**News Updates**

**Group forms to oppose MU Health purchase of SSM St. Mary’s**  
Columbia Daily Tribune – November 27, 2018  
A new organization warning of higher costs from a merger of hospitals in Mexico and Jefferson City with *University of Missouri Health Care* has not attempted to bring its concerns to the university, MU Health CEO Jonathan Curtright wrote in a statement.

**$100,000 pledged to Jefferson City group opposing MU Health purchase of hospital**  
ABC 17 News - November 27, 2018  
A new nonprofit in Jefferson city aims to oppose any future expansion of *MU Health Care* in the state capital and according to the group, it has collected thousands of dollars. Gibbs said the coalition has about 100 supporters who have donated $20,000. He said those supporters have also pledged to give an additional $100,000, which has not yet been donated.

**Opponents say SSM-MU merger would hike treatment prices**  
KRCG News - November 27, 2018  
In a statement, *MU Health Care* spokesperson Jesslyn Chew said because the University of Missouri is a public institution, MU Health Care will follow all rules and guidelines established by the state. She said MU Health Care officials believe they will be able to offer jobs to almost all affected personnel. Chew said the merger would enhance the organization’s effort to provide integrated care, particularly in rural communities.

**Does Missouri have a developing budget problem?**  
MissouriNet - November 27, 2018  
The next major undertaking in determining the condition of the state’s budget will be the consensus revenue estimate which typically takes place during the first couple of weeks in December. The consensus revenue estimate (CRE) is an agreement about the state’s financial picture between the executive and legislative branches of government along with economists from the *University of Missouri*.

**New center at Mizzou dedicated to improving body image**  
Hannibal Courier-Post – November 27, 2018  
Poor body image impacts people of all ages and genders. Now, a new center at the *University of Missouri* will bring together a diverse group of researchers dedicated to improving body image.

**MU establishes body image research center**
Improved body image for improved well-being is the purpose of the new University of Missouri Center for Body Image Research and Policy.

MACC, MU extend agreement to allow concurrent enrollment
An agreement was renewed between the Moberly Area Community College and the University of Missouri at the college Board of Trustees meeting Monday that will allow students to concurrently enroll in courses for both schools.

Bring back the blackboard: MU English's boards are a window into the classroom
These are the boards of the MU English Department: a potpourri of blackboards, whiteboards and slides showcasing lessons from seminars on science fiction to global African literature. The department is featuring a series of board photos on its Twitter account under the hashtag #OnBoard in hopes of fostering a sense of community among English majors. The series is one way the department hopes to recruit and retain English students, many of whom are drawn to the major after starting out undecided or studying a different subject.

Doctors say frostbite can develop quickly in extremely cold conditions
"It doesn't take long for frostbite to develop," Dr. Christopher Sampson, MU Health Care Emergency Medicine Program Director told ABC 17 News in an interview Tuesday. He said frostbite can develop in about 10 minutes with exposure when it's "super cold."

Tree stand safety tips for hunters
Dr. Jacob Quick is an avid hunter and trauma specialist at the University of Missouri Health Center. He's been doing research on different falls climbing in and out of tree stands and knows that safety harnesses are always a safe bet. "They're very easy to wear, they're not cumbersome or uncomfortable or anything else. Part of the resistance of hunters to wear these things is that they've been doing it forever, for a really long time, the exact same way so why would they do it now? The reality is that their time is coming," said Dr. Quick.

Letter to the Editor: MSA participation is up to the electorate, not the elected
With more than 600 clubs and organizations on campus, MSA must compete for participants among students who belong to several organizations as well as their academics.

The Story Behind a St. Louis-Born NASA Engineer's NFL-Inspired Victory Handshake
On Monday, just before NASA's InSight robotic lander touched the rocky red surface of Mars, engineer and Mizzou grad Brooke Harper could only sit and listen to the data read-outs, which took a few minutes to traverse the 300 million miles separating Harper from the hunk of very expensive science gear that was designed to study the planet's interior. Twenty meters... Seventeen meters..... Standing by for touchdown. A few moments passed, excruciatingly slow for the dozens of scientists and engineers gathered at mission control. Finally, the words everyone was waiting for came over their headphones: Touchdown confirmed.
University of Missouri - Kansas City

Can Court Watching Hold the Judiciary Accountable? And The Fully Informed Jury Association
KKFI – November 26, 2018
Host Teresa Wilke talked with Allen Rostron, Associate Dean of Students, William R. Jacques Constitutional Law Scholar and Professor of Law at UMKC School of Law. He was joined by Josie Ellerman and Sarah Duggan, UMKC law students and members of the American Constitution Society, to talk about the importance of law and courts.

Multiple area schools closed Monday due to inclement weather
Fox4KC – November 25, 2018
Kansas University and UMKC will also be closed Monday.

Students respond to spike in sexual assaults on campus
University News – November 26, 2018
According to the October 2018 Campus Crime and Safety Report, otherwise known as the Clery Report, the number of rapes reported on UMKC’s campus tripled from two in 2015 to six in 2017.

Strategic plan may bolster student use of public transportation
University News – November 26, 2018
Historically, UMKC has been primarily a commuter school, but in recent years the administration has worked to increase the number of students living on campus.

