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KIPLINGER'S NAMES TRUMAN A BEST VALUE

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

Truman was ranked No. 23 on Kiplinger's recently released list of "100 Best Values in Public Colleges." Truman was the top-ranked Missouri school and was the only school from the state to be listed in the top 75.

Kiplinger's assesses quality and affordability according to a number of measurable standards. Truman moved up eight spots from last year's listing because Kiplinger's gave more weight to academic value, such as the percentage of students who return for the sophomore year and the four-year graduation rate.

"Kiplinger's ranking reflects Truman's value of providing affordable access to an exceptional education," University President Troy Paino said. "We appreciate Kiplinger's recognition of the value of offering degrees with integrity that provide opportunity instead of crippling debt."

A comparison of all 100 public schools on Kiplinger's list shows that Truman's total costs are in the top ten percent on affordability for both in-state and out-of-state students.

The annual public school rankings appear in Kiplinger's February 2012 issue, available now in print and online at www.kiplinger.com/links/college.

Music Department Now Live Streaming Concerts from Ophelia Parrish

Expanded capabilities recently installed in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall are giving the Music Department the ability to reach a worldwide audience and have made Truman an innovator among Missouri universities.

Live streaming video and audio of concerts in the performance hall are now available after three years of collaboration between Truman IT Services and music faculty members. The feature debuted Dec. 1 when the Wind Symphony I concert was streamed live. Parents, alumni, friends and prospective students of the University were able to log on and watch the concert, with viewers coming from as far away as Japan.

The concept of streaming concerts from Ophelia Parrish is a natural progression of the facility's capabilities. When it was renovated in 2003, Ophelia Parrish was designed with a recording area. While video was not originally part of the plan, by adding that feature the Music Department now has the ability to document and assess student performances in addition to streaming concerts to a much wider audience than the 500-seat venue can hold. Truman is the first university in Missouri to offer live streaming concerts.

Jay Bulen, chair of the Department of Music, said plans are currently underway to determine what events taking place in the performance hall will be streamed live, but between concerts, student recitals and performance master classes,

he anticipates the system being used several times each week.

Keeping costs low was not the only advantage of using in-house staff to upgrade Ophelia Parrish. Three of the IT Services staff members who worked on the project were also Truman music alumni.

"I was aware of the department's desire to stream these events and, as a former trombone player at Truman, I knew it could be very valuable for a prospective music student, or a music student wanting to share with family who could not attend," web developer Greg Marshall said.

The ability to live stream events is the first step in a series of improvements planned for Ophelia Parrish. Bulen said the existing sound quality of live-streamed events is excellent, and should only get better with the installation of high-quality hanging microphones.

Also, a control room is being built and will feature a custom console for the mixing board, audio recording computer and video recording system.

While the current video capture system is low-resolution, eventually the plan is to include a high-resolution system to be used for archiving performances and for preparation of audition recordings.

Live stream performances are available through the Truman Music Department webpage at music.truman.edu/livestream.asp.

CALL FOR SUMMER GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Truman Institute is sponsoring three competitive grant processes for Summer 2012. Grants are available to support conversion of courses to online delivery for summer school, design of professional development and enrichment courses for adults, and development of summer and weekend enrichment programs for all ages. Proposals are due Jan. 16. Copies of the three grant RFPs are available at institute.truman.edu/forms.asp. Projects are aimed at developing content for introduction in 2013. Contact Kevin Minch at 785.5384 or kminch@truman.edu with questions about proposals.

University Conference Request for Session Proposals

The 2012 University Conference Day, taking place Feb. 16, 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:

- Tips for healthy living
- Maintaining a scholarly agenda while teaching
- Improving student writing
- Reducing one's carbon footprint
- How to run an effective meeting

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. Applications are available at provost.truman.edu/University_Conference/index.asp and are due by 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23 to the Provost's Office.

Recommendations for session ideas can be emailed to Marty Eisenberg at martye@truman.edu.

Mobile Homepage

Truman's website is now easier to browse on mobile devices. It provides quick access to search, lab availability, campus maps, the campus calendar, The Index and more. Web Services has also optimized the Truman web template for small touch screens to make each page easier to navigate and display better. The mobile version should appear automatically for those accessing truman.edu from mobile devices.

