combining nanoparticles with concrete.

**University of Missouri-St. Louis**

**Golfer Chris Ferris takes part in GLVC ‘Someone to Listen’ campaign**
UMSL Daily - September 27, 2018
Chris Ferris, a junior golfer at the **University of Missouri–St. Louis**, is part of a Great Lakes Valley Conference public service announcement campaign aimed at raising mental health awareness. The initiative, titled “Someone to Listen,” stars a student-athlete from each GLVC member institution in powerful 30-second videos that were filmed over the course of the last few months.

**Nonpartisan groups register 87,000 in effort to engage black Missourians in midterms**
The Kansas City Star - September 28, 2018
“I think no matter how you look at it it’s a pretty hefty figure,” said Dave Robertson, chair of the political science department at the **University of Missouri-St. Louis**.

**All-Star Administrator: Beth Goetz ’96**
Clemson World - September 27, 2018
Grad school and coaching came next. While studying counseling at the **University of Missouri-St. Louis**, she coached the women’s soccer team to eight winning seasons. It wasn’t long before she became an assistant athletic director and the
senior woman administrator for UMSL, setting aside her original plan to be a therapist. However, Goetz explains that her education in counseling and psychology has contributed to her success in athletics.

Introducing Roland Burrow
The St. Louis American - September 27, 2018

His formal arts training began at McCluer High School and continued at University of Missouri-St. Louis, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts Studies. Most of his art in “The Renaissance Revolution,” which is inspired by both the European Renaissance and The Harlem Renaissance, features imagery of the African American experience.

Best Bets: Oktoberfests, the Big Bounce, Strange Folk Festival, Scottish Games
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - September 27, 2018

MADCO, the resident dance company at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, kicks off its 42nd season with a program of some of the best works in its repertoire. “Revival” promises to be a treat for admirers of modern dance.

Veta T. Jeffery joined Midwest BankCentre as senior vice president
The St. Louis American - September 27, 2018

She is a graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Nonprofit Spotlight: The Next Step
Ladue News - September 27, 2018

A video will highlight the notable successes of two scholarship recipients: Kael and Christy. A former heroin addict, Kael now attends St. Louis Community College and gives back to the community by working as an addiction recovery coach. Christy once faced prosecution for theft, having stolen from her employer to fuel her drug habit. Now sober, she attends the University of Missouri-St. Louis and is excited about what the future holds.

Higher Education

Common App Acquires Reach Higher
Inside Higher Education – September 28, 2018

The Common Application announced Thursday that it is acquiring Reach Higher, the group founded by Michelle Obama to encourage more young people to go to college. The Common App has become the dominant way for students to apply to many colleges and plays a key role in the admissions process.

The Kavanaugh-Ford Hearing and Campus Sexual Assault: 3 Parallels
The Chronicle of Higher Education – September 27, 2018

The extraordinary Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Thursday involving Christine Blasey Ford and Brett Kavanaugh was an all-day airing of distant memories, teenage parties, trauma, and the long-term effects of sexual assault.

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