News Updates

Mizzou freshman who almost died from E. coli, has stark warning about newest romaine lettuce advisory
FOX2now - November 20, 2018
Stephanie Ingberg is a college freshman at Mizzou. Some say it’s a miracle she’s alive. We first reported on just how sick she became after eating romaine lettuce in March. She nearly died. Doctors blamed E. coli.

Breast cancer treatment is changing to bring less pain, same gain*
Columbia Missourian - November 20, 2018
"It’s important to know it’s available," said Gregory Biedermann, a radiation oncologist at MU Health Care. "I think it’s important for patients to have that discussion with their primary doctor as well as the center where they have it."

Mizzou students clear Maclay Gardens for Thanksgiving break*
WCTV – CBS Affiliate - Tallahassee, Florida – November 20, 2018
Bags of brush line the street at Maclay Gardens State Park. Those bags were filled by nine student volunteers from the University of Missouri. Those students are spending their Thanksgiving Break in Tallahassee helping Maclay Gardens. It’s all part of the school’s ‘Alternative Breaks’ program.

University of Missouri Names Two Dormitories After African Americans*
The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education - November 20, 2018
As a part of the University of Missouri’s homecoming festivities, the university renamed two residence halls after African-Americans who had a significant impact on the university.

MU and IRE host joint workshop, illuminate process behind investigating sexual assault evidence kit backlog
The Maneater - November 20, 2018
Anna Brett, senior and Columbia Missourian writer, and Katherine Reed, Missourian Public Health and Safety editor, spoke during a workshop hosted by the Missouri School of Journalism and Investigative Reporters and Editors to share their experience writing an award-winning investigative story on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Man sentenced in robbery that set off MU Alert
ABC 17 News - November 20, 2018
A Columbia man accused in a robbery attempt that set off an alert on a University of Missouri Health Care campus was sentenced to prison Monday.

University of Missouri - Kansas City

Former First Lady Laura Bush and Daughter, Barbara Pierce Bush, to Headline Starr Women’s Hall of Fame Induction Event*
UMKC Today – November 19, 2018
Former First Lady Laura Bush and daughter, Barbara Pierce Bush, will be the featured speakers at the March 22, 2019, induction event for the Starr Women’s Hall of Fame.

Professor Accused of Coercing Foreign Students to Be Servants
Inside Higher Ed – November 20, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City failed to stop a pharmacy professor accused of coercing international students from India to do personal chores for him such as busing tables at social events, taking care of his dog or houseplants, or bailing water out of a flooded basement, The Kansas City Star reported.

‘Modern Slavery’ for students in US University
Higher Education Plus – November 20, 2018
Students of University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy claimed that they were compelled to act as personal servants for an Indian-origin professor, Ashim Mitra.

UMKC professor accused of making students watch dogs, be waiters
KCTV5 – November 19, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City is expanding its investigation of a professor after a Kansas City Star story revealed allegations that he coerced students to perform personal favors, including watching his dog and acting as waiters and busboys.

Professor accused of making students watch dogs, be waiters
US News and World Report – November 19, 2018
The University of Missouri-Kansas City is expanding its investigation of a professor after a Kansas City Star story revealed allegations that he coerced students to perform personal favors, including watching his dog and acting as waiters and busboys. This AP story also ran in multiple outlets.

Indian-origin professor in US accused of using his students as 'servants'
India TV – November 19, 2018
Ashim Mitra, a longtime pharmacy professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, made his students tend his lawn, look after his dog and water the house plants, sometimes for weeks at a time when he and his wife were away, the Kansas City Star reported.

An Indian professor in the US allegedly treated students like "personal servants"
Quartz India – November 19, 2018
An acclaimed Indian professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) has been accused of exploiting his Indian graduate students like "personal servants" for decades, according to a detailed investigation in the Kansas City Star newspaper.

Real learning experience: UMKC student documents Kansas City firefighters in action
KCTV5 – November 19, 2018
Yusof Asefi, a University of Missouri-Kansas City student, was first on scene and captured some video. He was interviewing firefighters for a class project when they got the call.

5 tips for radiologists who want to get more out of social media
Radiology Business – November 19, 2018
"The pros exceedingly outweigh the cons, and anyone at any age can dive in to embrace the world of health care social media," said Amy K. Patel, M.D., of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

California's wildfires are getting bigger and deadlier. This is why.*
ABC News 6 – November 19, 2018
The first report of a fire came at 6:29 a.m. on Nov. 8, and less than 90 minutes later, a quarter of the town of Paradise, California was in the process of evacuating. An hour after that, the whole city was racing to get out of the fire’s path, and some
Climate plays an important role in determining fire intensity, probability of ignition, and fire severity,” said Robin Verble, director of the Missouri University of Science and Technology Ozark Research Field Station.

"Mickey's Christmas Carol" to show at Leach Theatre on Dec. 1*
Phelps County Focus – November 19, 2018
Get in the holiday spirit by watching Disney’s “Mickey's Christmas Carol.” Leach Theatre will show the holiday movie in December as part of its Family Film Day. The film begins running continuously at 11 a.m. Dec. 1 in Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall, located on the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus at 10th and Main streets in Rolla.

Plant Detective: Missouri S&T Professor Studies Plants as “Bio-Sentinels” of Indoor Pollution - Science and Technology Research News*
Science and Technology Research News – November 19, 2018
Behold the common house plant, the front-yard shrub, the rhododendron around back that’s seen better days since the next-door neighbors put their home on the market. ... For Dr. Joel Burken, such plants are far more valuable than as mere window dressing. The Curators’ Distinguished Professor and chair of civil, architectural and environmental engineering at Missouri S&T is an expert in phytoremediation, the process of using plants to study human exposure to pollutants.

Episode 5: "Degrees of Allegiance" – Petra DeWitt (Missouri and The Great War, Part 3)
The State Historical Society of Missouri – November 19, 2018
It was supposed to be the war to end all wars. At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the guns on the battlefield fell silent to mark the signing of the armistice that ended World War I. ... About the Guest: Petra DeWitt is an assistant professor of history at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. She holds a PhD in history from the University of Missouri–Columbia.

Himalayan expedition connects anthropology major’s passion to a purpose*
UMSL Daily - November 20, 2018
McDaniel, a 30-year-old anthropology major at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, was among 30 students participating in the 2018 Himalayan Health Exchange expedition into the Indian Himalayas and Indo-Tibetan borderlands. Together, health-care professionals and students provided hands-on care to underserved populations in some of the most remote areas of the world. McDaniel was one of five non-medical students chosen for the team.

Region’s bid for Amazon’s HQ2 may have been the biggest of them all
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette - November 21, 2018
Kenneth Thomas, a political science professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis who has written about competition involving incentives, said that the nominal value system typically is used in calculating such packages in the United States.

Giving thanks in 2018 for 53 St. Louis area volunteers
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - November 20, 2018
The success of Santa’s Helpers has provided Rita with plenty of individual honors, such as being named as one of the top alumni from the University of Missouri St. Louis in 2017. What means most to Rita, however, is that even after 50 years, Santa’s Helpers is continuing to make sure that no deserving boy or girl is without a toy during the holidays.

Man sentenced to 7 years in light rail train shooting death
The Associated Press (via The Kansas City Star) - November 20, 2018
A 20-year-old man has been sentenced to seven years in prison for fatally shooting a man on a light rail train near the University of Missouri-St. Louis.
Lou Anna K. Simon, the former president of Michigan State University, was charged on Tuesday with lying to police officers in the state attorney general’s investigation into how the university responded to accusations against Larry Nassar, the former sports doctor who abused hundreds of women and girls, the Lansing State Journal reports.

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