

# Truman *today*

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## SENIOR PICNIC

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 6  
Student Union Building Mall

Seniors are invited for free food, door prizes and senior gifts. If you are unable to attend, drop by the Office of Advancement in McClain Hall 205 for your gift.

Sponsored by the Truman Alumni Association

## Spring 2009 Commencement

2 p.m. May 9  
Stokes Stadium

In case of rain, the ceremony will take place in Pershing Arena, where a ticket will be required.

## Farewell Retirement Receptions

### Victor F. Hoffman

2-4 p.m. May 6  
Magruder Hall Cyber Cafe  
Hoffman, professor of chemistry, will retire after a 40 year teaching career.

### Barb Espe

2-4 p.m. May 8  
Violette Hall Commons  
2nd Floor  
Espe, academic advisor with the New Student Program, will retire after 20 years of service to Truman.

## Advancement Offices have Moved to McClain Hall 205

The Office of Advancement includes Alumni Relations, Planned Giving and Fundraising.

Public Relations is still in McClain Hall 100.

## GlobeMed Raises Health Awareness

GlobeMed students lived up to their organization's name in the past year with trips to the Dominican Republic to raise awareness about health issues.

GlobeMed students visited the Dominican last summer to teach maternal health education among sugarcane field workers. The UN World Population Prospects indicated a deficit in maternal health knowledge and the Dominican's under-five mortality rate is among the highest in the Caribbean.

Working with a representative from the Healthy Mothers-Healthy Babies Foundation, the Truman students traveled to the Dominican and conducted screenings of the film "Enciende Una Luz," which translates to "Light a Candle." The video was produced using regional actors and musicians to both entertain and teach maternal health issues. Topics included timing of births, pregnancy risk factors and health practices for pregnancy. These sessions were complemented with an interactive review session to reinforce key facts.

Since many residents in the area spoke Kreyol instead of Spanish, an alternate version of the film was developed in preparation for a return trip.

Prior to the follow-up visit this past December, the GlobeMed students also designed and implemented a children's health camp. It served the dual purpose of occupying children while parents watched the video, as well as teaching children general sanitary practices.

With two versions of the video available, and the children's health camp established, GlobeMed's work in this particular area is complete, but it has helped to create a blueprint for future campaigns.

"We would like to take the lessons learned on this pilot project and apply them to future video sets," said Chris Dove, the 2008 director of health partnerships for GlobeMed. "Ideally we would like to find another project on which we could help."

Plans for future GlobeMed trips have yet to be finalized. Representing Truman on the two trips were students Ann Bruno, Patrick Casey, Chris Dove, Rachel Flinn, Brian Hilliard, Josh Lefler, Lara McKay, Allison Mutchler, Allison Palisch, Michelle Riefe and Katelyn Talcott.

For more about Truman GlobeMed, including prospective member and donation information visit <http://globemed.truman.edu>.



Truman student Lara McKay (right) holds up a "healthy baby board" to demonstrate how healthy children do things, such as hand washing, as part of a children's health camp. McKay was joined at this session by another American student and an interpreter.

## President Signs Sustainability Initiative



President Darrell Krueger signs Truman's Sustainability Initiative at the Local Foods Banquet April 23. He is joined at the podium by student Colin Hughes (left) and Brett Wiley (right), a Truman alumnus and Schweitzer and Associates intern. The Sustainability Initiative was crafted by Wiley (a December graduate) and current students Hannah Hemmelgarn and Kelly Hall, in collaboration with Truman biologist Michael Kelrick and sustainable development consultant Judi Schweitzer, a Truman alumna. It will establish a President's Sustainability Action Committee to identify and evaluate ways to modify University practices to create a more ecologically sound, social just and economically viable campus and community.

## General Honors in Arts and Sciences Medal Ceremony

4 p.m. May 8  
Sunken Garden

(Rain site: Student Union  
Building Alumni Room)

The following 25 General Honors candidates will receive medals, provided by the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Northeast Missouri.

