Mizzou News Updates

Missouri residents pounce to become Tigers, leave the Bears behind
Columbia Missourian - October 12, 2018
Last year, MU had five more freshmen from Missouri than Missouri State University in Springfield did.

Student success, research focus of revised MU Strategic Plan
Columbia Missourian - October 12, 2018
MU's senior leadership has identified 35 overarching goals for moving the university forward as part of “The Flagship of the Future” strategic plan.

Report: Booming private sector leads Columbia economy
Columbia Daily Tribune - October 14, 2018
A booming private sector, led by the explosive growth at Veterans United Home Loans, made Columbia the only major metropolitan area in Missouri to add jobs faster than the nation as a whole in the 21st Century, a report issued by two University of Missouri researchers reveals.

University of Missouri receives 'C' in racial equity study
Columbia Daily Tribune - October 13, 2018
The University of Missouri-Columbia's 1.75 mark, which is slightly higher than the state’s 1.68 average, classifies as a ‘C’ on the school’s own grading scale. This places MU in middle of the 11 Missouri schools measured.

Chinese students are concerned over MU’s mandatory seminar policy
Columbia Missourian - October 12, 2018
Zachary Deng said he was angered when the MU International Center sent him an email in September saying the university was putting a hold on his student account until he participated in a mandatory seminar set up for all first-semester undergraduate students from China.
Bees briefly ceased to buzz during total solar eclipse, study finds
Fox News - October 13, 2018
“We anticipated, based on the smattering of reports in the literature, that bee activity would drop as light dimmed during the eclipse and would reach a minimum at totality,” Candace Galen, the study’s lead researcher and a professor of biological sciences at the University of Missouri, said in a statement released by the Entomological Society of America. Similar stories ran across the country and world, including at MSN and AOL.

MU study: As people buzzed about solar eclipse, bees fell silent*
KOMU - October 12, 2018
Researchers at the University of Missouri found bees stopped buzzing along the path of last year's solar eclipse during totality.

You’re Now More Apt to Get a Breast Cancer Diagnosis by Phone. Is That OK?*
US News Health - October 12, 2018
Over the last decade, the rate of women receiving their breast cancer diagnoses by phone rose significantly, according to the study led by Jane McElroy, an associate professor in family and community medicine at the University of Missouri School of Medicine.

A grocery divide: Why do so many stores east of Troost lack healthy food?
The Kansas City Star - October 14, 2018
“There is a lot of data out there that shows that healthy food is profitable,” says Kara Lubischer, an assistant extension professor at the University of Missouri and the founder of Stock Healthy, Shop Healthy, which partners with small grocers to provide healthier food.

Long road brings NM ethics commission proposal to ballot
Albuquerque Journal Online - October 13, 2018
It’s unclear whether the creation of an independent ethics commission would reduce public corruption, since a 2013 study by University of Missouri researchers found no correlation between corruption rates and the existence of such commissions.

FDA expands HPV vaccine age range
University of Missouri Health Care physician Mark Hunter said he hopes the vaccine will spread to the older population, but said it could take up to a decade.

Some season ticket holders concerned about Mizzou's new south end zone
KOMU - October 12, 2018
Construction crews are still working on the new south end zone project at Mizzou's Faurot Field, but some season ticket holders are saying they might not buy seats because of the new format.

MU student turns life experience with disability into KBIA podcast
Columbia Missourian - October 14, 2018
Madison Lawson was an underclassman at MU when, two hours into an interview with a journalism student for a school project, the student paused.

Forgotten Columbia railroad stops marked on MKT Trail
Columbia Daily Tribune - October 13, 2018
Had the railroad not come to Columbia, he said the University of Missouri may have moved to Sedalia, which had the railroad earlier.

State House candidates discuss climate change at forum
Gladstone Dispatch - October 12, 2018
"I want to make sure that I can do everything I can to fund the University of Missouri properly," said Kip Kendrick, who is unopposed for re-election.

Ag lessons from the butcher’s daughter
Missouri Ruralist - Farm Progress - October 15, 2018
Elizabeth Wyss is a senior at the University of Missouri majoring in Science and Agricultural Journalism. She grew up behind the meat counter at her family’s business.

Our Opinion: Sadly, the bucks stop here
Jefferson City News Tribune - October 14, 2018
The University of Missouri’s Raptor Rehabilitation Project, which suspects the owl was hit by a car, monitored the owl and then transferred it to the project’s rehab center.
The University of Missouri Extension offices in Hickory, Polk and St. Clair counties will co-host a college and career fair geared for college and career exploration and will feature two speakers.

University of Missouri System

Truman Medical, Cerner develop new software to combat opioid addiction
Fox4KC - October 12, 2018
This week, another solution emerged -- on a border scale. Thanks to her work, the work of her counterparts at the University of Missouri Health Care System and Cerner.

In their own words: Missouri leaders, including a toxicologist, on medical marijuana
The Kansas City Star - October 15, 2018
David L. Steelman, chairman of the University of Missouri Board of Curators and former state legislator: In full disclosure, although I do not and have never used marijuana, either inhaled, or digested, and I would never recommend recreational use, I don't believe the law should be hypocritical and should legalize marijuana in keeping with prevailing societal thought.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

For decades a dividing line, Troost Avenue in Kansas City, Mo., sees new hope*
NBC Evening News with Lester Holt – Oct. 11, 2018
One block east of Troost means an annual average household income that is $20,000 less than a household one block west of Troost, according to University of Missouri-Kansas City Professor Brent Never.

UMKC Wins $5.4 Million to Research Bone and Muscle Loss*
UMKC Today – Oct. 11, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry received a $5.4 million grant award as part of a $10.4 million award to the Indiana University School of Medicine from the National Institute of Aging to continue research into the effects of aging on bone and muscle loss.

