News Updates

Cow steals spotlight at student’s graduation photo shoot
The New York Times - December 15, 2018

University of Missouri students were stunned when a towering dairy cow appeared on campus to make a cameo in a graduation photo shoot.
This story was picked up by more than 300 news outlets across the nation and internationally.

MU graduates move forward at December commencement ceremonies*
Columbia Missourian - December 15, 2018

Some families blew air-horns. Some rang cowbells. Some waved photos of their graduate. Some simply clapped. But all were excited at MU’s December commencement ceremonies Saturday morning.

University of Missouri graduations bring crowds to Columbia
ABC 17 News - December 15, 2018

Ceremonies started Friday for graduates at the University of Missouri, extending through 5 p.m. Saturday. More than 2,200 students will receive degrees this weekend, just under the amount earned in previous years.
This AP story was picked up across the state, including by KRCG and the Southeast Missourian.

MU Health Care, SSM Health to host third forum on potential hospital merger*
KOMU – December 17, 2018

SSM Health and MU Health Care will host the last of three scheduled public forums Monday night on the proposed sale of SSM's mid-Missouri ministries to MU Health Care.

Support grows for St. Mary's Hospital buyout in Audrain County
KRCG News - December 14, 2018

Support of MU Health Care’s proposal to buy Mexico’s Audrain Hospital grew Friday.

'Healing power of presence' to withstand a merger
News Tribune - December 16, 2018

The Rev. Gregory Meystrik on Sunday said regardless of the result of the proposed merger between MU Health and St. Mary’s Hospital, St. Mary’s mission of a "healing power of presence" can continue. Meystrik spoke during a Mass at St. Mary’s Hospital’s annual Tree of Love ceremony at the hospital. About 45 people attended.

Op-ed: Transaction will strengthen local health care
News Tribune - December 16, 2018

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I have carefully reviewed and weighed this proposed transaction. After my review, I am confident this move will ultimately strengthen the health care options available in Jefferson City and the surrounding region — and help ensure control of these hospitals and critical health care jobs remain within the state and our Mid-Missouri region.

**A Strengths-Based Study of Black Women in STEM**
Inside Higher Ed - December 17, 2018
“The women understand their identity to be both socially regulated and self-determined,” lead author Terrell Morton, the Preparing Future Faculty postdoctoral fellow at the University of Missouri at Columbia, said in a statement.

** Weird Science: Do Christmas weight tips actually work?**
The New Zealand Herald - December 14, 2018
"When you're tired, you often make a mistake," said Jung Hyup Kim, an assistant professor at the University of Missouri. "So, if we can monitor a worker's mental wellbeing, then we can hopefully prevent future mistakes from happening."

**How to Get a Six-Pack, According to 5 Women With Crazy Strong Cores**
MSN South Africa - December 16, 2018
If you're taking on healthy fitness and eating habits with the dream of achieving a six-pack, some real talk for you: "Very few people can achieve this look, regardless of what they do," says Stephen Ball, professor of nutrition and exercise physiology at the University of Missouri. "Most women who make this their goal will fail and ultimately give up on exercise altogether."

**Another View: Time's 'Guardians' and the importance of trust in journalism**
Brattleboro Reformer - December 16, 2018
As part of its discussion of media trust in an age of fake news accusations and social media confusion, the Time article turns to Joy Mayer, the director of the Trusting News Project — an initiative from the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the University of Missouri working with newsrooms to understand and bolster consumer trust.

**Can't sleep? Neurostimulation will be the answer to your woes**
Wired.co.uk - December 17, 2018
The device draws on research that Nasa did in the 1970s, but which was only fully understood in 2002, when researchers at the University of California, Davis and the University of Missouri showed that stimulation of the neurovestibular system had a definable impact on appetite and body-mass regulation.

**With millions in dollars at stake, fire district doesn't plan to let residents vote on Hazelwood takeover**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - December 17, 2018
But residents asking for a vote on disbanding the district that serves them is within the letter of the law, said Patrick Cronan, a retired lawyer. Cronan was one of two authors of a guidebook revised as recently as 2011 by the University of Missouri to help fire districts comply with state law.

**Commentary: Blackmail Added to Mob Rule on Campus Activists’ Resumes**
Tennessee Star - December 16, 2018
If the school capitulates to the activists, it could face the same sort of backlash faced by Evergreen State College in Washington and the University of Missouri when their administrations proved incapable of dealing with campus radicals. Both of those schools suffered large losses of applicants, students, donations, and state appropriations. Not to mention blows to any prestige they may have had pre-controversy.

**Missouri assistant football coach Vernon Hargreaves arrested on out-of-county warrant**
The Kansas City Star – December 16, 2018
Missouri inside linebackers coach Vernon Hargreaves was arrested on Saturday for an out-of-county warrant that stemmed from a missed court appearance. Hargreaves was picked up by MU police and booked on Saturday night, according to the Boone County Sheriff’s Department’s online records. He bonded out at $1,000.

Similar stories appeared in news outlets across the state.

Weather in 2018 was near normal, but averages hide record-setting events*
ktn - December 14, 2018
Do the math on temperatures and rainfall for all of 2018. On average, you get "near normal," says Pat Guinan, University of Missouri Extension climatologist.

