

# Truman *today*

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## Alumnus to Speak at December Graduation

Alumnus and current state Senator Eric S. Schmitt will be the featured speaker during December 2012 Commencement ceremonies, scheduled for 11 a.m. Dec. 15 in Pershing Arena.

Schmitt, a 1997 Truman State University cum laude graduate, currently serves as the Missouri Senator for the 15th District. In addition to his legislative duties, he is also a partner at the law firm of Lathrop & Gage, LLP.

Schmitt was born and raised in St. Louis County and he graduated from DeSmet Jesuit High School. During his time at Truman, he was a two-sport athlete, participating in both baseball and football. He also founded a Habitat for Humanity Chapter on campus.

After attending Truman, Schmitt earned a scholarship for law school at Saint Louis University. While earning his juris

doctorate, he was as an editor of the Law Review and a published author.

Schmitt was first elected to the Missouri Senate in 2008 and was re-elected to his second term this past November. His district in St. Louis County includes all or parts of Ballwin, Chesterfield, Clarkson Valley, Des Peres, Ellisville, Fenton, Glendale, Kirkwood, Manchester, Sunset Hills, Twin Oaks, Valley Park, Wildwood and Winchester. He serves in Senate Leadership as Majority Caucus Secretary and is Chairman of the Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee.

His public service includes serving as a Glendale, Mo., alderman from 2005-2008. He has also served on boards for DeSmet




Senator Eric S. Schmitt

Jesuit High School, Nurses for Newborns Foundation, St. Louis Crisis Nursery and Kirkwood Parents as Teachers Program.

Additionally, Schmitt served as chairman of the Young Lawyer Section Council of the Missouri Bar, spearheaded a statewide Giving Tree effort benefiting Big Brothers-Big Sisters and created a Special Needs Advocacy Task Force.

He has also been involved with the TS (Tuberous Sclerosis) Alliance, the Gateway Chapter of the Autism Society, Habitat for Humanity and local Chambers of Commerce.

Schmitt is a lifelong resident of St. Louis County. He lives in Glendale with his wife, Jaime, a 1997 Truman graduate, and their three children, Stephen, Sophia and Olivia.



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FOR KINDLING  
THE FIRE OF  
HOSPITALITY IN THE HALL,  
THE GENIAL FLAME  
OF CHARITY IN THE HEART.  
- WASHINGTON IRVING -

Troy and Kelly Paino  
cordially invite you to a

**FACULTY AND STAFF  
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, December 12, 2012  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
University Residence  
706 South Halliburton

## Scholarship Offers Opportunity for Students to Recognize Former Teachers

Through the support of Truman's education alumni and a generous estate gift, the James and Margaret Mudd Teacher Recognition Scholarship has been endowed and will allow for the ongoing recognition of excellence in education.

This coming January, graduating seniors will have the opportunity to recognize a high school educator/counselor, whom they feel made a positive impact on their academic growth. The chosen teacher/counselor will then receive an invitation to be formally recognized and participate in Truman's spring commencement. To further acknowledge the recipient, a \$1,000 scholarship, in their honor, will be awarded

to an incoming Truman student from the teacher's/counselor's high school.

Since its origin as a normal school in 1867, Truman has been committed to providing a strong teacher education program. Over the years more than 8,000 teachers have received preparation from the University, and the program is deeply rooted in the University's history.

Graduating seniors will receive an email in January with nomination process instructions. Anyone who wishes to donate to the Teacher Recognition Scholarship fund may do so by contacting the Truman State University Office of Advancement at 660.785.4133.

## MISSOURI LONDON OFFERS CHANCE TO BRING ROCK N' ROLL HISTORY TO LIFE

In summer of 2013 Truman students have the opportunity to join students from other institutions to explore London and Liverpool through the Missouri London study abroad program.

While abroad, students may earn credit, of which they can choose to apply to their JINS or Aesthetic modes. Gregory Jones, professor of music, will be offering his specially formatted JINS 306 course—with a curriculum created centrally around the English locale.

Students will explore the roots of rock music in London by visiting neighborhoods and clubs related to music legends such as The Rolling Stones, The Who, Led Zeppelin, David Bowie, The Sex Pistols and other influential groups.

The class will also travel to Liverpool. A special stop at the Cavern Club is included so that participants can hear firsthand accounts of The Beatles as well as their role in changing the music industry of their era.

The course runs from May 22-June 15. For more information regarding this program, visit the program website [programs.capa.org/mlp](http://programs.capa.org/mlp) or email [grjones@truman.edu](mailto:grjones@truman.edu).

