Mizzou News Updates

Study: Columbia ahead of national average for economic growth*
KOMU.com - October 8, 2018
An MU study released Monday reported Columbia's economy is above the average national rate of economic growth. Columbia's economy experienced an average annual growth rate of 1.81 percent from 2001 to 2016. The average national growth rate for the country is 1.69 percent annually.

Largest of its kind, the MU Homecoming Blood Drive is underway
KRCG News - October 8, 2018
The largest student-run blood drive in the country is underway on the Mizzou campus. Organizers of the 2018 MU Homecoming Blood Drive said they wanted to collect more than 4,000 units of blood between Monday and Thursday. A similar story also ran on KBIA.

Last piece of Dawn Staley-Jim Sterk feud settled following SEC security review
The Post and Courier – Charleston, South Carolina - October 8, 2018
The lengthy feud between MU's Jim Sterk and South Carolina women’s basketball coach Dawn Staley was settled in May, when Sterk formally apologized for his remarks accusing Staley of promoting a hostile atmosphere and Missouri cut a $50,000 check to her Innersole program. Yet the SEC had demanded a review of Colonial Life Arena’s security in February, after it fined Sterk $25,000 for his comments. That review has been completed, USC athletics director Ray Tanner said.

Study: Fewer patients receiving news of cancer in person*
WHEC - NBC Affiliate - Rochester, New York - October 8, 2018
"I could speculate that part of it is the digital age. I think that these days, people are more interested, more connected, more used to getting information more instantaneously. And so that transcends to health care," said Dr. Jane Mcelroy, a medicine researcher at the MU School of Medicine.

On-Again, Off-Again Relationships Can Be Terrible For Your Mental Health*
Brides.com – October 8, 2018
Kale Monk is an assistant professor of human development and family science at the University of Missouri-Columbia and lead author on the study. "The findings suggest that people who find themselves regularly breaking up and getting back together with their partners need to ‘look under the hood’ of their relationships to determine what’s going on,” he said in a statement.

More cancer patients getting bad news over the phone*
WPXI – NBC Affiliate – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - October 8, 2018
Researchers at the University of Missouri School of Medicine surveyed nearly 2,900 breast cancer patients. In 2000, about a quarter of patients learned about their diagnosis over the telephone. By 2005, 50 percent received the news that way. And in 2015, the number climbed to more than 65 percent.
Paul Pepper: Capital City Productions presents "Cabaret" & MU Health Care's Mature Living Festival

KBIA - October 8, 2018

Chase Harper of MU Health Care tells us about this Friday's Mature Living Festival at the Parkade Center in Columbia. Flu shots, health screenings and assisted living resources are just a few of the offerings for adults and senior citizens alike!

Webster County USDA host grazing school in Marshfield

The Marshfield Mail - October 8, 2018

"Each one of us has a different specialty area," said Jim Spencer, Jr., field specialist in agricultural business for the University of Missouri Extension. "We have had several speakers from the University of Missouri Extension, including an agronomist, ag specialist, and of course the Department of Natural Resources folks who are in charge of fencing, managing the design layout of water tanks, the forages they put in and so on."

Pork production continues to see slight increase

High Plains Journal – Kansas - October 8, 2018

Scott Brown, associate Extension professor at the University of Missouri, said while revisions have moved into the negative direction with fewer hogs than expected, production and efficiency continues to grow.

Grant to improve nutrient recycling

Morning Ag Clips - October 8, 2018

University of Missouri Extension researchers are among the recipients of a new five-year, $4.34 million grant from USDA to study water and nutrient recycling, says MU Extension agricultural engineer Teng Lim.

University of Missouri System

Kansas and Missouri among worst in the nation at graduating black college students

The Kansas City Star - October 9, 2018

UMKC and University of Missouri-St Louis were the only schools to get an A grade for having a black student population that reflects the black population in the state. MU officials report that while overall enrollment is down 3.3 percent, this year’s freshman class includes 28.5 percent more African-Americans than last year.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Bloch Re-Branded*

UMKC Today – October 8, 2018

UMKC's Bloch School of Management unveiled its new brand and marketing campaign on Oct. 2, accompanied by T-shirt giveaways, retro music, a barbecue lunch and lots of selfies. The campaign will roll out across the city, starting the week of Oct. 8.

An Investment Worth Making*
Just one week after the groundbreaking of the Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise and Research Center, the UMKC School of Computing and Engineering had one more thing to celebrate on Friday, Sept. 28. Scholarship opportunities and student success.