*Dana Marie Bigger  
Rachel Alyse Breland  
Kent Thomas Buxton  
Kristy Marie Carey  
Dmitriy Chernookiy  
Keriann Collins  
Sylvia Dabrowska  
Christopher George Dove  
Caitlin Marie DuHadway  
Corey Austin Elledge  
Adam Gouge  
Arthur David Gregg  
Nicole E. Hagstrom  
Ann Elizabeth Harman  
Christopher Michael Hassett  
Jacob G. Henderson  
Hana H. Khidir  
Patrick Clinton Kilgore  
Michael Scott Merritt  
Mohammad Mozaffar  
Nadia Shabnam Mozaffar  
Carrie Jo Ostrowski  
Mallory Stites  
Brianna Christine Wagner  
Lydiann Willard*

Students earn General Honors in Arts and Sciences by completing five approved courses, with at least one from each of the four areas of mathematics, science, social science and humanities with a grade point average of at least 3.5 in those courses and an overall cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5. Only grades of "A" and "B" may count toward the five General Honors courses and students who complete a single undergraduate major may not satisfy General Honors requirements with any course within their major. More than 200 students have graduated with General Honors since 1994.

## The next issue of the Truman Today will be published June 2.

The Truman Today is published biweekly during the summer. Submissions for the next issue are due by May 27 to [tmiles@truman.edu](mailto:tmiles@truman.edu).

## Truman Included on 2008 President's Honor Roll

Truman has been included on the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, released earlier this year. Launched in 2006, the Honor Roll recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning progress.

In 2007 Truman received an AmeriCorps VISTA grant, which placed a VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) Member on campus to work with faculty and students to facilitate service experiences that tie back to university-wide learning objectives. Eugenia Siegel, the current VISTA, is stationed in The Center for Teaching and Learning as Truman's Service-Learning Coordinator. She prepared Truman's application for the Presidential Honor Roll, using information gathered from service-learning course projects, Service-Learning Advantage student organization initiatives, and Truman volunteer information.

The Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and is sponsored by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation and the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, in partnership with Campus Compact and the American Council on Education.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. Each year, the Corporation engages four million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America programs.

For more information, visit <http://www.nationalservice.gov>. On campus, contact Eugenia Siegel ([vistamember@truman.edu](mailto:vistamember@truman.edu)) or visit [servicelearning.truman.edu](http://servicelearning.truman.edu).

## Barklage Named Student Recycler of the Year

Rachel Barklage, a junior English major from Springfield, Mo., was awarded the 2008-2009 Student Recycler of the Year Award at a ceremony April 29. Howard Worcester, Truman's recycle coordinator, and Karl Schneider, director of the physical plant, presented Barklage with the award.

Barklage has worked at the Recycling Center for the past



From left, Howard Worcester, Truman's recycle coordinator, Rachel Barklage and Karl Schneider, director of the physical plant.

three years making a significant contribution to the University's recycling efforts.

The Student Recycler of the Year Award is presented for hard work, dedication and devotion to the recycling program.

The University Recycling Center will be closed Memorial Day, May 25 and will remain open from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. through the summer.

## Students Recognized at Leadership Conference

Truman students and advisors attended the 50th Annual Missouri Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) state Leadership Conference March 27-29 in Jefferson City, Mo.

The theme of the conference was "Missouri PBL-Get the Edge." It featured competitive events for individuals and teams, leadership training and officer elections for the next year.

Twelve Truman students were recognized at the Phi Beta Lambda Awards Program. Giorgi Amachukeli placed fourth in Contemporary Sports Issues, Brianna Bernardy placed first in Hospitality Management, Marissa Chaplin placed third in Marketing Concepts, Stella Costello placed third in Cyber Security, Tiffany DeOrnellis placed first in Justice Administration, Duong Dinh placed fourth in Microeconomics, James Fang placed third in Microeconomics, Caroline Forsythe placed fourth in Accounting Analysis and Decision Making, Ahn Huyhn placed first in

Business Law and first in Marketing Concepts, Son Le placed fourth in Cyber Security and fourth in Financial Concepts, Salisa Suwanprathip placed first in Macroeconomics and Brandon Wehmeyer placed fourth in Accounting Principles.

The team of Marissa Chaplin and Katherine Murphy placed first in Business Decision Making, and the team of Stella Costello, Kelly Tharp, Alicia Stewart and Brandon Wehmeyer placed first in Parliamentary Procedures.

