Boost your ‘Gram game with these photo-ready locations

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KEY TO THE CITY
While walking down Broadway in downtown Columbia, many people notice the 19-foot tall glass structure outlining the shape of a keyhole. The outline itself represents the city’s national landmarks, the university, as well as notable alumni. At night, the structure is illuminated by LED lighting, and glass in multiple colors that reveal historical events. This design is up the street, and I pass it every few days. I like that Columbia has a lot of public art.

As it turns out, the keyhole is not the only public art sculpture in Columbia. Funded by the Percent for Art program, which receives 1% of the city’s funding for construction, the organization. This photo mosaic, designed by Howard Meehan from New Mexico, was completed in summer 2010 and has been a symbol for the city of Columbia ever since.

ALLEY A
Finding interesting photo-ops on the side-walks of downtown Columbia can be tricky, but if you want to find an even more obscure location, look in the alleys. The downtown area contains many secluded alleys, but Alley A remains a quiet place to hang out and drink coffee, attributes Alley A’s growing popularity to its relaxing environment. “It seems to always be a quiet place to hang out and drink coffee,” Bunce said. Whether it’s for the atmosphere or unconventional location, Alley A remains a go-to spot in Columbia and a popular place for bus- nesses and photo opportunities.

DEVIL’S ICEBOX
Several wooden steps up Rock Bridge Memorial State Park lies a hidden treasure and a massive temperature drop. Inside reveals an open cave named Devil’s Icebox that holds eight species. Two of these species cannot be found anywhere else on the planet, according to plaques posted at the park. Several wooden steps up Rock Bridge Memorial State Park lies a hidden treasure and a massive temperature drop. Inside reveals an open cave named Devil’s Icebox that holds eight species. Two of these species cannot be found anywhere else on the planet, according to plaques posted at the park.

The Big Tree, as it’s commonly called, is a century-old bur oak tree near McBaine. Located in Boone County, the McBaine Bur Oak Tree or “Big Tree,” is the largest and oldest Bur Oak tree in Missouri. It is estimated to be between 350 to 400 years old and about 90 feet high, the Big Tree is a well-known attraction within the region.

Jeff Phillips, a member of the Big Tree Cycling Club, commented on the increase in traffic around the tree. “Cycling Club, commented on the increase in traffic around the tree. “There is a need to preserve the tree. I think they should make a park or put up a sign to help keep it here,” he said. Furthermore, he explained how building a park is a necessary precaution for the safety of the tree, since it’s a landmark of Columbia, he wishes to protect and make it the tree more accessible for visitors. “There is a need to preserve the tree. I think they should make a park or put up a sign to help keep it here,” he said. Furthermore, he explained how building a park is a necessary precaution for the safety of the tree, since it’s a landmark of Columbia, he wishes to protect and make it the tree more accessible for visitors.

Are you looking to build your Instagram? We put together our top five favorite places for photo shoots in Columbia.

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The Devil's Icebox is a popular cave at Rock Bridge State Park.

The murals at Flat Branch Park are a great location for photographs.

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Alley A is a popular spot for visitors to the city.
It is important for the community at MU and in Columbia to take safety precautions seriously. Even in a smaller town like Columbia, security is a factor that should not be taken for granted.

RaiJah Griffin is an incoming freshman who is planning on studying biochemical and chemical engineering. Griffin said the time of day affects how she stays safe on campus.

“I always walk with someone else that I know, or if I walk by myself, I walk during the day,” Griffin said. “If I’m going out at night, I always have a couple friends with me.”

She then continued on to speak about the aspects of campus life that give her a sense of safety and security.

“The staff that is here during the summer are very welcoming: checking in on us, making sure that we have everything that we need,” Griffin said. “The environment is really relaxing.”

Many times, students may misplace their personal belongings.

“I always make sure I leave my stuff with someone I know,” Griffin said. “If I’m by myself, I just keep it all with me. Always have people’s numbers on speed dial that you can call that can get to you if anything were to happen. Just pay attention, don’t be on your phone while you’re walking.”

Sophomore Caleb Sewell, a Summer Welcome leader, has some personal tips to stay safe on campus.

“For incoming students, I recommend them utilizing MUPD to make sure that they register their belongings with them, whether that’s a laptop, their bicycle, their car, things like that,” Sewell said. “Make sure you have a friend that they’re with that they can walk back at night to different locations on campus.”

