



STUDENT CONNECTIONS

July 2010



Meet the Firms!

Meet the Firms gives accounting majors a great opportunity to learn about the many different accounting career options and to find out which one fits best. Eleven different accounting entities attended our fourth annual Meet the Firms. This event focuses solely on careers related to accounting. Erin Montoia, a senior accounting major, said, "Meet the Firms is a great chance for accounting majors to talk to the many different public accounting entities and find which one fits best. The fact that they came just to talk to Truman accounting majors makes this quite the unique opportunity." [Read more](#)



William Bryan (left) chats with UHY Representative

2010 Recognition Dinner

The School of Business was proud to hold its annual recognition dinner for outstanding business and accounting students. This special night was organized to recognize those students who have earned special honors and awards as well as scholarship recipients. Also recognized at the dinner were alumni who have shown outstanding commitment to the school and scholarship supporters.

The evening began with a unique twist when, as a result of a series of thunderstorms that passed through the area, the power went off. The staff scrambled for flashlights and waited for the power to come back on. It never did. The attendees were true winners as they waited patiently and neither left nor complained.

Dean Renée Wachter, undeterred by the disruption, simply worked with what we had, which was about an hour of daylight. The



[Craig Desnoyer](#)
Alumnus of the Year

ceremony began during dinner while the wait staff soundlessly served our guests in the waning light. Donated flashlights allowed the presenters to move the program along at a steady pace.

Students were acknowledged for their hard work and outstanding achievements they had made over the last year. Each student in attendance was individually recognized and given a certificate to commemorate his or her achievement. To close the evening, the new Alumnus of the Year, Craig Desnoyer and the Young Alumna of the Year, Susan Luiña, were recognized by Dean Wachter for the outstanding work both had done for the Truman community.

For a list of all award winners [click here](#).
To see pictures of the award winners [click here](#).



Susan Luiña
Young Alumna of the Year



NCAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Katharine Aherne literally “dove into” her academic career here at Truman. She came here on partial scholarship to join the Women’s Swim Team. Ms. Aherne recently graduated with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management. She *swam* her way to the finish line, impressing both her parents and her peers. She came to Truman because “the swim team had won five consecutive National Championships and then, when I was a senior, they won their sixth National Championship.”

While Ms. Aherne was a member of the team, the team took second place in her freshmen year, first place in her sophomore year, fourth place in her junior year and fifth place in her senior year, placing in the top five every year she was on the team. [Read More](#)



Katharine Aherne



VITA 2010

Truman students just completed the 2010 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program that prepared a record 316 tax returns this year! VITA serves local community members who benefit from the free tax filing program, including students. Some clients have been using the service for more than 20 years.

The Saturday sessions ran February through April with the goal of helping as many people as possible. During preparation, clients are greeted by a VITA volunteer and are asked to fill out an intake sheet. This provides basic demographic information, as well as

information about W-2s, home mortgage interest paid, tuition information, etc. This year the team created the Volunteer Coordinator position. The Volunteer Coordinator is an experienced VITA participant who reviewed client information so that she could match the level of difficulty of the return with a student who possessed the appropriate level of experience. Most clients have simple returns. [Read More](#)



Dr. Alan Davis (standing) works with VITA volunteer, Ben Anderson and a VITA client.

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The Truman SIFE team traveled to Minneapolis, MN May 11-13 for the SIFE USA National Exposition to demonstrate how they embodied the positive power of business throughout the year. [Read More](#)

AMA OUTSTANDING!

The Truman State University Chapter of The American Marketing Association (AMA) recently participated in the thirty-second Annual International Collegiate Conference held in New Orleans, April 8-10. [Read More](#)



The 51st Annual Missouri Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference was held in Jefferson City March 26-27, 2010. Members and their Adviser from Truman State University participated. The conference theme was Missouri PBL— Simply the Best. [Read More](#)



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