Never Caught: A New American Hero*
UMKC Today – Oct. 12, 2018
Historian and author Erica Armstrong Dunbar examines presidential power and long history of social injustice that mark America’s past.

Jazz & BBQ Tops Must-See Event List*
UMKC Today – Oct. 11, 2018
Theatre, sports, dance and more.

Rick Usher: How can KCMO balance policy and micromobility technology?
Startland News – Oct. 11, 2018
Kansas City is vetting a program called Emerging Technologies Disruptive Business Models, which will evaluate regulatory impacts on emerging business, in the Smart City Advisory Board and with students in the UMKC Law School’s Law, Technology & Public Policy course.

School of Nursing fights opioid crisis*
University News – Oct. 11, 2018
The Collaborative to Advance Health Services, a research group within the UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies, was a sub-recipient of a grant awarded last February to AAAP.

Bi-national Health Fair set for Saturday
Associated Press – Oct. 11, 2018
The program is an initiative of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Consulate of Mexico in Kansas City, the Institute for Mexicans Abroad, Alianzas/University of Missouri Extension and the University of Missouri-Kansas City Institute for Human Development.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Book About WWII [sic] to Be Released on Veterans Day
Washington Missourian - Oct. 12, 2018
The Gasconade County Historical Society will release a new book titled, “Over the Top Over Here and Over There,” Sunday, Nov. 11, the exact 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. ... Dr. Petra DeWitt, history professor at the Missouri University of Science and Technology at Rolla, has written an introduction which outlines the events leading up to the outbreak of war in Europe, the reasons why the United States entered the war in 1917, and the impact of the conflict on American society.

Missouri S&T Researchers Win Multimillion Dollar Grant to Build Fast-Charging Stations for Electric Cars*
ECN Magazine - Oct. 12, 2018
Researchers from Missouri S&T and three private companies will combine their expertise to create charging stations for electric vehicles that could charge a car in less than 10 minutes – matching the time it takes to fill up a conventional vehicle with gasoline.

Brown hopes to take conservative values to capitol
Phelps County Focus - Oct. 12, 2018
Justin Brown began a familiar routine Thursday from his work shed on Rolla’s south end. ... Brown graduated from Rolla High School in 1996 and later left Missouri S&T in 2002 with a degree in history.

S&T's 'Anon(ymous)' theater production promotes multicultural understanding*
The Rolla Daily News - Oct. 11, 2018
Missouri University of Science and Technology’s commitment to inclusive excellence will be apparent in the university’s upcoming multicultural production of “Anon(ymous),” a contemporary play about a young refugee’s inaugural journey through the United States that’s been reimagined from Homer’s “Odyssey.”

Missouri civil engineer says Joplin tornado inspired her to build tornado simulators*
Missourinet - Oct. 11, 2018
A civil engineer at Missouri University of Science & Technology in Rolla says the 2011 Joplin tornado inspired her to build tornado simulators. Dr. Grace Yan has already built two small-scale versions and is working on a third one that could be the largest of its kind in North America.

How recycled tires are making their way into Missouri roads and products
Missouri Business Alert - Oct. 11, 2018
Boonville partnered with the Missouri University of Science and Technology, MoDOT and other state agencies to launch the project, Cauthon said. And with the help of a $10,000 regional grant, he said, the site will be used to test whether recycled rubber chunks, or crumb rubber, can be used for a road sealing process called chip seal.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Show Me Costa Rica Project, started by UMSL education alumna, broadens students’ horizons*
UMSL Daily - October 12, 2018
Lurie, a 2010 MEd graduate from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, moved to the area to take a Teach for America post at Vashon High School, on the north side of St. Louis, in 2008. As she and her Vashon students walked through the halls at Clayton – located less than 10 miles west of their school, in St. Louis County – they got a pretty clear view as to the differences a zip code can make when it comes to academic resources.

Group unveils $20 million plan to rebuild Normandie Golf Club in Bel-Nor
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - October 14, 2018
The University of Missouri-St. Louis bought it for $1.4 million in January 2015, and agreed to lease it to Walters Golf Management for 10 years at $1 per year. The university has not discussed long-term plans for the property, and some residents have been concerned the university may ultimately develop it.

Computer programming competition helps immigrants’ transition
KSDK - October 13, 2018
On the other side of the arena, Sherie Richards and other University of Missouri – St. Louis students are coding a website that will make it easier for immigrants to get jobs.

University of Missouri receives ‘C’ in racial equity study
Columbia Daily Tribune - October 13, 2018
Out of the 11 Missouri schools listed, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the University of Missouri-Kansas City rose to the top with a 2.25 rating. Yet, both schools had failing grades in one or more categories.

Financial capability for all
Oxford University Press blog - October 13, 2018
Margaret S. Sherraden, PhD, MA, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Research Professor at Washington University in St. Louis. She is the co-author of Financial Capability and Asset Building in Vulnerable Households.
St. Louis teacher vies for 92nd District seat held by Beck, formerly on school board
Call Newspapers - October 12, 2018
Heisse is a former U.S. Marine who received his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Missouri – St. Louis and is currently working on his master’s degree in political science. He a member of the American Federation of Teachers No. 420.

Higher Education

Low Profile, Big Changes: Michael McRobbie isn’t flashy. But his talent for planning has revitalized Indiana U.
Chronicle of Higher Education – Oct. 15, 2018
Michael A. McRobbie, 68, has a “talent for seeing the big picture and what’s missing — what can be pulled together to create something that’s more than the sum of its parts.” What has resulted is a renewal at a university where many on campus once felt that progress had halted.

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