

Truman *today*

A weekly newsletter for students, faculty and staff

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STUDY ABROAD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Eligible programs include: all Truman faculty-led summer study abroad programs; all ISEP programs (with the exception of ISEP Direct); Missouri/London program; Truman exchange programs in China-Shanghai; France-Nice, Paris, Angers; Germany-Weisbaden; Italy-Lucca, LaSpezia; Japan-Tokyo; Spain-Burgos, Madrid, San Sebastian.

Applications are due by midnight Jan. 24. To apply, go to secure.truman.edu/studyabroadscholarships/.

Truman Highlighted in Kiplinger's Magazine

Truman has again been recognized by Kiplinger's Personal Finance as one of the nation's best values in public education.

Truman ranked No. 19, on Kiplinger's recently released list of the 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges."

Truman is highlighted further in the main article, available at kiplinger.com/magazine/archives/best-values-in-public-colleges-2013.html, as a school that has traditionally landed in the top third of the rankings each year due to strong academics and an affordable price.

The new ranking places the University four spots higher

than last year. In the past two years Truman has improved a combined 12 spots. Truman is the highest-rated Missouri school on Kiplinger's list and was the only university in the state to be included in the top 65.

The annual public school rankings appear in Kiplinger's February 2013 issue, available now online and in print. Web visitors will find special features, including information about how the public colleges are ranked and a tool that lets readers sort by in-state and out-of-state cost, average debt at graduation and admission rate.

Kiplinger's ranks schools based upon measures of

academic quality—including SAT or ACT scores, admission and retention rates, student-faculty ratios and four- and six-year graduation rates. They rank each school based on cost and financial aid with academic quality carrying more weight than costs.

For more detailed information, visit kiplinger.com/reports/best-college-values.

Earlier this academic year U.S. News & World Report ranked Truman as the No. 1 public university in the Midwest region for the 16th consecutive year and Washington Monthly recognized the school as the No. 6 master's university in the nation.

Students to Celebrate with Service During MLK Challenge

The Multicultural Affairs Center will be sponsoring the 2013 Martin Luther King, Jr. Collegiate Challenge Jan. 21.

This is the fifth year for this national day of service, and the goal is to help 200 student, faculty and staff volunteers make it a day on, not a day off.

The students will be divided into 15-20 teams and will work for six hours to complete a "challenge" or service project for about 20 local community agencies.

The challenges require participants to use critical thinking, problem solving and other skills as they address social issues and help the

greater Kirksville community. In addition to unifying diverse participants around a service project, they will have the opportunity to reflect upon, honor and celebrate the life and legacy of King.

Opening Ceremonies will take place in the Violette Hall Commons from 9-10 a.m. This will include an introduction to the day of service, a memorial to King and the challenge selection.

During the challenge selection, teams will be given basic instructions, starting seed money and a final goal. Challenges will be conducted at various sites in the community

between 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Groups will be completing various projects that were chosen by the agencies, such as cleaning, construction, assembling, organizing, etc. Many of the projects are quite extensive and will provide the 20 agencies with a service they may not have the time or resources to complete.

The day will conclude with a Reflection Dinner, including reports from the different teams, and Unity Program in honor of King, from 4-5 p.m. in the Student Union Building. This event is open to the public.

For more information on the Martin Luther King,

Jr. Collegiate Challenge, or to RSVP to the Reflection Dinner, contact Kati Smith at katismith@truman.edu or 660.785.4142.

This event is made possible by the Multicultural Affairs Center, SERVE Center, Residence Life, Follett Higher Education Group, Missouri Campus Compact, Student Senate and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission of Missouri. It is also funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that strengthens communities through service.

