Mizzou News Updates

Local Perspective: Precision Medicine at MU—an Economic Driver for Columbia*  
Columbia Business Times – October 30, 2018  
The planned Translational Precision Medicine Complex is a fine example of how MU’s schools and colleges are enhancing their shared work in finding cures to diseases that affect millions, while also creating a potential economic boost to the state.

That’s The Spirit: Bewitching And Bootiful Costumes Abound This Halloween*  
CBS Dallas Fort Worth - October 31, 2018  NICU babies at the University of Missouri Health Care Children’s Hospital also go in the holiday spirit, too.  
More than 100 CBS affiliates across the country aired this story.

From President Trump to Robert DeNiro, who is responsible when words can incite violence?*  
Deseret News - October 31, 2018  Lyrissa Barnett Lidsky is dean of the University of Missouri School of Law, and has spent much of her career defending people who engage in rhetorical hyperbole from criminal and civil liability on First Amendment grounds.

EPA Allows Farmers to Keep Using Bayer’s Controversial Weed killer  
The Wall Street Journal – October 31, 2018  
University of Missouri researchers in July estimated 1.1 million acres of soybeans were affected this year, including 500,000 acres in Illinois, the top soybean-producing state.

Missouri soybean farmers aren't punishing GOP for Trump's trade war  
Washington Examiner - October 31, 2018  Exports to China represent nearly one-third of Missouri’s soybean market, which on average is worth in excess of $2.3 billion annually, according to the University of Missouri.

Talking Politics: How Proposition B Will Impact Business Owners  
KBIA - October 31, 2018  So which interpretation of Proposition B’s potential effects is more accurate? University of Missouri professor of economics Peter Meuser says it all depends on the health of the economy, which is unpredictable.

Evansville athletics director Mark Spencer responds to Missouri's Dru Smith situation  
Courier and Press (Evansville, IL) – October 31, 2018
In an attempt to clear the air, the University of Evansville broke its silence after Monday’s St. Louis Post-Dispatch column shone a negative light on the Purple Aces. UE and athletics director Mark Spencer issued a 630-word statement Wednesday afternoon. It detailed the communication with the University of Missouri, which recently had its initial waiver rejected by the NCAA.

Fall festival brings organizations, businesses to Locust Street Elementary
Columbia Daily Tribune - October 31, 2018
The activity was presented by Amanda Staley Harrison and Candy Sall from the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Missouri.

University of Missouri System

5 Other College Presidents Who Left Amid a Cloud of Athletics Scandal
The Chronicle of Higher Education - October 31, 2018
The controversy that brought down University of Missouri System President Wolfe was not an athletics scandal. It was instead about students’ allegations of rampant racism on the flagship campus. But the fatal blow was dealt by the football team.

Burns & McDonnell Awarded Contract for New MU Research Facility
Markets Insider- Business Insider - October 31, 2018
As the University of Missouri plans to build the Translational Precision Medicine Complex (TPMC), it has awarded Burns & McDonell the contract for architectural, master planning and engineering design services for the $220,800,000 research facility.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

St. Luke’s nurse out of job after posting blackface photo online*
KCTV5 – October 30, 2018
Dr. Makini King is with the University of Missouri-Kansas City’s Diversity and Inclusion Division. She says one of the problems is education, and we simply aren't doing a good enough job teaching the history of blackface.

Saint Luke’s nurse loses job after sharing photo of blackface Halloween costume*
Fox4KC – October 30, 2018
“The fact that this racist behavior persists is simply an indication that our racist history is not passed, basically,” said Matthew Osborn, an associate professor of early American history at UMKC. Makini King, a psychologist in the UMKC Department of Diversity and Inclusion, said the photo of the nurse should encourage people to get to know each other better and to educate themselves on our nation's history.

Latino community upset over President Trump’s plan to end birthright citizenship*
Fox4KC – October 30, 2018
UMKC student Aly Hernandez was not born in the United States. She obtained permanent residency status because her father is a citizen. But she believes not allowing birthright citizenship will make the illegal immigration problem much worse.
Metro nonprofit delivers fresh produce to urban areas considered ‘food deserts’
Fox4KC – October 30, 2018
“I think it’s awesome,” said Dani Donbek, a UMKC student who just moved into the neighborhood near one of Kaniger’s sales locations. “I think it’s great. People need to be more aware there’s local produce. I think it’s great for people to be able to change their diet.”

