Mizzou News Updates

MU made sweeping changes at the top after the fall 2015 protests. But it falls short on hiring minority faculty.
Columbia Missourian - November 9, 2018
Three years ago, MU students rallied for an institutional and cultural shift in the way their campus talked about race. Minority students felt unseen, unheard and underserved.

MU will hold a number of Veterans Day events on Friday*
Columbia Missourian - November 8, 2018
A wreath-laying ceremony will take place at noon at the Memorial Student Union to recognize and honor MU veterans. There will be a guest speaker and a reception afterward in the Bengal Lair.

New Greek task force at KU to recommend changes for fraternities, sororities by summer
The Kansas City Star - November 8, 2018
A KU spokeswoman said KU officials are not available to provide further information about the task force. But the group echoes similar reform efforts enacted at the University of Missouri this year. In January 2018, Mizzou Vice Chancellor Gary Ward convened a similar task force in the wake of a damning consultant's report that found Mizzou's Greek system, particularly its fraternities, was plagued by hazing, overconsumption of alcohol and drug use.

Rowden chosen for key Senate leadership position
Columbia Missourian - November 8, 2018
"It would allow him to have more influence over things such as the University of Missouri and city of Columbia,” Reisch said. "He would help to support this area.”

Unknown ingredients make synthetic marijuana overdoses hard to treat
ABC 17 News - November 8, 2018
Dr. Chris Sampson with MU Health Care said that he's seen nearly a dozen people come into the University Hospital ER from overdoses in the last day. Symptoms, he said, range from total unconsciousness to extreme irritability.

Nursing homes reduce Kansas' anti-psychotic drug use rate*
The Washington Times – November 9, 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.

Atomic microscope offers peek at how cells behave*
Futurity.org - November 8, 2018
“What’s missing right now in cell biology is the ability to predict cell behavior,” says Gavin King, associate professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Missouri.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Racial disparities in patient characteristics and survival after AMI
Medical Brief – November 7, 2018
“These outcomes, although they seemed linked to race, were actually independent of race in and of itself,” said Garth Graham, a cardiologist at Saint Luke’s Mid America Heart Institute and the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

James Polsinelli to retire from the law firm that bears his name
ABA Journal – November 7, 2018
James Polsinelli graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 1967 and went on to practice law at an insurance defense firm.

WHO IS SHARICE DAVIDS? KANSAS DEMOCRAT BECOMES FIRST OPENLY LGBT NATIVE AMERICAN WOMAN ELECTED TO HOUSE
Newsweek – November 7, 2018
Sharice Davids went to Leavenworth High School, before attending Johnson County Community College and the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the publication reported.

Newcomer Sharice Davids triumphs against Kevin Yoder in Johnson County
KSHB – November 6, 2018
A Kansas native, Sharice Davids graduated from Leavenworth High School, Johnson County Community College and the University of Missouri-Kansas City before earning a law degree from Cornell University.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

New Mexico man identified as driver in Thursday crash
Phelps County Focus – November 8, 2018
A New Mexican was identified by the highway patrol as the driver of a pickup truck which caused a large collision in Rolla on Thursday while fleeing from law enforcement, according to an online report of Troop I of the Missouri State Highway Patrol… Police Department, Rolla Fire & Rescue, MoDOT, highway patrol and Missouri S&T police were on scene.

Missouri Colleges Ranked: You May Be Surprised Who Made The Top 10 List (And Who Didn't)
Lake Expo – November 8, 2018
As high school seniors across the Lake of the Ozarks (and everywhere else) feel the pressure of deciding what to do after graduation, financial data website WalletHub has published a list of the 10 best colleges/universities in Missouri based on 30 metrics, and it's interesting who makes the list... and who doesn't... 5. Missouri University of Science & Technology

Callon Petroleum Names Jeffrey Balmer As COO Gary Newberry’s Successor
Oil and Gas Investor – November 8, 2018
Callon Petroleum Co. (NYSE: CPE) said Nov. 6 that it named Jeffrey S. Balmer to succeed Gary A. Newberry as senior vice president and COO of the Permian Basin operator... He holds B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Petroleum Engineering, in addition to an M.S. in Environmental and Planning Engineering, from Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly University of Missouri – Rolla).

