Bees Take a Break During Total Solar Eclipse*
Voice of America – October 12, 2018
Researchers at the University of Missouri, led by Candace Galen, Ph.D., a professor of biological sciences, put together a group of citizen scientists along with elementary students and their teachers to help them study how a total solar eclipse affects the behavior of bees.

Royal Inn closed after inspection of walkway
Columbia Daily Tribune - October 15, 2018
The Columbia Fire Department learned a hard lesson about the danger of deteriorating external walkways in February 2014 when Lt. Bruce Britt, a 23-year veteran, died after an exterior walkway collapsed at a University of Missouri apartment complex.

Young scientists share research*
Fulton Sun - October 15, 2018
Science on Wheels, an outreach program of the University of Missouri, made a stop Saturday afternoon at Serenity Valley Winery.

Illinois student loan debt lower than national average
WJBC Radio (Station in Bloomington, Illinois) - October 15, 2018
At the same time, nearby universities – like the University of Missouri – are recruiting Illinois high schoolers by touting lower costs.

Robbers at large after Boone County stores hit
ABC 17 News – October 15, 2018
Adam Duncan, an instructor with the University of Missouri’s Law Enforcement Training Institute, said robbers typically don't get much money from knocking over a convenience store.

Legacies of three Missouri photojournalists cemented with hall of fame induction
Columbia Missourian - October 15, 2018
Missouri will see three celebrated photographers go down in the history books Thursday as they’re inducted into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame at the Missouri School of Journalism.

MU School of Journalism to host master classes taught by Honor Medal recipients
Columbia Missourian – October 15, 2018
As part of its annual Missouri Honor Medal award ceremony, the MU School of Journalism will host a series of master classes on Tuesday taught by this year’s medal recipients.

Missouri Officials and Farmers Discuss Issues in Business Agriculture
KBIA – October 16, 2018
Missouri farmers and state officials recently discussed business challenges in agriculture at 5 Imagine Ag Business sessions. The sessions were hosted by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, or CAFNR.

University of Missouri System

Columbia’s Discovery Parkway expansion is in full swing
ABC 17 News - October 15, 2018
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved construction for a medical isotope facility to be built off Discovery Parkway in the University of Missouri System-owned Discovery Ridge.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

UMKC Awarded $2.5 Million Grant to Address Substance Use Disorders*
UMKC Today – October 15, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City won another large grant to help address the U.S. opioid crisis nationally.

National Diversity Recognition*
UMKC Today – October 15, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine has received a 2018 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

In their own words: Missouri leaders, including a toxicologist, on medical marijuana
The Kansas City Star – October 15, 2018
The Kansas City Star asked its influencers: Should marijuana be legal for medical use, why or why not; and should employers continue to screen for medical marijuana if it is legalized, why or why not? Brenda Bethman, director of UMKC Women’s Center; Reza Derakhshani, UMKC School of Computing and Engineering association professor and EyeVerify developer; and Ken Novak, UMKC professor of criminal justice and criminology, offered their answers.

Jazz Artist Hermon Mehari Now Lives In Paris, But He Returns To Kansas City As Often As He Can
KCUR – October 12, 2018
Trumpeter Hermon Mehari, 31, is a Missouri native, who’s now based in Paris. In 2010, Mehari graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance where, as a student, he earned early acclaim as one of the founders of Diverse. The jazz group released two CDs, and toured the U.S. and Europe.

BWW Review: DRACULA: A SONG OF LOVE AND DEATH at Spencer Theatre At UMKC (with KCAT)
Broadway World KC – October 14, 2018
Just in time for the Halloween season...The KCAT and UMKC have collaborated in bringing to the Spencer Stage at KCRep a fresh retelling of the Dracula story, written by Mitch Brian.

World premiere of "Dracula" by KCAT
KSHB – October 12, 2018
KCAT's new version of "Dracula" is a world-premiere adaptation that was written just for KCAT by Mitch Brian, a screenwriter and professor at UMKC. It is a co-production with the UMKC Theatre Department.

"Just doing their job" What it’s like working as a UMKC parking attendant
University News – October 12, 2018
Alex Nason is a full-time freshman at UMKC, but he’s not just any student. He’s the one giving out parking tickets.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Missouri engineers could make charging an electric car as fast as filling a gas tank
St. Louis Public Radio – October 15, 2018
Engineers in Missouri are taking on a challenge that could make owning an electric car far more convenient — building a charging station that fully charges up a car in 10 minutes... The goal is to develop a charger that works almost as fast as a gas station, said Jonathan Kimball, an electrical and computer engineer at Missouri University of Science and Technology.

A look at Missouri’s 3 medical marijuana ballot questions and lessons from Colorado
The Kansas City Star – October 15, 2018
The question of whether Missouri should legalize medical marijuana is personal for Pam Whiting... The Influencers were split on whether employers should continue to screen for marijuana if it’s legalized for medical use. Chris Maples, interim chancellor at Missouri University of Science and Technology, said medical marijuana should be legal because it shows promise in treating certain conditions, but more research is needed.