### ORIENTATION LEADER APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Apply now to be an orientation leader this summer. Orientation Leaders will receive a stipend and gain valuable leadership and professional experience while helping students enroll for classes and discussing transitional issues. Applications are available online at [ol.truman.edu](http://ol.truman.edu). Direct any questions to Jacob Funke at [jfunke@truman.edu](mailto:jfunke@truman.edu) or 660.785.4232. Applications are due Dec. 7.

## Study Abroad Course to Visit Europe, Asia

Enrollment sessions for Truman's cultural and religious study abroad course "East Meets West," will take place at 4 p.m. Dec. 12 in McClain Hall 208 and at 6 p.m. Jan. 15 in McClain Hall 209.

"East Meets West" combines study, lectures, travel and work in areas across Europe and Asia known for a rich convergence of ancient and modern contexts. The program includes visits to four countries and occupied territories.

The course begins with one week in Italy, with visits to the historically rich cities of Florence and Rome. Notable stops in the area also include the catacombs, papal audience, the Vatican Museum and Pompeii. The program continues with a week spent in Greece, visiting Athens and various other key attractions such as the Meteora monasteries, Philippi and Thessalonica. The program's third

week in Turkey is spent exploring many areas like Istanbul, Nicea, Pergamum and Ephesus.

Finally, students will spend their last two weeks in Israel. They start out at an Israeli kibbutz—training and working at Bethsaida, one of antiquity's most important archaeological Biblical sites. Then participants move on to Old Jerusalem and the West Bank, visiting Nablus and Shechem in the north and Bethlehem and Hebron in the south.

The course carries six credit hours and extends from May 24-July 7. Five preparatory meetings are scheduled before departure. A daily journal, research paper and reading assignments are requirements for completing the course.

For more information, contact Mark Appold, associate professor of philosophy and religion, at [mappold@truman.edu](mailto:mappold@truman.edu).

## Copyright Workshop Set for January

Pickler Memorial Library and Information Technology Services will co-sponsor a copyright workshop for faculty and staff from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 10 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Lunch will be provided for attendees.

Paul D. Callister, professor of law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, will present information on the key copyright issues encountered by faculty and staff in higher education. The workshop is interactive in format and will provide attendees with the opportunity to work in small groups to discuss and provide

resolutions to typical copyright problems.

Various topics of interest will be covered including aspects of copyright related to fair use, the TEACH Act, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Blackboard and use of media materials. The workshop is designed for individuals who are knowledgeable about copyright and looking for a refresher, as well as for individuals looking for an introduction to copyright law.

Truman faculty and staff will receive an email soon providing more details regarding the registration process.

## Percussion Concert Marks Debut Performance

The Department of Music's Percussion Studio will present its annual "Fall Percussion Sampler Concert," at 8 p.m. Dec. 6 in Baldwin Auditorium.

Michael R. Bump, professor of music, will direct the concert. In addition to performances by Concert Percussion Ensemble I and the Statesmen Marching Percussion Ensemble, this concert

will feature the debut performance of the new University Steel Band, "Truman Steel." Truman Steel consists of 18 students from all majors across campus, performing on native Trinidadian steel drums, specifically created for Truman.

In all, more than 40 students will be performing. For more information, contact Bump at 660.785.4052.

### Retirement Reception

Dana L. Delaware  
chair and professor of chemistry  
2:30-4 p.m.  
Dec. 7  
Student Union Building  
Conference Room

### STUDENT UNION BUILDING FINALS WEEK HOURS

Regular Hours  
Dec. 10-13  
7 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Dec. 14  
8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Dec. 15

### MAINSTREET MARKET FINALS WEEK HOURS

Regular Hours  
Dec. 10-13  
7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Dec. 14  
Closed  
Dec. 15

## Food Fast Contributes to United Way Goal

This year's United Way Campaign will be concluding soon, however there is still plenty of time to make a donation. To date, the Truman community has contributed more than \$49,000 to the Truman United Way Campaign, representing 88 percent of the University's \$56,000 goal. The student Food Fast campaign and contributions from Sodexo employees exceeded \$7,200.

During the week of Oct. 22 students participated in the Food Fast campaign by donating meals and dining dollars as contributions towards the United Way goal. Both student advisers and Sodexo staff played an



*Pictured (left to right) Suzanne Hunn, Joe Wright, Ann Shipley, Lora Cunningham, John Dungan, Briana Bonner, President Troy Paino, Carly Klynsmas, Isaac Akers and Jeanette Patrick. Committee members not pictured include Anne Stumpf, Joe Zempel, Will Ruman, Kayla Oliver and Drew Donahoo.*

integral role in the campaign's promotion and implementation. Members of the Food Fast committee presented a check to John Dungan, head of the Adair County United Way, following the conclusion of the program.