Fulbrights Available for UK Summer Courses

This year the Fulbright Commission is again offering opportunities for U.S. undergraduates to follow a three to six week summer program at a world-class United Kingdom university or cultural institution.

Each Summer Institute provides an immersive academic, cultural and social experience for freshman or sophomore American students who wish to deepen their knowledge of the U.K. and its diverse population while developing their communication, research and presentation skills.

The commission is offering Summer Institutes that cover a range of disciplines as well as some that focus on specific disciplines such as theatre, art and design, archaeology and Irish studies.

The scholarship covers participant costs including academic program fees, travel, housing and cultural visits.

The 2012 U.K. Summer Institutes will take place at: Cardiff University, Bangor University and Aberystwyth University; Durham University; Newcastle University; Nottingham Trent University; Queen's University Belfast; and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in association with the American Institute for Foreign Study.

The application deadline is March 16.

For more information on each Institute and details on how to apply, visit www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/summer-institutes or email programmes@fulbright.co.uk.

University Conducting Student Interview Project

The annual Student Interview Project is planned for spring semester 2012, and faculty and staff members are invited to conduct interviews.

This year's project addresses academic stress at Truman. Approximately 100 undergraduates will be interviewed early in the spring semester with a focus on identifying factors that contribute to higher or lower levels of academic stress. Interviews will be concluded by the middle of February and the results will be published for the entire University community. The results of last year's study are available at assessment.truman.edu/almanac/index.asp.

Faculty and staff members who sign up for a one-hour time slot normally will interview two students during that hour. Interview questions and instructions will be provided.

Interviews will be conducted with a student co-interviewer. The faculty/staff member may bring a student co-interviewer of their choice or a volunteer co-interviewer can be provided. Preference should be indicated when selecting an interview time. To sign up, contact Elaine McDuff, Student Interview Project chair, at emcduff@truman.edu or 785.4360.

STUDENT INTERVIEW PROJECT 2012 AVAILABLE TIME SLOTS

Jan. 30 9-11 a.m. Student Union Building Down Under <i>Sign up for 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m. or 9-11 a.m.</i>	Feb. 3 2:30-3:30 p.m. Student Union Building Down Under
Jan. 31 9-10 a.m. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Student Union Building Down Under	Feb. 6 2-3 p.m. Student Union Building Down Under
Feb. 1 9-11 a.m. Student Union Building Down Under <i>Sign up for 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m. or 9-11 a.m.</i>	Feb. 7 3:30-4:30 p.m. Student Union Building Activities Room
Feb. 2 9-10 a.m. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Student Union Building Down Under	Feb. 9 3:30-4:30 p.m. Student Union Building Down Under
	Feb. 10 2:30-3:30 p.m. Student Union Building Down Under

Video Contest: Are You the Most Interesting Student in the World?

The Truman Institute is sponsoring a video contest promoting summer school at the University. First prize in an HD Flip Cam. For complete contest rules and guidelines visit summer.truman.edu/contest.asp.

MASTER CALENDAR LINKS

In addition to listing numerous on-campus events, the University Master Calendar also features other helpful links, including a final exam schedule, an academic calendar, a staff calendar and a link for Kirksville events.

The links are located above the calendar at calendar.truman.edu. On-campus events for the upcoming semester can be submitted to the Master Calendar at calendar.truman.edu/submitevent.asp.

All submissions must be made by someone representing a chartered organization or a recognized department, division or program of Truman State University. Any off-campus events will be posted on the Kirksville tab on TruView.

Health Center Earns Bulldog Award



The Student Health Center is Truman's most recent recipient of the Bulldog award. This award recognizes "shared team achievement" for outstanding customer service practices. The staff at the Student Health Center took the initiative and made the commitment to begin accepting insurance from the students they serve. Many changes had to occur in order to accomplish this initiative. Every staff member took on additional duties in order to make insurance billing a reality. Throughout this change to general office operations, this group of professionals continued to contribute to the University goal of offering excellent services to students. Pictured left to right: Christina Davis, Pam Johnson, Lyne Palmisano, Gay Nichting, President Troy Paino, Alice Davis, Jan Corbett, Brenda Higgins, Teri Tucker and Vicky Wehner.

NOTABLES

Mary Baylie, Jenna McClanahan and Alex Meneely have received Gilman scholarships for study abroad. The Gilman Scholarship Program offers awards for undergraduate study abroad and was established by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000. This scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study abroad programs worldwide. Baylie will be studying in Argentina, McClanahan will be studying in Ireland and Meneely will be studying in China.