University of Missouri receives ‘C’ in racial equity study
Columbia Daily Tribune – October 13, 2018
A new racial equity report card is in and Missouri’s marks put the state among the bottom 10 in the nation... For example, MU has the largest black student and faculty population in the state, but was a full letter grade lower for its student-to-faculty ratio than Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, which only employed nine total black faculty members in 2016, according to the study.

Missouri civil engineer says Joplin tornado inspired her to build tornado simulators
Fourstateshomepage.com – October 12, 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.

'Tis the season for haunted attractions
Myguidon – October 11, 2018
Haunted houses, trails and attractions: Just like dressing in costume, going trick-or-treating or watching scary movies, they’re an October tradition for fans of horror and Halloween... Students at Missouri S&T transform the school's Experimental Mine into “The Haunted Mine” each year in October, giving visitors a haunted house experience underground.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

UMSL brings Missouri Veterans History Project under its umbrella to memorialize veterans’ oral histories
UMSL Daily - October 15, 2018
A new collaboration between the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the Missouri Veterans History Project gives a home to veterans’ stories.
Is It Possible to Be an Anti-Abortion Democrat? One Woman Tried to Find Out.
The New York Times - October 16, 2018
But in 2008, Missouri broke with its past, voting against the winning candidate, Barack Obama. By the end of his presidency, Democratic fortunes had declined precipitously, dragged down by raw culture war battles that plagued the state. In 2016, the party lost all but one statewide office seat, including the governorship, according to Terry Jones, a professor of political science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Cornerstone Chorale and Brass lifts up message that 'nurtures our compassion' near and far
St. Louis Public Radio - October 15, 2018
“I had seen how effective [these] programs could be, and very often they’ve been focused on Christmas,” Vantine, who was on the University of Missouri-St. Louis music faculty at the time, recalled on Monday’s St. Louis on the Air. “But I got the idea of doing a Thanksgiving type of a program with a social-justice message – so that we could touch people's hearts.”

La Breyere joins MAC admissions
Daily Journal Online - October 15, 2018
La Breyere was educated at University of Missouri-St. Louis, graduating summa cum laude from UMSL and UMSL's Pierre Laclede Honor's College, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in art history and a minor in studio art. She also attended MAC where she received an associate of arts degree. She is a graduate of Farmington High School.

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Although she was forced to give up her camera in her early 60s because of severely debilitating rheumatoid arthritis, she maintained control of her work until she passed away in 2012 at the age of 91. Much of her work is still on display at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Rev. Starsky Wilson stepping down as pastor of Saint John’s
The St. Louis American - October 15, 2018
He is a trustee for Chicago Theological Seminary and the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference. He also advises the Democracy Fund, Let America Vote, the National Voter Protection Fund and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Area Residents Encouraged to Take Part in 16th Annual Trash Bash
Florissant Patch - October 15, 2018
Registration will take place from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. at four locations – Willmore Park, located on the east side of the River des Peres and just north of the intersection of Hampton and Gravois Avenues in St. Louis City; the Heman Park Community Center, located at 975 Pennsylvania in University City; the University of Missouri-St. Louis Urban Ecology Trailer, located at the South Campus on East Drive; and Lorraine Davis Park, located at 700 Lorraine Davis Ln. in Webster Groves. Free breakfast will be provided at each location, and all volunteers will get a free t-shirt.

Higher Education

Governor voices support for higher fuel tax, preparing people for the workforce
Columbia Missourian – October 16, 2018
Gov. Mike Parson spoke in support of increasing Missouri’s fuel tax and the importance of workforce development during a speech at the Missouri Community Betterment Awards in Columbia on Monday evening. The governor also spoke about the importance of supporting education in having a prepared workforce. Parson said the state spends a great amount of money on K-12 public education system and higher education. They are “well-invested” and “bringing people out, getting them prepared for the real world.”

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Harvard Admissions Trial Opens With Arguments Focused on Diversity
The Chronicle of Higher Education – October 15, 2018
Harvard University defended its race-conscious admissions policy in a crowded courtroom in Boston on Monday, pushing back against claims that it discriminates against Asian-American applicants.

What To Know About Affirmative Action As The Harvard Trial Begins
NPR – October 16, 2018
Does Harvard University discriminate against Asian-Americans in its admissions process? That’s the question on trial in a Boston federal courtroom this week. At issue is whether Harvard unfairly discriminated against an Asian-American applicant who says the Ivy League school held him to higher standards than applicants of other races.

U. of Texas Overhauls Program on Masculinity to Avoid Stigma
Chronicle of Higher Education – October 15, 2018
The University of Texas at Austin is rebranding a program designed to enlist men in discussions about sexual abuse and dating violence. The program, MasculinUT, was put on hold last spring after conservative media outlets accused the university of treating masculinity as a mental-health problem.

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