SPRING SEMESTER IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 21**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day &
MLK Collegiate Challenge
- Jan. 26**
Truman Showcase Visit Event
- Feb. 20**
"Biloxi Blues" Lyceum Event
- Feb. 21**
University Conference
- Feb. 27**
Career and Graduate School Expo
- March 11-15**
Midterm Break
- March 23**
Big Event & Showcase Visit Event
for Accepted Students
- March 27**
Chamber Orchestra Kremlin
Lyceum Event
- April 1**
Spring Break
- April 13**
Mara Liasson - Holman Family
Distinguished Speaker
- April 16**
Student Research Conference
- April 20**
Showcase Junior Visit Event
- May 3**
Last day of classes
- May 10**
Finals end
- May 11**
Commencement

For a complete list of events on campus check out the Master Calendar. In addition to listing numerous on-campus events, the Master Calendar also features other helpful links, including an academic calendar, a staff calendar and a link for Kirksville events. The links are located above the calendar at calendar.truman.edu.

SUBMIT AN EVENT

On-campus events for the upcoming semester can be submitted at calendar.truman.edu/submitevent.asp.

Truman Facebook Page Tops 10,000 Likes

More than 10,000 students, alumni and friends of the University have connected with Truman's official Facebook page.

A link to the site can be found on the Truman homepage. The page is updated regularly with Truman news, events, photos and important reminders. Truman departments and organizations are encouraged to make posts to update the University community on events taking place on campus. Prospective students and their families can visit the page for better insight on what life at Truman is really like.

In addition to the main Facebook page, Truman friends can check out the popular

Facebook pages for Truman Athletics, Truman Alumni and Friends and the Career Center. Links to all of the University's social media resources, including Truman's official Twitter feed and various department Facebook pages, can be found at social.truman.edu.

Truman ITS recently added social media icons to every item listed in the Truman Today newsletter. Readers can share noteworthy information through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or email all with one click.

Organizations that publicize on-campus events in the Truman Today can use the social media buttons to reach more people.

Online Strategic Plan Available for Review

The University's draft strategic plan for online learning is now available at online.truman.edu/onlineplan.asp.

In response to the online learning accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission almost two years ago, the President charged a committee responsible for developing a strategic plan for online learning at Truman. It addresses efficiencies the University can gain from technology as well as the potential for reaching

audiences not residing in Kirksville.

In January the committee will conduct meetings with each of the three faculty governance bodies as well as the Student Senate. Two open forums will also take place to receive feedback from the University community at large. Details on the meetings are available at online.truman.edu/onlineplan.asp. Feedback on the proposal can be emailed to Kevin Minch at kminch@truman.edu or Donna Liss at dliss@truman.edu.

APO and Mail Services Donate to Food Bank

During the holiday season, Alpha Phi Omega and Mail Services worked together on a food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Northeast Missouri. From Nov. 13-Dec. 7, specially marked bins were placed in all departments on campus for the purpose of non-perishable food donations. The drive netted 245 pounds of canned goods. Pictured left to right, Roger Marsh, director of Campus Mail Services, Lt. Brian Bump, commander of the Salvation Army in Kirksville, and Greg Popham, fundraising committee chair for Alpha Phi Omega.



ACTIVITIES FAIR

1 p.m. • Jan. 30 • Student Union Building

Organizations will be available to distribute their information to perspective members and inspire campus involvement of individuals within these organizations in order to provide a well-rounded Truman experience.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA

SPRING RUSH INFORMATION MEETINGS

Students interested in joining Truman's national co-ed service fraternity this spring are encouraged to attend an APO rush information meeting. APO will be hosting events at 6 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Jan. 22, 23 and 24 in Violette Hall 1148.

Global Issues Colloquium Returns Jan. 24

The University's Global Issues Colloquium will continue with a presentation by Jason Luscier, assistant professor of biology, at 7 p.m. Jan. 24 in Magruder Hall 2001.

Luscier's presentation, "The Feralization of Domestic House Cats: A Global Ecological Catastrophe!" will examine the existence of feral cat populations and its impact on native wildlife populations and human health around the globe.

In total, there will be four Global Issues Colloquium events this spring. In February, Dennis Quinn from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University will present "Does Economic Globalization Influence the

U.S. Policy Mood? A Study of U.S. Public Sentiment, 1956-2009." Meg Edwards, a Truman visiting professor of political science, will discuss "Presidential Instability in South America" in March. The final colloquium event this semester will take place in April when Anton Daughters, assistant professor of anthropology, examines "Globalization at the Ends of the Earth: Rural Livelihoods and Wage Labor in Southern Chile's Archipelago of Chiloé."