Snow Storm Slams Midwest, Causes Thousands Of Flights To Be Canceled
Global Engineering News – November 26, 2018
Air travel in many parts of the U.S. was interrupted Monday morning because of a snowstorm in the Midwest. The University of Missouri-Kansas City canceled classes Monday due to Sunday’s storm.

KU, Park and UMKC cancel classes Monday due to winter weather
Fox4KC – November 25, 2018
The University of Kansas and the University of Missouri-Kansas City have canceled classes for Monday, Nov. 26, due to travel challenges across the area from the wintry weather.

Can the new chancellor help transform UMKC into a first-tier university?
The Kansas City Star – November 25, 2018
The controversy surrounding a University of Missouri-Kansas City professor who allegedly abused his students is shocking — students come to UMKC to learn, not to cut a professor’s grass or wait tables at a garden party.

College student runs for KCK school board
Wyandotte Daily – November 23, 2018
Gary Enrique Bradley-Lopez, a college student, has announced his candidacy for the Kansas City, Kansas, Board of Education. He received an associate degree in theater from Kansas City Kansas Community College in 2018 and currently attends the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

New Roles in University Administration for Five African Americans
The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education – November 23, 2018
Brandon Martin has been named athletic director for the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He was the athletic director for California State University, Northridge.
Missouri University of Science and Technology

S&T choirs and orchestras to perform Holiday Concert Dec. 2*
Phelps County Focus – November 27, 2018
The Missouri University of Science and Technology music program invites the public to attend its Performing Arts Holiday Concert in December. The concert will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 2, in Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall, located at 10th and Main streets in Rolla.

Take Five: Mark Stielow
Hot Rod Network – November 27, 2018
Mark Stielow is an engineer with deep roots in both hot rodding and new-vehicle development. He’s been project manager at GM for brilliant machines like the 2015 Camaro Z28, and he’s built at least 17 different first-generation Camaros in his own garage. ... HRM] Where did you go to school? MS] University of Missouri, Rolla, which is now called the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

How Does Missouri University of Science & Technology Rank Among America's Best Business Schools?
UC News & World Report – November 27, 2018
Missouri University of Science & Technology is Unranked in Best Business Schools. Schools are ranked according to their performance across a set of widely accepted indicators of excellence.

Missouri campuses part of plan to recruit and graduate more diverse students*
KBIA – November 26, 2018
Three University of Missouri campuses are part of a national program looking to increase college access for minorities and lower income students and increase their graduation rates. The University of Missouri-Columbia, Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla and the University of Missouri-Kansas City are participating in the project.

University of Missouri - St. Louis

Circle of Educators group seeks to connect education alumni to UMSL, community*
UMSL Daily - November 27, 2018
Ann Taylor and Helene Sherman had a specific vision as they began organizing an official alumni group for the University of Missouri–St. Louis College of Education last year.

Marketing alumnus entrusted with an iconic German brand*
UMSL Daily - November 27, 2018
Any development or change the airline undertakes becomes national news. Journalists even call to examine the thought process of logo color selection. But despite the pressures around him, the Lufthansa vice president of marketing and University of Missouri–St. Louis alumnus navigates his varied responsibilities with excitement and humility.

12-year-old white-hat hacker is working to save the internet
KSDK - November 27, 2018
Recently, 12-year-old Reuben Paul of Austin, Texas, came to St. Louis as the keynote speaker for STLcybercon, an internet security conference at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Paul is a hacker but not in the negative connotation. He’s a white hat, a good hacker who uncovers security gaps that leave us vulnerable.

Leaky roofs, unusable buildings: Report highlights crumbling conditions at Missouri's colleges and universities
The report, which details the condition of buildings, parking lots, roads and other property, found that in places like the University of Missouri-St. Louis, efforts to fix old buildings and build new classroom facilities have fallen victim to a tight state budget.

Climate change to bring Missouri heavier rains, hotter days and major costs
St. Louis Public Radio - November 28, 2018
Some environmental experts, like University of Missouri-St. Louis economist Lea-Rachel Kosnik, believe that a tax on carbon emissions would be an effective solution.

Carthage engages immigrant families
Joplin Globe - November 27, 2018
The SEE-TEL program was developed by Kim Song at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Lisa Dorner at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Song previously did similar work in the St. Louis area and partnered with Dorner to expand into districts across the state for SEE-TEL.

Higher Education

DeVos Says Student Loans Have Created a Crisis. Hold On, Researchers Say.
The Chronicle of Higher Education - November 27, 2018
In a soon-to-be-divided Congress, new federal policy on this front is unlikely. But under an administration whose views have been opaque in many areas of higher education, observers pay special attention to words like “crisis.” But is the nation’s federal student-aid system really a bubble ready to pop? Rachel Fishman, deputy director for New America’s education-policy program, said DeVos's comments had the unmistakable ring of fearmongering. She added that a number like 1.5 trillion is so big that it can justify a whole range of extreme conclusions. "It’s so easy to point to it as a crisis because of the amount of debt there is right now,” she said.

Education chief: Student loan debt becoming a ‘crisis’
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution – November 27, 2018
The federal government’s top education official on Tuesday warned an audience of a “crisis” of rising college student loan debt and defaults on student loans. "We have a crisis in higher education," Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said at the start of the annual Federal Student Aid (FSA) training conference, held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

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