To make a donation, contact Sally Herleth, [sallydet@truman.edu](mailto:sallydet@truman.edu), or Pam Ryan,

[pjryan@truman.edu](mailto:pjryan@truman.edu), for a pledge form. Donations support the United Way of Adair County. The local United Way has among the lowest overhead in the nation, allowing a greater percentage of contributions to go straight to local programs helping people in the area pursue their goals of education, income and health.

## CARE for AIDS to Sponsor Book Drive

CARE for AIDS will be hosting a book drive in the Student Union Building during finals week with donations contributing to the funding of care centers in Kenya.

The hope of this organization is to bring awareness to the global issue of AIDS by diversifying the campus' knowledge on the HIV/AIDS crisis.

CARE for AIDS has a fundraising goal of \$50,000 for the year, which will keep two centers in Kenya open for a year. The CARE for AIDS organization as a whole currently has 14 care centers across Kenya that have nearly

2,000 graduates from the program. More than 1,000 individuals are currently in the program. The centers take in HIV/AIDS victims and provide food, medical counseling and spiritual encouragement to live and not die from the disease.

Book donations can be made in the Student Union Building from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. during finals week. Each donation will go directly toward further funding one of the care centers. Donate three books and get a free t-shirt.

For further information on CARE for AIDS visit [careforaids.org](http://careforaids.org).

## Students Attend Archeology Conference

Seven Truman students participated in the Annual Biblical Archaeological Conference which took place at the University of Nebraska Omaha, Nov. 8-9.

The conference focuses on archaeological work done at Bethsaida—located in modern day Israel. After 25 years of excavation, the site is known as one of antiquity's most important Biblical locations. Its significance dates back to the Iron Age when the site served as a Geshurite capital city. Later, in the Roman period, Bethsaida played a primary role in the ministry of Jesus.

Each of the Truman students in attendance at the conference had first-hand knowledge and experience related to the excavation of Bethsaida.

All seven were participants in Truman's Middle East Study Abroad course last summer, which in addition to two weeks of travel through Turkey, Jerusalem and the West Bank, included two weeks of work at Bethsaida.

This year's conference featured two keynote speakers from Israel. Avraham Faust of Bar-Ilan University spoke on the ethnogenesis of Israel, while David Ussishkim of Tel Aviv University discussed Jerusalem at the time of Solomon, Hezekiah and Nehemiah. Thirteen other scholarly papers were showcased at the conference including a presentation by Truman's Mark Appold, associate professor of philosophy and religion, who spoke on narratology and archaeology.

### GROUP EXERCISE AND HIGH INTENSITY INTERVAL TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS

GROUP EXERCISE CERTIFICATION  
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Jan. 26  
Workshop Fee: \$299  
\*Earlybird fee if registered before  
Dec. 27: \$249

*Potential and current fitness instructors will learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise. No college, science or teaching background required. Workshop registration includes a full-day review, written exam and 2-year certification.*

H.I.I.T- HIGH INTENSITY  
INTERVAL TRAINING  
8 a.m.-1 p.m. • Jan. 27  
Workshop fee: \$109

*H.I.I.T. exercises are very popular in the industry right now. Learn how to properly apply H.I.I.T. techniques to both your classes and your clients. Some of the topics include energy systems, EPOC, and appropriate application of methodology.*

This is a nationally recognized certification and the course and workshop are open to all students, staff, faculty and community members that would like to register.

The National Exercise Trainers Association (NETA), a non-profit fitness professional association, and the Campus Recreation Center will co-sponsor the workshops.

To register, visit [netafit.org](http://netafit.org). Contact Staci Latham at [slatham@truman.edu](mailto:slatham@truman.edu) with any additional questions.

### SAB Entertainment Survey

Interested in choosing the artists, comedians, bands, speakers and other entertainers that come to Truman next semester? Elect your entertainment. Every vote is needed. Vote from Dec. 3-17 online at [sab.truman.edu/survey](http://sab.truman.edu/survey).

# NOTES

**An information session for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing** program will take place at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Health Sciences Building 3205.

**The University Art Gallery will host a public reception for the BFA/BA thesis exhibition** at 6 p.m. Dec. 4.

**The Home Sweet Home Gingerbread House Contest** will take place from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Student Union Building Georgian Rooms. In addition to the gingerbread house-making contest, there will be performances, hot chocolate and prizes.