For complete details about Global Issues Colloquium events, including abstracts of upcoming presentations, visit globalissues.truman.edu.

NOTABLES

Twenty-five Truman State University students participated in American Model United Nations (AMUN) International in Chicago, Nov. 17-20. The students represented two delegations, Kazakhstan and Panama, during this four-day conference. Truman was recognized by AMUN with an Outstanding Delegation Award for

exceptional representation of Panama, as an "Overall Best Delegation." Also, Truman students received an Outstanding Delegation Award for exceptional representation of Panama in the General Assembly Plenary, recognizing the outstanding participation of **Stephen Gott** and **George Allan**.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarships are now available at hy-vee.com under company info. Forty \$1,000 scholarships will be given to college students for the 2013-2014 academic year. Applicants: must have been employed at a Hy-Vee location after June 1, 2012; must be classified as a full-time student in their freshman, sophomore or junior year during time of application process; must be classified as a full-time sophomore, junior or senior at the time funds are disbursed. Deadline for application is Feb. 10.

Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri has scholarships available for the 2012-2013 academic year. Last year more than \$10,000 was awarded to Missouri students. Winners in Missouri are

also eligible for the Central Region and National scholarships. Missouri students have received these prestigious awards the last three years. For further information and applications, go to www.gardenclub.org/scholarships. Deadline for receiving applications is March 1.

MassMutual Financial Group is offering high-achieving college students of African-American, Asian/Pacific Islander or Hispanic descent, interested in pursuing careers in the insurance and financial services industry, a scholarship opportunity for the 2013-14 academic year. For eligibility criteria, go to act.org/massmutual. Application deadline is May 3.

OPEN FORUMS FOR DEAN - SCHOOL OF ARTS AND LETTERS

The search committee hopes that as many members of the Truman community as possible will be able to attend these important events, during which Truman staff, students and faculty may ask questions of each of the candidates. The open forums will be videotaped and made available online sal.truman.edu as soon as possible following the conclusion of each forum.

DR. JAMES O'DONNELL

3 p.m. • Jan. 15

Saverns Theatre in Ophelia Parrish

Evaluation forms for O'Donnell will be available at the forum and online at sal.truman.edu under Deans Search-School of Arts and Letters, and they will be due online at saldean@truman.edu or to Marie Delaney in Ophelia Parrish 1101 no later than 4:30 p.m. Jan. 16.

DR. ERIC LINK

3 p.m. • Jan. 17

Saverns Theatre in Ophelia Parrish

Evaluation forms for Link will be available at the forum and online at sal.truman.edu under Deans Search-School of Arts and Letters and they will be due online at saldean@truman.edu or to Marie Delaney in Ophelia Parrish 1101 no later than 4:30 p.m. Jan. 18.

Join the Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter

The Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter of the Truman State University Alumni Association invites all campus and community friends to join our chapter. Membership entitles the holder to free admission to regular season home athletic events, free social events throughout the year, hotel and rental car discounts, checkout privileges at Pickler Memorial Library, a complimentary subscription to the Truman Review and more. You do not have to be a Truman graduate to be a chapter member. Individual, family and gift memberships are available at a range of price points. Purchase a 2013 membership today through the online Alumni Store at alumni.truman.edu/membership.



Summer Camp Opportunity

The Truman Financial Aid Office has been advised about a unique educational summer job opportunity for students. Camp Ramapo is a residential summer camp servicing children with emotional, behavioral and learning problems. It provides a safe and structured environment, which fosters the development of positive social and learning skills. In addition, Ramapo offers an on-site college course through the National Program on Non-collegiate Sponsored Instruction. For more information, visit ramapoforchildren.org.

NOTES

An enrollment session for Truman's cultural and religious study abroad course "East Meets West," will take place at 6 p.m. Jan. 15 in McClain Hall 209. For more information, contact Mark Appold, associate professor of philosophy and religion, at mappold@truman.edu.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at the University Club House, 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 660.785.6036 for more information.