Bernardy, Chaplin, Costello, DeOrnellis, Fang, Huyhn, Murphy, Stewart, Suwanprathip, Tharp and Wehmeyer are eligible to represent Truman at the National Leadership Conference June 20-23 in Anaheim, Calif.

Phi Beta Lambda is an education association of postsecondary student members preparing for careers in business. There are more than 11,000 active members in the United States. Missouri has more than 500 members and 26 chapters.

# Students to Receive Academic Honor Awards

The Annual Academic Honor Awards Assembly, which recognizes outstanding students who have dedicated time, energy and talent to their academic achievement, will take place at

5 p.m. May 8 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Alumnus Samuel Murphy ('06), who serves as the press secretary for Gov. Jay Nixon, will speak.

## The following students will honored as the outstanding student in their respective discipline

Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Accounting  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Finance  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Management  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Marketing  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Elementary Education  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Elementary Education  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Secondary Education  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Special Education  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art History  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Visual Communication  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Studio Art  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Disorders  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exercise Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Athletic Training  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Nursing  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Classics  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Studies  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Studies  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication: Journalism  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Public Communication  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English-Bachelor of Arts  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in English-Master of Arts  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in French  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Linguistics  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Spanish  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Computer Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics  
 General George C. Marshall ROTC Award  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Agricultural Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Agricultural Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Biology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Biology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Chemistry  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Chemistry  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Physics  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Physics  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Economics  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Justice Systems  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Philosophy  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Religion  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Anthropology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

Anthony Speno  
 Rachel Latal  
 Anthony Speno  
 Thomas McKee  
 Kinsey Coker  
 Stephany Russell  
 Whitney Wilhelm  
 Daniel Glossenger  
 Brooklyn Fricks  
 Michelle Krewer  
 Katharyn Reed  
 Breanne Cooper  
 Kelsey Wiskirchen  
 Jessica Sommer  
 Kelsey Kline  
 Shannon Gallaher  
 Caitlin DuHadway  
 Kim Fitzgerald  
 Morgan Clennin  
 Rebecca Verhaeghe  
 Josh Miley  
 Erin Randall  
 Van Le  
 Christopher Girouard  
 Kristel Givogue  
 Kylee Magee  
 Suzanne Russell  
 Angela Carter  
 Joseph Baumann  
 Abigail Temple  
 Kelly Merritt  
 Lauren Walter  
 Elizabeth Bonanno  
 Austin Abrams  
 Adam Gouge  
 Brian Caldwell  
 Justin Nash  
 Carrie Ostrowski  
 Hana Khidir  
 Christopher Dove  
 Emily Hopson  
 Jeffrey Christianson  
 Jacob Hummel  
 David Kiblinger  
 Michael Merritt  
 Samuel Cummins  
 Denise Childress  
 Christopher Dove  
 Nehemiah Rosell  
 Stephanie Vandas  
 Kyle Tracy  
 Lee Raby  
 Mallory Stites  
 Lee Anne Flagg  
 Caroline Crecelius  
 Arthur Gregg  
 Lauren Walter  
 Jessica Arant

## INDEX AND SPORTS EDITOR RECEIVE SPJ AWARDS

The Society of Professional Journalists recently recognized the Index as the Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper in Region 7. This is the Index's second consecutive year winning the award.

Blake Toppmeyer, Index sports editor, received second place for Sports Column Writing and third place for Online Sports Reporting.

"This is a great honor that rewards the hard work and dedication of the Index staff," said Index advisor Don Krause.

SPJ's Region 7 includes Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. This year, collegiate journalists across the country submitted more than 3,700 entries in 39 categories to the Mark of Excellence Awards.

First place regional winners advance to the national round of judging, which is ongoing.

National winners will be announced in mid-May.

### Research the Professional Development Institute this Summer and Consider Submitting an Application

The 2009-2010 PDI membership enrollment will continue in the Fall 2009 semester. Use your summer to consider the PDI and prepare your application, cover letter and resume.

Contact Elizabeth Bauer at the Career Center with questions at [ebauer@truman.edu](mailto:ebauer@truman.edu).