**The President's Committee for Campus Well Being is sponsoring a bone marrow donor drive** from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. During the drive participants will be asked to fill out a consent form and get the inside of their cheeks swabbed for a saliva sample to become a member of the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry. For more information, check out [BeTheMatch.org](http://BeTheMatch.org) or contact Staci Latham at 660.785.7738 or [slatham@truman.edu](mailto:slatham@truman.edu).

**Concert Band and Wind Symphony I** will perform at 8 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

**SAB will host Holiday Lights** at 8 p.m. Dec. 5. A capella choirs Minor Detail, Sweet Nothings and True Men will perform on the Kirk Memorial steps. Lights will be hung around the Memorial and free cookies and hot chocolate will be provided.

**The Director's Showcase, a series of student-directed one-act plays**, will run at 8 p.m. Dec. 6-8 in the James G. Severns Theatre in Ophelia Parrish.

**The Phi Mu Alpha Holiday Showcase** will take place at 12 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

**The Quincy Symphony Orchestra** will perform "Festive Sounds Family Concert" at 3 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Morrison Theatre in Quincy Junior High. Admission is free with a Truman ID.

**Cantoria and Chamber Choir** will perform Handel's "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

## PICKLER

### MEMORIAL LIBRARY

*Encouraging Discovery*

**Feeling stressed out? Have a cup of coffee on us.**

The Library will be offering free coffee and hot chocolate during the late night hours starting Dec. 2. A self-service station will be set up in the Library lobby beginning at 11:30 p.m. each night the Library is open until 2 a.m. and the beverages will be available while supplies last. Be sure to bring your own approved travel mug.

Compliments of Sodexo and the Pickler Memorial Library Book Sale Fund.

## Information Technology Services Update

### Truman Internet Bandwidth Increases

Students will now be able to connect to the campus Internet with more ease following a doubling of the University's Internet bandwidth. The total bandwidth increased from 250 Mbps to 500 Mbps. Additional Internet capacity is now online and in use by the campus community.

### Technology Upgrades Save Big Money

ITS completed its computer system upgrade of 600 campus computers with discounted initial savings valued at \$185,690. The systems are expected to last a lifetime of nearly eight years, which is double the lifetime of most computers. Truman's electrical power usage was reduced by 93 percent, which is estimated to save the University around \$27,594 annually in electricity expenses.

### Online Security Concerns During the Holidays

With the holiday season quickly approaching it is vital to protect personal information. The threat to identity and data theft is a continuous concern, but it is known to increase during this season in particular. ITS recommends keeping all computer systems up-to-date with the latest security measures, being cautious with online shopping and remembering that no legitimate company ever solicits private information via email. For further information, check out Truman's Information Security Awareness website at [its.truman.edu/isa](http://its.truman.edu/isa) or the Homeland Security site at [dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month](http://dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month).

## Alpha Sigma Gamma Holiday Market

8 a.m.-2 p.m. • Dec. 8 • Small Gym, Pershing

All proceeds benefit Victim Support Services. In addition to crafts, Holiday Market will include activities for children and pictures with Santa.

Performances include High Street at 11 a.m., University Swingers at 12:30 p.m. and Sweet Nothings at 1:15 p.m.

## UPCOMING STAFF COUNCIL EVENTS

### Blood Drive

11 a.m.-4 p.m. • Dec. 13

Student Union Building Down Under  
Make an appointment by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code TrumanState.

### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

4 p.m.-8 p.m. • Dec. 15

Interested volunteers may email Stacy Tucker-Potter at [stuckerpotter@truman.edu](mailto:stuckerpotter@truman.edu).

### Office Door Decorating Contest

Entries must be submitted to Stacy Tucker-Potter via email at [stuckerpotter@truman.edu](mailto:stuckerpotter@truman.edu) by Dec. 10. Judging will take place Dec. 12. Each entry will be judged based on creativity and aesthetic appeal and a winner will be announced Dec. 14.

## The Last Lecture

Jessie Krebs  
David Garth  
7:30-9 p.m. • Dec. 4  
Student Union Building  
Activities Room

The Last Lecture is an event featuring two outstanding professors who will share stories and reflections on their personal and professional lives. The lectures will focus on issues that these faculty choose based on the following premise:  
"If you knew this was the last lecture you would ever give to an audience of students, what would you say to them?"

*Sponsored by SAB*

## ALPHA PHI OMEGA AND MAIL SERVICES COOPERATIVE FOOD DRIVE

Nov. 13- Dec. 7

Proceeds help to support the Food Bank for Central and Northern Missouri.

Specially marked mail bins have been placed in all of the departments on campus as well as the residence halls for people to place their cans and other non-perishable food donations.