He also recommended services provided by MU. “Utilizing STRIPES is a service that Mizzou offers which can help students get a free ride back to the dorm at nighttime Thursday through Saturday,” Sewell said. “Safe and reliable transportation is also a concern of students. Peyton Hubbard is going to be a fifth-year senior studying geological sciences. Hubbard often travels campus via skateboard, which presents a different kind of safety concern.”

“I always try and at least be cognizant of all my surroundings at all times so that I can ensure that I’m not going to hit somebody,” Hubbard said. “I try and think for other people too because I know it’s weird to structure how to walk around skateboarders. Hubbard has been on campus as a student for a few years, giving him a good feel for how to keep safe on campus.

“Try not be a mindless texter,” Hubbard said. “Although that’s a bad habit in general in life, I feel that it is also sometimes rude or can put you in a harmful situation. Have that situational awareness.”

Officer Jeffrey Pitts, community relations director of the Columbia Police Department, said he is focused on keeping Columbia’s residents safe.

“Columbia police officers are present to ensure the safety,” Pitts said. “For example, if there is a traffic light violation, then the Columbia police officer will stop that car to hold the driver accountable for not following the law.”

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start going through emails that I have gotten throughout the evening and early morning hours,” Pitts said. “I work on extracting information about previous calls that I can send to journalism students and the media outlets.” Pitts’ job comes with its benefits. “One of the perks for me is I am able to give information to the media about different events that happen,” Pitts said. “Obviously, as people, we want to know what’s going on. So by providing the information to the community, we can relay if there’s a safety concern, if there is a rash of burglaries in perhaps a certain area. In that way, it can in turn hopefully keep the residents safe and their property secure.”

In addition to local law enforcement, MU has its own campus police. “The University is run kind of an old duck,” MUPD Officer Jacob Clifford said. “Our powers of arrest come from the state legislature, so we actually have statewide jurisdiction. Our primary reporting responsibility is on campus, but we also own lots of hospitals and clinics around Columbia.”

Although Clifford is a campus officer, his job entitles a lot more than patrolling the university. “I think we view ourselves more as educators,” Clifford said. “Most of our community is 18-to-22 year olds, and we are all kind of old-school resource officers. We are technically in the patrol division, so we are often out in the cars responding to calls and doing traffic stops, but we also do a lot of educational programming to stay in touch with our community.”

Even with all the resources and safety programs on hand for people throughout the university and surrounding areas of Columbia, some say that the best available resource is the feeling of community at MU. “It kind of has become home, being here for as long as I have, four and a half years,” Hubbard said. “The community feeling of all the other students — they always talk to you, they always care about your major, your personal experience here. I feel like it’s been a welcoming experience for everyone I’ve met and it’s been transformative.”

Haley Derdiger is a student at Plano West High School in Plano, Texas. Daniel Murnin is a student at Rockwood Summit High School in Fenton, Mo. Caroline Stiff is a student at Franklin High School in El Paso, Texas. Brook Wang-Swinotek is a student at Lake Park High School in Roselle, Illinois. Brea Williams is a student at Blue Springs South High School in Blue Springs, Mo.
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Faculty and student-led organizations are working to make MU a welcoming environment for everyone, a vital effort after the events of fall 2015 when students protested for change. In light of these past concerns, MU has prioritized discussions on the importance of inclusivity on campus.

I have [prospective students] talking more about whether the steps MU is taking for increasing diversity and inclusion or just appreciating the response to 2015,” said Cary Litlyjohn, a MU graduate student. “There are more than 70 student organizations that not only welcome but promote student identities. One of the most engaged resources is the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center, whose students are constantly advancing communication on campus. Those who work with the Black Culture Center say it’s easy to set up a student-led event.

“Student organizations have availability at any time to request a space to rent out and create an event that is inclusive to students of color and student allies,” MU graduate Joseph Callaway said. “We had probably around 400 students recent-ly to a barbecue, not just black or brown, really every ethnic group.”

“We’re focusing on having more events that are also including other groups and social organizations in a safe space,” said sophomore Alexiana Crum-Kirkland.

“Communication amongst all nationalities is happening and will continue at MU.” That communication works to diminish the racial divide. “It’s important for everyone.”

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In 2015, MU hired Kevin McDonald as its new vice chancellor of inclusion, diversity, and equity. He brought in a new idea called the Inclusive Excellence Framework. Chancellor Alexander N. Cartwright explained the university’s stance on McDonald’s progress.

“Since Dr. McDonald’s arrival at MU, he has helped create a more inclusive envi-ronment that has benefited all of us,” said Cartwright. “He guided our efforts to combat diversity, inclusion, and equity into the fabric of MU. Dr. McDonald and his team have been instrumen-tal in commitments, resources, and sharing best practices to help us increase our diversi-ty pool among faculty, staff, and students and administrative searches across campus.”

