News Updates

MU Health CEO promises to sustain Audrain hospital
Columbia Tribune – December 12, 2018
At a standing-room only event Wednesday, University of Missouri Health Care CEO Jonathan Curtright said he’s looking for public backing to complete a deal to purchase SSM’s Audrain County and Jefferson City hospitals.

University of Missouri enters world of competitive gaming*
KY3 TV Springfield – December 12, 2018
The University of Missouri is taking video gaming to the next level. The school became a member Tuesday of the National Association of Collegiate Esports, which is the largest college-level competitive gaming scene in the country.
Similar stories have appeared in at least 140 publications across the country.

Your Eyes May Be the Window Into Your Stress*
CBS Boston - December 12, 2018
This is one of the busiest times of year as people are shopping, partying, parenting and working and all that multi-tasking can be stressful. Now researchers at the University of Missouri have identified an objective way to measure just how stressed you are and it’s all about the eyes.
A similar story was also featured in Futurity.

Your eyes are a window to your stress*
Futurity.org - December 12, 2018
Your eyes may offer a way to measure your stress while multitasking, according to a new study from the University of Missouri. Previous studies on workload and productivity include physical aspects, such as how much a person walks or carries, but they do not take into account a person’s state of mind.

Rethinking school suspensions: School climate offers a clue*
ScienceDaily - December 12, 2018
Now, researchers at the University of Missouri and the University of Virginia have found that when educators and administrators focus on creating a positive school climate, the likelihood of a student being suspended decreases by approximately 10 percent.
A similar story was also featured in Futurity.

Cut to the Chase: Initiative petition reform and broadband lead Missouri Farm Bureau priority list
Bolivar Herald-Free Press - December 12, 2018
Missouri is suffering from a long-term shortage of large animal veterinarians. This lack of available care can put animal health at risk. New policy supports fully funding the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Missouri.

Minnesota keeps June 20 cutoff for spraying dicamba
Minneapolis Star-Tribune - December 13, 2018
The problem is that dicamba can drift and kill soybeans and other crops on nearby fields that are not engineered to resist the herbicide. The chemical generated more than 2,700 complaints in more than 20 states and affected about 3.6 million acres in
2017, according to reports from state ag departments and state extension weed scientists compiled by the University of Missouri.

**Additional Illnesses Hurt Survival Chances For Missouri Breast Cancer Patients, Study Finds**

KCUR Kansas City – December 12, 2018

Visvanathan and Avonne Connor, cancer epidemiologists at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, along with researchers at the University of Missouri, examined how commonly diagnosed co-existing medical conditions affect breast cancer mortality rates among Missouri women. And what they found, after drawing on a dataset of more than 36,000 women diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in Missouri between 2002 and 2012, is that those conditions play a significant role.

**Missouri University of Science and Technology**

Missouri S&T professor elected fellow of the National Academy of Inventors*

Phelps County Focus – December 11, 2018

Dr. Jagannathan Sarangapani, Rutledge-Emerson Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology, has been named a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, the NAI announced today (Dec. 11).

Stephen S. Gao named Curators’ Distinguished Teaching Professor at Missouri S&T*

Phelps County Focus – December 11, 2018

Dr. Stephen S. Gao, professor of geology and geophysics at Missouri University of Science and Technology, has been named Curators’ Distinguished Teaching Professor of geology and geophysics. Gao will be officially recognized during Missouri S&T’s commencement ceremonies on Dec. 15.

Kelvin T. Erickson named Curators’ Distinguished Teaching Professor at Missouri S&T*

Phelps County Focus – December 11, 2018

Dr. Kelvin T. Erickson, professor of electrical and computer engineering at Missouri S&T, has been named Curators’ Distinguished Teaching Professor of electrical and computer engineering. Erickson will be officially recognized during S&T’s commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Sign ordinance again discussed at City Hall

Phelps County Focus – December 12, 2018

Questions about those confusing sign code changes that the Rolla City Council set aside Dec. 3 were answered by city Community Development department officials Monday night. ... Currently, the city does not regulate other public entities, including the Phelps County Courthouse and the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Nearly $1m NSF Grant to Bolster Cyber-Physical Systems Security*

Homeland Security Today – December 12, 2018

A team of researchers from Missouri S&T has received a National Science Foundation (NSF) research grant of nearly $1 million to develop stronger safeguards for a wide array of complex systems that rely on computers – from public water supply systems and electric grids to chemical plants and self-driving vehicles.

**University of Missouri-St. Louis**

100 Black Men honors Assistant Professor Sheila Grigsby with a Pillar Award*

UMSL Daily - December 12, 2018

In the years since, the University of Missouri–St. Louis College of Nursing assistant professor of community health has rendered the Barbershop Tour virtually unrecognizable.
Five University of Missouri-St. Louis students awarded 'Kit' Bond scholarships*
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - December 12, 2018
Former U.S. Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond is back in the news, handing out the first batch of Bond International Scholars grants — including five to students at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Meet Ed Protzel and the Southern fiction trilogy on Authors on the Air
Blog Talk Radio - December 12, 2018
Hating living L.A, Ed returned to St. Louis and switched to writing novels after earning his master's in English literature/creative writing from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He started by converting one of his screenplays into what would become his first novel (The Lies That Bind). His actual "big break" came when he landed an agent to represent The Lies That Bind, who quickly found a publisher. Today, Ed continues to live and write in St. Louis. His novels include The Antiquities Dealer (A David Greenberg Mystery); and his DarkHorse Trilogy: The Lies That Bind, Honor Among Outcasts, and Something in Madness (2019).

The Chronicle of Higher Education
How 2 Professors Use a ‘Grade Insurance’ Project to Motivate Students
The Chronicle of Higher Education – December 12, 2018
It’s a question that many professors face: How can I make abstract concepts like risk, value, and probability meaningful to students? Two professors of business at the University of North Texas at Denton may have found an answer that uses the conventions of their discipline: asking students to insure their grades.

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