Mizzou News Updates

Report: How colleges can better respond to racism on campus
Education Dive - November 13, 2018
Along with the resignations of two of its top leaders, the University of Missouri saw steep enrollment declines. Freshmen enrollment dropped by 35% in the two years following the 2015 protests, The New York Times reported last year, though it has since partially rebounded. With less tuition revenue and a reduction in state funding, the university faced a $49 million budget shortfall that led to the elimination of 185 positions, among other cuts, this year, reported The Kansas City Star.

Columbia's Nobel Prize Winner George Smith Speaks At Swedish Embassy Ahead Of Prize Ceremonies*
KBIA - November 13, 2018
On a cloudy morning Tuesday at the Swedish Embassy in Washington, D.C., MU Professor Emeritus George Smith began a round of Nobel Prize celebrations prior to the official Nobel ceremonies next month in Stockholm, Sweden. The embassy room was packed front to back with scholars, students, and admirers, as Smith took the stage with three of the six American Nobel winners for 2018 who are being recognized for work in the fields of physics, physiology, medicine, and economics.

MU entrepreneurs survive ’Shark Tank,’ tread closer to $15,000*
Columbia Missourian - November 13, 2018
The team was among 10 from MU that advanced Monday to the Entrepreneur Quest semifinals. In March, the teams will go through another round of competition; if they make it through, they’ll move on to the finals in April, facing teams from across the University of Missouri System. The top three teams will win $15,000, $10,000 and $5,000.

Wildlife fled the sky and bees went silent during the 2017 total solar eclipse*
The Washington Post – November 13, 2018
University of Missouri ecologist Candace Galen, who was not involved in the radar report, applauded the authors for creating a “big-picture pattern of airborne biological signals.” This work, which included birds and bugs, captured “all the instruments in the orchestra,” Galen said. Galen’s own study focused on a single instrument: the bees.

Civil rights activist Bree Newsome to speak at MU
Columbia Missourian - November 14, 2018
Ten days after the 2015 shooting at a black church in Charleston, South Carolina, activist Bree Newsome scaled the 30-foot flagpole in front of the state's Capitol building in Columbia, South Carolina. She removed its Confederate flag, which was never lowered after the shooting, and gained national recognition as a civil rights activist. On Jan. 23, 2019, she will come to MU as the featured speaker for the annual MU Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. event, appearing at 7 p.m. at Jesse Auditorium.

**Treasurer Eric Schmitt Will Become Missouri Attorney General**
US News & World Report - November 13, 2018

University of Missouri political scientist Peverill Squire said the appointees will have an advantage when they're up for election in 2020 and can leverage their offices to build name recognition. That, he said, "may give the voters less of an opportunity to make those decisions than they might otherwise enjoy."

**Schmitt appointment means another office to fill**
ABC 17 News - November 13, 2018

"The problem is of course they have been given these appointments by the current governor," said University of Missouri political science professor Peverill Squire. "So to some extent they will be less independent of him."

**'Humongous fungus': Twenty-five years later, this Armillaria gallica is bigger than first thought, says U of T researcher**
University of Toronto News - November 13, 2018

Anderson, Smith and Professor Johann Bruhn from the University of Missouri-Columbia collected 245 samples during four visits to the site of the fungus over three years, "each of which led to many months of work in the lab," Anderson says. He found that the mutation rate was very low and that even frequently occurring mutations “didn’t have much of an impact on the fitness of the organism or on its appearance. What we think that tells us is that there must be some mechanism by which the fungus protects itself from mutations.”

**MU student from California hopes home is okay during wildfire**
KOMU – November 13, 2018

Ryan Howard, a University of Missouri senior, is getting ready to head home for Thanksgiving break. But, his home, in Thousand Oaks, California, is currently within a mile of the Woolsey fire. On Thursday, Howard's family was evacuated from his home as the fire got closer.

**Column: Your vote mattered in the midterm elections, but not the MSA senate race**
The Maneater - November 13, 2018

November starts off with some important elections. While the midterm elections impact the world around us, there is one election that affects MU students specifically.

**Dairy farm numbers trending lower in the Midwest**
Brownfield Ag News - November 13, 2018

The University of Missouri says the number of dairy cows in their state has been trending lower since the '90s. A recent study found from 2000 to 2014, the number Missouri dairy farms dropped by more than 45 percent and that number is expected to continue lower.
Livestock Symposium offers beef producers info on marketing and feed cost
Hannibal Courier-Post - November 13, 2018
Dr. Eric Bailey, state beef extension specialist with the University of Missouri, will moderate a panel of nationally known experts that will tell how to prepare cattle for sale to capture more value.

