MIZZOU’S TOP TEN

1. MU’s **35,448 highest-ever enrollment** includes a record number of high-achieving students who scored a 30 or higher on the ACT and a record freshman retention rate of 87.2 percent compared to state (78 percent) and national (80.8 percent) rates. Tigers graduate, on average, in 4.2 years.

2. The **most diverse enrollment** in MU history includes 5,567 minority students who make up 17.1 percent of the student body, up from 11.3 percent in 2005. Mizzou students participate in more than 100 university-wide cultural, ethnic and religious organizations and represent every Missouri county, every state and 121 countries.

3. Based on **quality of teaching, research and scholarship**, MU is one of only 34 public U.S. universities — and one of only two institutions in Missouri — invited to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU).

4. A $2.2 billion global enterprise, MU accounts for about 70 percent of the research dollars flowing to Missouri public universities. Research generates **new knowledge and jobs**.

5. MU is **one of only six public institutions** nationwide that can claim a medical school, veterinary medicine college and a law school on the same campus. Mizzou faculty and students also have immediate access to agriculture and engineering colleges along with the country’s **most powerful university nuclear research reactor**.

6. Known for collaborative, interdisciplinary research, MU has **incomparable expertise and resources** on a global scale in four areas: Food for the Future, One Health/One Medicine, Media of the Future and Sustainable Energy. We call it the **Mizzou Advantage**.

7. MU **educates the workforce**, including a large number of STEM graduates. More than 40 percent of the record 8,668 degrees awarded last year were in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and health fields.

8. Ellis Fischel Cancer Center at MU is the first academic health center to join **MD Anderson Cancer Network®** as a certified member. The network gives medical teams access to University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center experts and best practices.

9. In 2014-15, more than 50 percent of MU’s student-athletes earned a **grade point average of 3.00 or higher**. For three years in a row, MU has ranked second in the Southeastern Conference for Academic Progress Rate, determined by eligibility, graduation and retention of student-athletes.

10. Hundreds of alumni and friends are supporting the historic $1.3 billion **Mizzou: Our Time to Lead campaign** to endow resources for MU’s future, support signature research centers and institutes, and fuel a campus renaissance. They have raised more than $729 million so far.

Please share these pride points with family and friends.