Exceptional is just one word to describe Kameswara Mantha, doctoral student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Mitch Brian’s “Dracula: A Song of Love and Death” will have its world premiere run Oct. 12-21 in a joint production of the Kansas City Actors Theatre and the UMKC Theater department.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City will no longer sponsor charter schools after the 2018-19 school year.

After nearly two decades of sponsoring Kansas City charter schools, the University of Missouri-Kansas City is stepping away to take on a different role.

Sixty-five Chinese delegates are in Kansas City this week to discuss building educational and business relationships in the region, despite the ongoing trade dispute between the United States and China. Kansas City has had a connection to China for 80 years, thanks to the Edgar Snow Memorial Foundation. James McKusick, UMKC Honors College dean, was interviewed.

From the Star's Influencer Series:
Does the current method for drawing districts give one party or the other an unfair advantage?
Chris Maples, interim chancellor at Missouri University of Science and Technology: Redistricting traditionally has favored the party in power to redraw districts to favor that particular party.

Missouri S&T to honor faculty, alumni during Homecoming*
Phelps County Focus - October 8, 2018
Nine people with ties to Missouri University of Science and Technology will be honored during the Miner Alumni Association's Legends Luncheon Oct. 12. The awards banquet is held in conjunction with Missouri S&T Homecoming festivities.

Missouri S&T Observatory to host moon viewing Oct. 11*
Phelps County Focus - October 8, 2018
The public is invited to view the moon through Missouri University of Science and Technology's 16-inch-diameter telescope Oct. 11.

Missouri S&T’s Haunted Mine among local haunts*
The Rolla Daily News - October 7, 2018
Mining engineering students at Missouri University of Science and Technology will once again “haunt” the Experimental Mine in Rolla this Halloween and invite the public to visit.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Mary and Joe Stieven receive UMSL award for philanthropy*
UMSL Daily - October 8, 2018
West St. Louis County residents Mary and Joe Stieven are the 2018 recipients of the E. Desmond and Mary Lee Medal for Philanthropy, established by the University of Missouri–St. Louis to honor individuals and organizations whose incredible generosity had the potential to transform lives and communities.

Founders Dinner video shares stories of how UMSL transforms the lives of its graduates*
UMSL Daily - October 8, 2018
The University of Missouri–St. Louis has made it its mission to transform the lives of students and has been doing so in myriad ways since its founding in 1963.

Students and administrators cultivate Hispanic and Latinx community and resources*
UMSL Daily - October 8, 2018
On its 30th anniversary, the University of Missouri–St. Louis’ Hispanic Latino Association is broadening its scope by looking within.

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In this region, Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville scored a mere .75, landing it among the 35 lowest-scoring schools in the nation. University of Missouri-Kansas City tied with University of Missouri-St. Louis with a 2.25, the highest score among the 11 public schools in the state. University of Missouri in Columbia scored 1.75.

Tuesday: Broadway icon, Variety join forces for inclusive 'Little Mermaid' production
St. Louis Public Radio - October 8, 2018
Mann is in town for several weeks as he and the rest of the 65-member cast rehearse for the professional production that opens Oct. 18 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis' Touhill Performing Arts Center.

UMSL Business Invites 40 Companies To Attend UMSL Marketing Intern And Job Fair
EQ - October 8, 2018
UMSL Business are hosting the UMSL Marketing Career Fair. The career fair is 100% dedicated to just marketing jobs and will feature recent UMSL graduates and current students.

Southeast to recognize alumni, supporters this weekend
Southeast Missourian - October 9, 2018
Dr. James Henry of St. Louis, associate professor and director of choral studies at the University of Missouri -- St. Louis

Local Heroes Help Promote Community Unity for School Fundraiser
Patch - October 8, 2018
Local Town and Country Policemen, Josh Hamel and Alex Pflueger, participated in the Kirk Day School Color Run to support the children and promote school unity. The run took place in the school parking lot as a fundraiser for Kirk Day School's Highlander Fund. All the runners had color thrown on them by faculty, parents and volunteers from the UMSL baseball team. Afterward, the children cooled off under the West County EMS and Fire truck hoses, a true celebration of the West County community.

Higher Education
Don’t Stop Inviting Controversial Speakers. Just Prepare Prudently.
Chronicle of Higher Education – October 7, 2018
The two student leaders pitched the plan to the university as a way to bring in provocative speakers representing opposing viewpoints. University officials liked the idea. It fit in well with Susquehanna’s yearlong academic theme: conflict.

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