Two sentenced to probation in fraternity assault case
Columbia Daily Tribune – November 5, 2018
The negligence of the national fraternity and the lax oversight by the local chapter, the lawsuit states, “fuel a culture of bullying, physical intimidation, threats, aggression and/or violent tendencies and the foreseeable risk of physical harm to students and neighbors in the University of Missouri-Columbia campus community.”

Trial date set for University of Missouri Sunshine Law case
Columbia Daily Tribune – November 5, 2018
Circuit Judge Jeff Harris last week set a March trial date for the Sunshine Law case involving an animal rights group and the University of Missouri.

Kansas nursing homes improve on overusing sedatives, but Missouri now among the worst*
Kansas City Star – November 5, 2018
Lorraine Phillips, a University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing professor, has studied the issue in that state. She and four colleagues published a research paper earlier this year that found that the fewer nurses available per patient, the more likely anti-psychotics are to be improperly prescribed.

Can Measuring Evaporation Help Farmers Save Water?*
Food Tank - November 6, 2018
Researchers from the University of Missouri in Columbia are taking a closer look at evaporation. With the use of specialized weather algorithms, they find they can improve rainfall estimates, and they hope their new methods will be adopted by weather stations as they evolve.

Financial education could ease student loan stress*
Futurity.org - November 5, 2018
More needs to be done to educate borrowers about managing debt as well as the various repayment options that might be available to them, says Lu Fan, assistant professor of personal financial planning at the University of Missouri.

As EPA renews approval for dicamba, questions about the weedkiller remain
The Journal Times Online - November 5, 2018
"I have no patience for the politics part of all this, and it truly has gotten political," said Kevin Bradley, a professor of plant sciences at the University of Missouri. "There are just too many people who were told they can't give those numbers anymore, as estimates."

This story ran in multiple outlets nationally.
Missouri minimum wage fight continues with Proposition B vote
Missouri Business Alert - November 6, 2018
Joseph Haslag, an economics professor at the University of Missouri, said he does not believe that the economic effects of a $12 minimum wage will be positive.

Early and absentee voting: Youth vote surges in hotly contested races
USA Today - November 5, 2018
In Missouri, one of 13 states that does not allow early voting or casting an early ballot without a valid excuse, Democratic and Republican students at the flagship University of Missouri worked with a nonpartisan student lobbying group to register more than 2,000 students this fall.
Story ran in multiple outlets nationally and throughout Missouri.

McCaskill repeats moderate message in Columbia
ABC 17 News - November 5, 2018
University of Missouri political science professor Andrea Benjamin said her campaign strategy is meant to help McCaskill connect with independent and Republican voters.

Is Claire McCaskill one of America’s most independent senators?
Politifact – November 5, 2018
University of Missouri professor of American politics Marvin Overby said the claim was an exaggeration. "We live in an epoch where politics is very partisan and independent politicians are extraordinarily rare," he said. "But, comparatively speaking, it is fair to say that — in a hyper-partisan age — McCaskill shows more independence than most."
This story also ran in the Columbia Missourian

University of Missouri System
MU Health CEO says talks with SSM Health 'moving in very positive direction'
ABC 17 News - November 5, 2018
The CEO of MU Health said talks with SSM Health are "moving along in a very positive direction." Jonathan Curtright gave an update on the discussions during the UM System Board of Curators Health Affairs meeting in Columbia Monday.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Seeing News through the Lens of Literature*
UMKC Today - November 2, 2018
Writers have a lot to say. And books and magazines are not always the best places for them to express themselves. That's what UMKC Associate Professor of English Whitney Terrell thought.
In their own words: most Missouri leaders say gas tax increase is 'long overdue'
The Kansas City Star – November 5, 2018
The final question in the Missouri Influencers series focused on issues that affect the state, readers want to know: Would raising the gas tax help Missouri maintain its road infrastructure? Why or why not? Brenda Bethman, director of UMKC Women's Center; and Reza Derakhshani, EyeVerify developer and UMKC School of Computing and Engineering associate professor, are influencers.

UMKC golfer Sam Humphreys finishes chemotherapy treatment
Golfweek – November 2, 2018
Two months ago, Golfweek profiled University of Missouri-Kansas City redshirt senior Sam Humphreys in his fight against testicular cancer.