University of Missouri System

Gov. Parson wants two University of Missouri curators to stay when terms expire
Columbia Daily Tribune - November 13, 2018
Gov. Mike Parson won't name replacements for University of Missouri System Curators David Steelman and Jon Sundvold when their terms expire in January, but the two won't be getting full six-year terms, either.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Seg. 1: Flu Season Of 1918 And Today, Seg. 2: The TVs Of Tomorrow.
KCUR – November 12, 2018
Susan Sykes-Berry, retired nurse and librarian, UMKC Health Sciences Library, was a guest on “Central Standard.”

Missouri-Kansas City adds $20 million in scholarships*
Bristol Herald Courier – November 12, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City expects to provide 400 more scholarships to low- and moderate-income students.

Hispanic Bar Association to host student symposium
Dos Mundos – November 12, 2018
The Hispanic Bar Association of Greater Kansas City (HBAGKC) will host a free youth symposium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 17 for students interested in pursuing a law career. The symposium will take place at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, which is a sponsor.

UMKC alumnus and professor tosses her name back in Kansas City mayor’s race
University News – November 12, 2018
Kansas City Councilwoman Jolie Justus has been a lifelong Roo. Both her parents attended UMKC, so it was an easy choice when she was deciding where to attend law school. “I thoroughly enjoyed my time at UMKC so much that I came back to volunteer my time as an adjunct professor,” said Justus.

Association of Latin American Students raise scholarship money for Dreamers
University News – November 13, 2018
Hispanic Heritage Month may have ended in October, but UMKC’s Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) is still celebrating this month after earning a nearly $9,000 scholarship for DACA students.
Missouri University of Science and Technology

Missouri S&T joins national effort to increase college access, graduation*
Rolla Daily News - November 13, 2018

*Missouri University of Science and Technology* is part of a new national effort by land-grant universities to increase college access, close the achievement gap and award hundreds of thousands more degrees by 2025. The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) is organizing the collaborative effort, known as Powered by Publics: Scaling Student Success. APLU announced the initiative Sunday (Nov. 11, 2018) during its 131st Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Suspect in Nov. 8 crash revealed as violent fugitive
Phelps County Focus – November 13, 2018

The New Mexican who caused a large multi-vehicle collision in Rolla on Nov. 8 was driving a stolen vehicle at the time of the crash and is also wanted on three felony arrest warrants, according to Troop I of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. ... The pickup then exited the interstate in Rolla, at which point a Missouri S&T officer observed it traveling southbound on Bishop Avenue at a high rate of speed prior to the collision at Bishop’s intersection with Kingshighway.

First female commander at Fort Leonard Wood wants women to know what's possible for them in military
American Military News – November 13, 2018

The hallway leading to the commander's office is adorned with 40 framed pictures, arranged like a long arrow pointing forward, of the men in uniform who have led this sprawling post in the Ozarks. ... Gender integration of the armed services started in earnest in the 1970s, said John McManus, a Missouri University of Science and Technology professor in Rolla who has written 12 books on military history.

Miners earn bid to Mineral Water Bowl for first post-season since 1950*
The Rolla Daily News – November 12, 2018

For the first time since 1950, Missouri S&T's football team will get an opportunity to play in a post-season game as the Miners have been selected to play in the Mineral Water Bowl on Dec. 1 in Excelsior Springs, Mo. After being bypassed for a berth to the NCAA Division II playoffs, the Miners (9-2, 6-1 Great Lakes Valley Conference) will get to take part in the 53rd edition of the Mineral Water Bowl against Minnesota State Moorhead of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference at Tiger Stadium. Kickoff will be at noon.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Jill Bernard Bracy brings passion, persistence to UMSL professorship*
UMSL Daily - November 13, 2018

Jill Bernard Bracy was working through a teaching lesson recently when she shifted the instruction for a moment to one of her University of Missouri-St. Louis students.

St. Louis University to cut costs as enrollment and physician practice struggle
St. Louis Public Radio - November 13, 2018

Colleges and universities across the Midwest are facing a precarious future as demographic trends point to smaller class sizes and states decrease funding for public institutions. The University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis Community College and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale have all made cuts as enrollment and funding dropped in recent years.

The Chronicle of Higher Education
Black students have long called attention to biased treatment in higher education. In 2015, campus unrest brought widespread awareness to those issues with the hashtag #BlackOnCampus. That year, protests at the University of Missouri at Columbia sparked demonstrations by black students and activists across the country.

Amazon, the world’s largest internet retailer, has picked New York City and Arlington, Va., for its second headquarters locations. The move has prompted local colleges, including Virginia Tech and George Mason University, to make new investments and open new centers to tie in with expected economic and employment boom. A “highly educated labor pool” was among the tech giant’s top criteria for selecting its new headquarters, according to the company’s request for proposals. Long Island City, in Queens, N.Y., and the Crystal City area of Arlington were chosen, in part, due to the strength of their local talent and higher-education institutions. Local colleges and universities have already set major overhauls in motion to help meet Amazon’s requirements.

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