Students agree on the importance of maturing the university’s climate while also refusing to forget their original concerns.

“I got here well after the upheavals of 2015, and so it’s constantly on an issue of discus-sion around here. It’s all referred back to it,” said Litlyjohn. “There’s still a long way to go, but I think they’re making a good job at recognizing the effect of those protests.”

Elia Lithfield is a student at Pleasant Valley High School in Bettendorf, Iowa. Jonah Hammel is a student at Rochester Zell Jewish High School in Deerfield, Ill.
Students find ways to make a difference through volunteering

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Rincon Jagarlamudi shoveled heaps of mulch at Capen Park. The 15-year-old wiped his brow as he took a moment to share a laugh with his newfound friend.

His eyes scanned the garden to look at the work to be done. The garden near Hinkson Creek Trail underwent major renovation in late June. Jagarlamudi and other students involved with the Missouri Scholars Academy, a program geared toward accelerated high school students, helped with the updates.

In two hours, 26 students were able to construct a pallet compost bin, move five cubic yards of mulch, paint a shed and remove invasive plants from the garden.

Volunteer Columbia, a government program that assigns volunteers to various projects with the goal of improving the community, has had various volunteer programs for 25 years. These programs vary from assisting disaster survivors, reducing waste and controlling litter.

Jody Cook, volunteer program specialist of Volunteer Columbia, expressed how vital volunteers are for completing public works projects. “They give almost 50,000 hours a year,” said Cook. “People are so willing to give.”

Even if students aren’t interested in revamping a public area, Chris Cole, 25, a youth action director and a recent MU graduate, explained there are various opportunities. “For example, the food bank, they have over 4,000 volunteers … they wouldn’t be successful without their volunteers, so it’s a really great way to show an interest in your community and that you’re interested in giving back,” said Cole. “It’s a great way to get off your butt and go do something that is positive and just shows a good example of how society can come together and make a difference.”

The experience is also a rewarding one for the volunteers participating. “It really gives you confidence that you can do a lot of things,” Cole said. “You can influence your community, influence your personal life or your business life, and you can make a difference in front of you.”

The program’s volunteer coordinators advocate for participation and subsequent character development it can promote. “It’s been life changing for me,” said Jagarlamudi, who was part of a recent stream cleanup at the Flat Branch Watershed. “Every time I come back from a volunteer opportunity, I reflect back on it and on the good I did for the community.”

Volunteers from the Missouri Scholars Academy help build a pallet compost bin to teach the community on how to properly compost at Capen Park through the Volunteer Columbia program.
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What started out as gaming entertainment has become a professional, organized competitive sport. The esports industry made $955 million in 2016 and is projected to make $1.2 billion in 2019 according to Forbes Magazine.

The esports culture in Columbia is a prime example of this growth. At a collegiate level, Columbia College and Stephens College are members of the National Association of Collegiate Esports. MU’s varsity esports team will compete in League of Legends, Overwatch, Rocket League in their inaugural season during the 2019-20 school year. However, esports in Columbia start earlier than the collegiate level. The 2018-19 school year marked the second year that Columbia and Jefferson City public schools competed — the first live high school esports league in the nation.

Several years ago, Joe Chee and Ben Brooks came to Columbia to attend MU. Chee said that after being “shocked” competing gamers for many years, the two discovered the esports community in Columbia. They were inspired to co-found their own competitive gaming company, Ukatsu.

“Gaming has taught me, my business partner and all of our volunteers and staff so many life lessons,” Chee said. “You might not be thinking about those life lessons, but when you spend the time to say ‘Hey, what have I learned from video games?’ Instantly, you can draw back so many things.”

In 2017, Ukatsu teamed up with three Columbia schools to help facilitate esports at the high school level — Rock Bridge, Hickman and Battle high schools. All three high schools compete and battle each week through tournaments.

“We are officially partners with local Columbia public high schools, to offer a 12-week competitive season,” said Kevin Brooks, Ukatsu’s then-freshman physics teacher, to start a League of Legends (LoL) exhibition against Hickman High School to an audience of over 100 people.

According to the Columbia Daily Tribune, in 2015 a group of Hickman students expressed more freely, “Gaming has taught me, my business partner and all of our volunteers and staff so many life lessons. You might not be thinking about those life lessons, but when you spend the time to say ‘Hey, what have I learned from video games?’ Instantly, you can draw back so many things.”