Kansas City Ghost Hunter Says The More Afraid You Are, The More Likely You’ll See One
KCUR – October 31, 2018
Darren Hinesley (B.L.A. ’01) is considered an expert on Kansas City hauntings. One evening when he was a student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and studying in the Epperson House, he heard footsteps and a bone-chilling woman’s scream.

Five UMKC jazz study musicians to watch
University News – October 30, 2018
The music sets the mood, and that music is often created by graduates of UMKC’s Department of Music and Dance.

Students and faculty give job search advice
University News – October 30, 2018
Many UMKC students balance attending classes and working part-time jobs. This split in many students’ time is evident when you try to plan a group project or schedule a study session, but how did these students find their jobs in the first place?

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Missouri S&T professor receives Thomas Fleming Award for Outstanding Military History Writing*
Phelps County Focus – October 31, 2018
Dr. John C. McManus, Curators’ Distinguished Professor of history and political science at Missouri University of Science and Technology and one of the nation’s most distinguished military historians, has won the Thomas Fleming Award for Outstanding Military History Writing for his upcoming journal article on Gen. Douglas MacArthur’s stealth campaign for the 1944 Republican presidential nomination. A $5,000 cash prize accompanies the award.

New Goodwill Excel Center to help adults gain high school degree
Illinois Business Journal – October 31, 2018
MERS Goodwill says the St. Louis location of the new Goodwill Excel Center has opened in the Samuel Aftergut Rehabilitation Center at 1727 Locust St. … As a Master Teacher, Lauer had the opportunity to teach adults at Missouri University of Science and Technology as well as other universities across the country.

How NASA Will Use Robots to Create Rocket Fuel From Martian Soil
Deepfind – October 30, 2018
The year is 2038. After 18 months residing and dealing on the floor of Mars, a crew of six explorers boards a deep-space transport rocket and leaves for Earth. … The brief model: When Leucht was 13, his mother and father gave him an Apple IIe for Christmas. “That laptop principally modified my life,” he says. He determined to develop into an engineer and later enrolled at Missouri University of Science & Technology, in Rolla.

Past, upcoming construction projects on campus
Standard Online – October 29, 2018
Missouri State's campus is hardly ever free of fences, yellow tape or construction machines. ... “Some notable recent projects include the renovation of Hill Hall, the renovation of Woods House and the renovation of space in Plaster Center for Free Enterprise to house the mechanical engineering program with Missouri S&T,” Kayser said.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Growing faculty entrepreneurs is aim of UM System’s new express license
UMSL Daily - October 31, 2018
UMSL researcher Zhi Xu’s research in optical analytical instrumentation led to the founding of St. Louis Medical Devices, a startup company that is continuing development of Xu’s non-invasive glucose monitoring device designed to help the more than 425 million diabetics worldwide better monitor glucose levels without the pain of drawing blood and avoid serious negative health outcomes such as kidney failure, blindness, amputation and death.

UMSL to host Transgender Spectrum Conference
Webster Journal - October 30, 2018
On Nov. 9-10, the University of Missouri-St. Louis will host the 2018 Transgender Spectrum Conference. The conference will be held on their campus at the JC Penney Conference Center and will plan to bring together a broad audience with a common interest of advancing the lives of transgender people.

November Novel writing month: Surviving the hike and aftermath
Patch.com - October 31, 2018
She has a Masters in English Composition from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and has featured on various stages around the country, including Kranzberg Center for the Arts, The Focal Point, The Stage at KDHX, Prohibition Hall, and even a rundown truck stop in Tennessee.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Death, Resignation, Outrage: For U. of Maryland, an Athletics Scandal Turns Morality Play
The Chronicle of Higher Education – October 31, 2018
Wallace D. Loh’s announcement on Tuesday that he plans to resign as president of the University of Maryland at College Park was met with outrage and consternation from alumni, lawmakers, students, and some athletes, who lamented that Loh was the only major figure to lose his job in the wake of a far-reaching athletics scandal.

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