Experts Say Harvard Brand Will Remain Unscathed By Admissions Trial Revelations*
The Harvard Crimson – November 7, 2018
Harvard has been in the news a lot lately — even for Harvard. The three-week-long Harvard admissions trial that wrapped up in Boston last week riveted the nation... Andrew Careaga — who works as the Executive Director of Marketing and Communications at Missouri University of Science and Technology — wrote in an email that, even in recent days, national news coverage of Harvard appears to have shifted away from the admissions trial.

Missouri S&T choirs to perform fall concert Nov. 15*
Phelps County Focus – November 7, 2018
The Missouri University of Science and Technology Chamber Choir and University Choir invite the public to attend their annual fall concert in November. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 in Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall, located at 10th and Main streets in Rolla. Lorie L. Francis, associate teaching professor of music, will conduct the concert, with accompaniment by Rolla pianist Kathy Mazzeo.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Teach in 12 student hopes to bring passion for the outdoors into a classroom setting*
UMSL Daily - November 8, 2018
This August, after six months studying goshawks in Pennsylvania, he finally enrolled in the University of Missouri–St. Louis College of Education’s Teach in 12 certification program, with an expected graduation date of December 2019. He wants to become a high school biology teacher.

In Missouri, historic number of women candidates doesn’t translate to historic number of winners
St. Louis Public Radio - November 8, 2018
Forty-four Democratic women lost, compared to five Republican women. Terry Jones, a professor of political science at University of Missouri St. Louis, said he wasn’t taken aback by those numbers.

Chamber Project St. Louis diversifies the voices of classical music, Nov. 16 concert features work by a woman, black and Hispanic composers
The St. Louis American - November 8, 2018
As for the commission, the Chamber Project St. Louis leaders met Aquino performing with Winter Opera St. Louis, where he serves as musical director. He also is musical director for the Música Sacra concert series in Santo Domingo, director of orchestral studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and the current conductor-in-residence for the Washington University Symphony Orchestra.

2019 Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival set for Friday, April 12 & Saturday, April 13
St. Louis Jazz Notes - November 8, 2018
The Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival this week announced its dates for 2019, with public concerts set for 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

Soweto Gospel Choir brings songs of struggle, praise and freedom to the Touhill
The Soweto Gospel Choir will perform at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Missouri St. Louis at 8 p.m. Saturday, November 10 as a stop on its mammoth world tour in support of "Freedom," a record that celebrates the 100th anniversary of Nelson Mandela’s birth.

Crushing Defeat For Kirkwood's McCaskill
Webster-Kirkwood Times - November 9, 2018
"The McCaskill defeat is just another indication that Missouri is a red state," said Jones, a professor of political science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. "However, the strong showing by Cort VanOstran against Ann Wagner for the 2nd District House seat shows that the state's suburban areas are trending bluer and will likely continue in that direction .”

Burrow’s Renaissance
Webster-Kirkwood Times - November 9, 2018
Burrow grew up on St. Louis’ north side. He began his formal art training at McCluer High School, and received a bachelor’s in fine arts from University of Missouri - St. Louis (UMSL).

OnlineMasters.com Names Top Master’s in Higher Education Programs for 2019
PR Web - November 9, 2018
OnlineMasters.com, an industry-leading educational research organization, announces the release of their Best Online Master’s In Higher Education Programs for 2019. They have identified the top programs in the nation that are the best in the areas of curriculum quality, program flexibility, affordability, and graduate outcomes.

“The Living Legacy of the First World War”: Carnegie Council Marks the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day
PR Web - November 9, 2018
Richard Millett, University of Missouri-St. Louis: "The United States, the Western Hemisphere, and World War I: Forgotten Aspects”

German Comes Home to Help Patients
The Sun - November 8, 2018
Jensen has been her mentor throughout her venture to be an optometrist. Following her graduation from the University of Iowa, she went on to complete her Doctor of Optometry at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2016. She worked for a time as a technician with Jensen before going to Colorado.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

A Divided Congress Is Unlikely to Compromise on Higher Ed. But What if It Did?
The Chronicle of Higher Education – November 7, 2018
In the wake of Tuesday’s election results, there will inevitably be talk of reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, the main federal law governing student aid and other key higher-education policies, during the next two years. Democrats, who come January will hold a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, could put forward a bill based on the Aim Higher Act, a blueprint for higher education that they drafted earlier this year.

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