### May 2009 Student Recreation Center Hours

<b>May 4-6</b>	9 a.m.-11 p.m.
<b>May 7-8</b>	9 a.m.-7 p.m.
<b>May 9-10</b>	Closed
<b>May 11-15</b>	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>May 16-17</b>	Closed
<b>May 18-22</b>	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>May 23-25</b>	Closed
<b>May 26-29</b>	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>May 30-31</b>	Closed

## NOTABLES

**An original musical work by Warren Gooch, professor of music,** will be performed by the Szewczyk-Romanenko Duo on the "Music At Main" concert series in Jacksonville, Fla. The May 12 concert will include Gooch's "Three Fauxmanian Dances" for violin and cello. Piotr Szewczyk is a violinist and composer with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and a recent winner of the New World Symphony Concerto Competition. Alexei Romanenko is Principal Cellist with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and former Principal Cellist with the Boston Philharmonic. Gooch's work was selected for performance from an international call for scores.

**Grace Tamara Handy,** a senior from Sri Lanka, was recently awarded the Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund Education Grant for graduate

study in the Master's of Arts in Education at Truman. She is one of only 10 recipients this year. The MMMF awards educational grants to women from developing countries whose graduate studies and future plans aim to benefit women and children in their respective regions.

**Mustafa A. Sawani, professor of economics, and Casey Copeland, a Truman alumna,** had their paper "U.S.-E.U. Economic relationship: How European Integration Affects U.S. Export to the European Union" published in the "Journal of Case Research in Business and Economics" this April. Sawani also attended the European Union Study Association Biennial International Conference and participated in "Teaching the European Union" workshop in Los Angeles, Calif., April 23-25.

## Faculty Attend Language and Literacy Conference

The first Language and Literacy Conference, a collaborative effort between the Communication Disorders and Education Programs, with the help of the Regional Professional Development Center, took place on campus April 24.

There were more than 115 professionals and approximately 20 students in attendance. Louisa Moats, an internationally acclaimed author/researcher in the field of reading, presented an all day workshop entitled "Phonology and Learning to Read and Spell."

Moats currently serves on the National Board of the International Dyslexia Association and is a Consultant Advisor to Sopris West Educational Service for Literacy Research and Professional Development. She is the author of "Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling,"



*Pictured from left to right, Janet L. Gooch, chair communication disorders, Louisa Moats, conference speaker and Donna Rhinesmith, professor of education.*

"The Speech Sounds of English," "Speech to Print: Language Essentials for Teachers," and many other texts. The conference was followed by an alumni social.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants** will be awarding up to \$1,000 each year to the winner of this scholarship. To apply students must submit an essay on one of the two topics that appear on the scholarship page of their website at <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. Application deadline is June 20.

## NOTES

**The Faculty Weekly Lunch Series will host an extra session** at 12:30 p.m. May 6 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. The session will discuss the definition of service-learning and course tags indicating a service-learning course to make registration easier for students. Members of Faculty Senate and faculty utilizing service-

learning are urged to attend.

**Truman Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) will sponsor the Truman Furniture BAZAAR** from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 6 on the Quad. Students can buy or sell their furniture. For more information on how to sell, contact Michelle Tuttle at [mmt085@truman.edu](mailto:mmt085@truman.edu).

## CALENDAR

Check out the Master Calendar, available at <http://calendar.truman.edu>, as well as on the Truman home page and TruView, for updated daily campus events. Information about numerous off-campus events can be found by clicking on the Kirksville tab in TruView.

## Truman STATE UNIVERSITY

KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI  
**2009-2010 Calendar**

### FALL SEMESTER 2009

**Aug. 22** - New student move-in  
**Aug. 22** - Truman Week begins  
**Aug. 27** - Classes begin  
**Sept. 19** - Family Day  
**Oct. 10** - Homecoming  
**Oct. 15-16** - Midterm Break  
**Nov. 23-27** - Thanksgiving Break  
**Dec. 11** - Last day of classes  
**Dec. 14** - Finals begin  
**Dec. 19** - Commencement

### SPRING SEMESTER 2010

**Jan. 11** - Classes begin  
**Feb. 18** - University Conference  
**March 8-12** - Midterm Break  
**April 5** - Spring Break  
**April 13** - Student Research Conference  
**April 30** - Last day of classes  
**May 3** - Finals begin  
**May 8** - Commencement



### THANK YOU!

To all who helped make Pickler Memorial Library's Food for Fines event a success.

The 1,410 items that were collected will be donated to the Central Missouri Food Bank.