Missouri’s wx year for agriculture a "triple whammy"*
Brownfield Ag News - December 14, 2018
that are running low in Missouri.” Pat Guinan, with the University of Missouri, tells Brownfield Ag News the fall drought of ’17 followed

Mistletoe traditions have a rich and interesting history
Buffalo Reflex - December 16, 2018
The holiday season is filled with traditions and customs involving plants, notes University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

University of Missouri System

Rude Awakenings: Surplus sustains state as revenue declines
The Columbia Daily Tribune – December 16, 2018
In the coming legislative session, the University of Missouri wants help to build a research center in Columbia and a music conservatory in Kansas City. The Board of Curators may find that instead it will be the first year to use a new law allowing tuition increases in excess of inflation following state budget cuts.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Girls’ School Graduates Have Clear Edge Over Coeducated Peers*
UMKC Today - December 13, 2018
Graduates of all-girls schools have a definitive edge over their coeducated peers in academic achievement, community involvement and self-confidence in the sciences, according to research led by a School of Education professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

UMKC Honors Outstanding Alumni*
UMKC Today – December 13, 2018
Sixteen alumni and one family will be honored at Awards Celebration on March 15.

San Francisco Fed chief Mary Daly on the 'virtuous cycle' of economics
**KC Streetcar Authority secures $3M for Main Street extension**
Kansas City Business Journal – December 13, 2018
The Kansas City Streetcar Authority has secured $3 million in funding for its Main Street extension project. The proposed Main Street extension would connect Union Station to the **University of Missouri-Kansas City**’s Volker Campus at 51st Street.

**Embedded Computing LEAP Awards winners announced at gala dinner**
Microcontroller Tips – December 13, 2018
Three judges chose finalists for the Embedded Computing category: Plamen Doynov, research professor, **University of Missouri-Kansas City**; Geoffrey T. Haigh, principal/senior partner, Haigh Consulting LLP; and Kristin Morris, lead electrical engineer, Pacific Diabetes Technologies.

**Manafort, Cohen cases highlight banks’ vulnerability to fraud**
American Banker – December 12, 2018
"Audacity, more audacity, always audacity," said Bill Black, a professor of economics and law at the **University of Missouri-Kansas City**, reciting a quote from Georges Danton, a key figure in the French Revolution.

**Missouri University of Science and Technology**

**Building Better Aerogels by Crushing Them**
Science and Technology Research News - December 13, 2018
Researchers at **Missouri S&T** are investigating the mechanical properties of aerogels at the nanoparticle level – combining experiments and computer modeling to look at how polymeric aerogels can fail and become deformed.

**Doe Run Shares Latest Sustainability Report and New Website**
PRWeb - December 15, 2018
The Doe Run Company (Doe Run) released its most recent sustainability report, available at sustainability.doerun.com. The report and website also provide updates on Doe Run’s efforts throughout 2017 and beyond to meet its commitments to workforce safety, environmental stewardship and the community, including: Awarded nine scholarships to students at the University of **Missouri S&T**, Mineral Area College and Southwest Baptist College.

**University of Missouri-St. Louis**

**’I did it my way’: St. Louis grandmother earns her college degree**
St. Louis Public Radio - December 15, 2018
The 64-year-old received her Bachelor of Educational Studies on Saturday from the **University of Missouri-St. Louis**. Falconer earned her degree in less than four years, while also working part-time, completing internships and caring for her five grandchildren.

**Comic book course inspires Trista Lewis to add a major**
UMSL Daily - December 14, 2018
The **University of Missouri–St. Louis** marketing major had all but filled out her schedule last spring – including an economics course and another in supply chain – and knew she’d be taxed as she completed them.

**Nursing students educate at elementary schools in ongoing service learning program**
His opponent, a tall girl from Team 1, stepped up, and the two stood at attention. In lieu of the traditional signal, University of Missouri–St. Louis senior Skye Mitchell held up a marker. She’d place it on the desk, and whoever grabbed it first would get to respond.

**SLSO's In Unison Chorus celebrates 25 years of connecting with community**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - December 15, 2018
The original In Unison Chorus was formed in 1994 by Robert Ray, a conductor and professor of music at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. It was supposed to be a one-shot effort for an SLSO performance of the oratorio "African Portraits" by Hannibal Lokumbe (also known as Marvin Hannibal Peterson).

**Parson makes six appointments to various boards and commissions**
The Missouri Times - December 16, 2018
Dr. Linda Sue Hermann Wimpfheimer, of Webster Groves, was appointed to the Committee for Professional Counselors. Dr. Hermann is a therapist in private practice and the Owner of the Marriage and Family Institute in Clayton. She has her Bachelor of Science from Maryville University, a Master of Education in General Counseling from University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**UMSL Star Student: Dominic Cyr from CBC High School**
KPLR - December 15, 2018
Dominic Cyr is our University of Missouri-St. Louis Star Student of the Month for December. Dominic is a senior at Christian Brothers College High School. He dominates in the water as a swimmer and water polo player but also dominates in his studies. Dominic holds a 4.5 GPA while being captain of the swim team.

**Higher Education**

**Ex-Academics Still Aren't Being Consulted on Graduate-Education Reform**
The Chronicle of Higher Education - December 16, 2018
Ph.D.s with nonacademic careers should have a seat at the table as universities and departments rethink graduate education. Why? Because we are the experts — on both nonacademic careers and on the very real difficulties doctoral candidates face when leaving the academy.