Mold in Conservatory causes problems for dancers and faculty*
University News – November 5, 2018
UMKC Conservatory dancers and faculty members are not optimistic about the condition of a key studio after returning in August to find it contaminated with mold.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

University Powers EcoVillage with New Microgrids for Research on Advanced Lead Battery Technologies*
Electrical Construction & Maintenance – November 5, 2018
Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Mo., has installed two new advanced lead battery microgrid systems at the campus’s EcoVillage, a “living laboratory” that is home to solar-powered houses designed and built by Missouri S&T students.

Missouri S&T Powers High-Tech, Living Laboratory Homes with New Microgrids to Research Advanced Lead Battery Technologies*
Electronic Component News – November 5, 2018
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Kansas City Star – November 5, 2018
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Missouri S&T professor receives Thomas Fleming Award for Outstanding Military History Writing*
The Rolla Daily News - November 4, 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.

TDD endorses University Drive realignment, new road parallel to Kingshighway
Phelps County Focus - November 2, 2018
Based on supplied technical analysis and public feedback, the TDD recommends proceeding with planning for either enactment of Alternatives 1 and 2, or a hybrid of both. It cites that University Drive’s realignment is also a goal of Missouri S&T’s most
recent campus master plan. One concept Missouri S&T envisions in its master plan is using Alternative 1’s proposed roundabout to create a “Miner Circle” to act as a formal entrance to campus.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

UMSL students dip their toes into international travel with faculty-led trips*
UMSL Daily - November 5, 2018
The University of Missouri–St. Louis senior was in Spain last summer on a two-week, study abroad trip led by Assistant Professor of Psychology Bettina Casad and Curators’ Professor of Comparative Politics and Gender Policies Joyce Mushaben. He took pleasure wandering the streets, eager to see where he might end up and what he might stumble upon. Thanks to the logic of city planning, he always found his way back.

New actuarial science degree program already attracting students to UMSL*
UMSL Daily - November 5, 2018
“I was just kind of like, ‘I don’t know. Nobody has my major,’” the University of Missouri–St. Louis junior recalled recently. “I kind of was freaking out a little bit.”

UMSL political scientists help media set stage for anticipated midterm election*
UMSL Daily - November 5, 2018
The chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of Missouri–St. Louis shows up right in the first sentence of Chad Garrison’s Oct. 24 story, which ran under the headline, “How to win Missouri.”

UMSL-sponsored youth voting program featured on KSDK*
UMSL Daily - November 5, 2018
A youth voting program sponsored by the Citizenship Education Clearing House at the University of Missouri–St. Louis was featured on KSDK Channel 5 on Monday, the day before this year’s much-anticipated midterm elections.

Middle school students practice voting for midterms
KSDK - November 5, 2018
It’s through a program through UMSL is helping kids around the state get a realistic experience of what it’s like to vote.

This lily’s cousin is an ear of corn. Now, scientists know how they—and many other plants—are related
Science - November 5, 2018
The work is convincing, says Peter Stevens, a systematist at the University of Missouri in St. Louis who was not involved with the study. “It allows you think about the origin of monocot features.”

More than a fluke: Populism is on the rise worldwide
Talk Media News - November 6, 2018
Joyce Marie Mushaben, a professor of comparative politics at the University of Missouri St. Louis and author of 2017’s “Becoming Madam Chancellor: Angela Merkel and the Berlin Republic,” says the chancellor’s background endowed her with a set of skills unmatched by any leader in Europe.

Bethlehem Township picks commissioner to fill the late Tom Nolan’s seat
The Morning Call - November 5, 2018
He is a graduate of the Lackawanna Police Academy and has a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Missouri at St. Louis. He has been employed as an analyst for Dunn and Bradstreet.
On Election Day, Here’s What Higher Ed Should Watch For
Chronicle of Higher Education – November 5, 2018
Here we go again. Tuesday’s midterm elections might be, first and foremost, a referendum on the presidency of Donald J. Trump, but voters will also have their say on a broad range of issues affecting higher education, including the free-college movement and Betsy DeVos, the nation’s education secretary.

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