Jan. 18 is the last day to add a Spring 2013 full or first block class. It is also the last day to drop a full or first block class for free and the last day to sign up to audit a class or take one for credit/no credit.

Parable, a one-act drama about the religious story of God and humanity, will take place at 7 p.m. Jan. 18 and 19 as well as 2 p.m. Jan. 20. Music, art and mime come together for this second annual performance, sponsored by IPAC and FAC. All performances take place in the Student Union Building Down Under.

The Wind Symphony concert will take place at 2 p.m. Jan. 20 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Roe at 40, a panel discussion sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies Committee, will take place at

7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 in Baldwin Hall 231.

A public reception for faculty exhibitions in the Art Gallery will take place at 6 p.m. Jan. 24 in Ophelia Parrish. Works by Aaron Fine, professor of art, Priya Kambli, professor of art, and Jamie Bates, lecturer in art, will be on display in the main gallery.

Phi Mu Alpha will present "A Pops Musicale" at 2 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Residence Life will host an On-Campus Apartment Open House Jan. 30. A sample of all three apartment buildings on campus will be available for viewing. For more information, contact the Residence Life Office at 660.785.4227.

The Activities Fair will begin at 1 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Student Union Building. Organizations will be available to distribute their information to perspective members and inspire campus involvement of individuals within these organizations in order to provide a well-rounded Truman experience.

The Women's and Gender Studies Conference will take place from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 31-Feb. 2 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. For more information, visit wgstconference.truman.edu.

The University Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 2 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

The 2013 University Conference Day, taking place Feb. 21, is dedicated to the personal and professional growth and enrichment of all members of the Truman community. To ensure that sessions appeal to students, faculty and staff, the conference is seeking sessions that will:

- Help prepare individuals for the life that comes after college;
- Improve technical skills;
- Develop leadership abilities;
- Inform the community of important regulations;
- Educate the community; or
- Enrich the community.

Possibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Strategies for starting an exercise regimen;
- Study Abroad: A Student's perspective;
- Tips for healthy living;
- Maintaining a scholarly or creative agenda while teaching;
- Tips for Aspiring Student Organization Leaders;
- Sharing faculty scholarship or creative activity;
- Strategies for improving student writing;
- Enhancing interdisciplinary thinking;
- Using the proposed critical thinking framework to improve critical thinking;
- What freshmen and sophomore political science majors can learn from upper class political science majors;
- Reducing one's carbon footprint;
- How to run an effective meeting;
- Understanding current events in the Middle East; or
- What should I read for pleasure?

Proposed sessions can fit into a 25-minute, a 55-minute or an 85-minute time slot. Sessions lasting 85 minutes must include an active learning component. Limited funds are available for photocopying and other necessary supplies. To submit a proposed session, complete the session description sheet online at provost.truman.edu/University_Conference/index.asp and turn it in to the Provost's Office, McClain 203, by 4:30 p.m. Jan. 28. Proposals will be selected by Feb. 6. If you do not want to propose a session but have an idea for a session that you would like to attend, email Marty Eisenberg at martye@truman.edu.

Volleyball Winter Clinics

Truman volleyball coach Ben Briney and his staff and players will be hosting a series of winter clinics this February and March in Pershing Arena.

For just \$60 for six sessions (or \$15 per session), volleyball players ages 5th-grade and older can receive 1-on-1 and group instruction on all fundamental skills with a high amount of individual feedback. Each event runs from 1-3 p.m. and will take place: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; and March 3, 9.

For more information, contact assistant coach Megan Wargo-Kearney at 660.785.7751 or mwargo@truman.edu. Both pre-registration and walk-ups accepted.

PICKLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Encouraging Discovery

Put some art on your walls!

The Library has a collection of more than 400 framed art reproductions that you can check out for the semester. There's a wide variety of styles to choose from including works by Andy Warhol, Matisse, Picasso and many others. Hurry in as the selection is always best at the beginning of each semester.

LOST AND FOUND

The Department of Public Safety serves as the official campus location for all lost and found items. DPS is located on the first floor of the General Services Building. They can be reached at 660.785.4176.

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER SPECIAL HOURS

11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Jan. 21