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Columbia’s esports culture holds deep roots in education

Kevin Brooks plays League of Legends at Ukatsu and has seen the growth in eSports in Columbia.

One of many possible future MU esports players at Ukatsu is Kevin Brooks, sophomore at Hickman High School, who has played League of Legends since 2012. Brooks started going to Ukatsu in 2014 when he started to play more League of Legends, and used it as a way to make more friends.

Outside of the League club, I don’t hear many people talking about it,” Brooks said. “I think it’s kind of small right now but I hope it moves out of Columbia and I hope it moves into bigger.”

While Ukatsu is the biggest community, the future will have much more room to grow, as Ukatsu will be moving into a new and larger location in the fall.

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MU provides entrepreneurship opportunities for students

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The story of Housey Designs began with a decorative cardboard letter and a birthday party. Emily Housey, CEO of the company and a junior at MU, has been gaining customers and expanding her vision since that initial experience, and now Housey Designs is ready for its next step: a space in the MU Student Center.

“Housey Designs is going to really help us prepare for the future,” Housey said. “It’s going to be a huge learning experience,” Immel said. Housey is no stranger to the concept. “I wanted to give it everything I had, go over and above in every single aspect,” Housey said. “I didn’t want to measure myself against the competition.”

The Unions Entrepreneurial Program requires a significant commitment and plenty of hard work, Immel said. Housey is no stranger to the experience.

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The committee looks for new business models. For example, a participating business is noncomedogenic and fragrance-free.

“New businesses in MU Student Center were not opened until 2011. Since then, the Unions Entrepreneurial Program has used these areas to showcase the student-led businesses chosen by the committee. The space is provided rent- and utility-free, allowing the student CEOs to concentrate on effectively running their businesses.”

“I really want to leave an imprint on Minnco and make them remember Housey Designs,” she said. Students interested in this program should see the Unions staff for more information. Business plans are due March 1.

Emily Housey of Housey Designs was at Lyons Township High School in La Grange, Illinois. Haley Miller is a student at Southport High School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Teanna Bass tests her brand-new lip gloss product in front of the vanity mirror. She opened her cosmetics store, Sweet Tea Cosmetics, through the Unions Entrepreneurial Program her senior year in 2018. She created her own products, which aimed to be hypoallergenic, nontoxic, and fragrance-free.

“We try to create an experience that is fairly risk free, so students can try out their ideas and not worry about going bankrupt at the end of the day,” Immel said.

Interested students must submit a business plan detailing their proposed business’ projected costs and profits, marketing tactics and the responsibility isn’t placed on one person. There are other areas for the committee to consider, as well.

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“Our concept was pretty simple,” Immel said. “It’s going to really help us prepare for the future.”
“I had deep relationships with my professors. We discussed topics that directly related to my getting into medical school and residency and that I apply to my patients today.”
— Dr. Brad Harr, DO, class of 2008

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Columbia is home to many interesting music venues that feature numerous stunning performances. Also, if music venues aren’t your preference, Columbia has several music festivals for new college students to check out.

Below are some options for satisfying your live music hunger in the coming months.

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**The Blue Note**
Address: 17 N. Ninth St.
Website: [https://thebluenote.com/](https://thebluenote.com/)
Shows: Kip Moore on Sept. 20 and Chris Porter on Sept. 28.

**Rose Music Hall**
Address: 1013 Park Ave.
Website: [http://rosemusichall.com/](http://rosemusichall.com/)
Shows: Nahko and Medicine for the People with special guest Nattali Rize will perform a Summerfest concert on Aug. 28; MO Jazz Festival, Sept. 7.

**NashVegas**
Address: 929 E Broadway.

**The Penguin Piano Bar**
Address: 1025 E Broadway.
Website: [https://www.penguincomo.com/](https://www.penguincomo.com/)

**Jesse Auditorium, MU**
Address: Jesse Auditorium, 801 Conley Ave.
Website: [https://calendar.missouri.edu/jesse_auditorium_851](https://calendar.missouri.edu/jesse_auditorium_851)
Show: Smino on Oct. 5.

**Mizzou Arena**
Address: 1 Champions Drive.
Show: Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band on Oct. 3.

**The Social Room**
Address: 220 N. Eighth St.
Website: [https://www.themalesoboom.com/](https://www.themalesoboom.com/)

Concertgoers react to music played by Mizzou Electronic Music Organization on Feb. 21, 2018 at Rose Music Hall in Columbia. The event featured DJs D’Saxi, Error_404, Abra Collabruh and RollBro.

Catch a concert or upcoming show this fall at one of Columbia’s many venues, music halls.
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