Dean De Cock, associate professor of statistics, had his article, "Ames, Iowa: Alternative to the Boston Housing Data as an End of Semester Regression Project," published in the Journal of Statistics Education, Vol. 19, No. 3, November 2011 (www.amstat.org/publications/jse/). The

journal focuses on the improvement of statistical education at all levels and the manuscript, along with its accompanying data set, are a result of his sabbatical work while a visiting scholar at Iowa State University.

Taner Edis, professor of physics, had his paper "Defending Science and Nonbelief" appear in the Bulletin for the Study of Religion 40:4 14-16 (2011).

Truman recently had 92 students selected to be recipients of the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. Qualifying students were active in campus and community activities, had a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA and were seniors graduating in December, May or August of the 2011-2012 academic year. The full list of recipients can be found at saffairs.truman.edu/WhosWho/whos_who_2011.asp.

Missouri Study Photo Contest

Eligible for all international and study abroad students.

Contest Rules:

- The photographer must be a current student at a Missouri college or university.
- The photograph must have been taken in the country where the photographer attended school.
- Photo content must be "true to life" (no photoshop).

How to Enter:

- Submit photo electronically (JPEG, at least 5.0 mega pixels). Students must submit original photos and can have up to three entries.
- Students must include name, reasoning for being abroad and the name of their institution, country and date of photo.
- The deadline to submit is 11:59 p.m. Jan. 20.

The grand prize is \$200. There will be a first prize in each category (international and study abroad) of \$150. Second prize is \$100 and third will be \$75.

DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship Program

The deadline to apply for the Undergraduate Scholarship Program is Jan. 31. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites highly qualified undergraduate students to apply for funding to study, complete research and/or internships in Germany. Scholarships are available for students taking part in an organized study abroad program/exchange or as part of an individual, student-designed study abroad experience. Funding includes a monthly stipend, health insurance and an amount for travel. More information can be found at www.daad.org/?p=undergrad.

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER SPECIAL HOURS

Jan. 16
11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Whiffleball	Open	Jan. 16	NA	Jan. 21-22
5v5 Basketball	Open/Org/Greek	Jan. 16	Jan. 18	Jan. 23
Co-Rec 5v5 Basketball	Open	Jan. 16	Jan. 18	Jan. 23
Superbowl Pickems'	Open	Feb. 2	N/A	Feb. 5
Badminton-Singles	Open	Feb. 16	NA	Feb. 18
Badminton-Doubles	Open	Feb. 23	NA	Feb. 25
Volleyball	Open/Org/Greek	March 5	Feb. 29	March 12
Co-Rec Volleyball	Open/Org/Greek	March 5	Feb. 29	March 12
Outdoor Soccer	Open/Org/Greek	March 5	Feb. 29	March 12
Co-Rec Outdoor Soccer	Open	March 5	Feb. 29	March 12
NCAA March Madness	Open	March 14	N/A	March 15

All information, rules and registration requirements are online at recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467. Captains' Meeting is at 4:30 p.m. in the SRC Conference Room.

NOTES

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host a discussion of issues of interest to the University at 12 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Student Union Building 3201. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

The deadline to apply to attend the 2012 meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative University is Jan. 17. Applications are available online at www.cgiu.org/applying_to_cgiu. President Clinton will host CGI U 2012 at The George Washington University March 30-April 1. CGI U is designed to engage the next generation of leaders on college campuses around the world. Each CGI U student member makes a Commitment to Action: a specific plan of action that addresses a pressing challenge on their campus, in their community, or in a different part of the world.

There will be a public reception for the gallery exhibit "Voyeur," curated by Brandelyn Dillaway and Texas Design-Exchange is the Message, at 6 p.m. Jan. 17 in the University Art Gallery in Ophelia Parrish.

The Truman State University Bookstore will host "A Tale of Two Cities," a presentation and book signing by Huping

Ling, professor of history, for her work "Race, Transnational Migration, and Community in Chicago and St. Louis." The event will take place from 3-4 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

The deadline for submission of TruScholars Program applications is 11:59 p.m. Jan. 29. The purpose of the TruScholars program is to foster collaborative faculty-student research and creative activities to enhance undergraduate student learning. Projects supported by this program should exhibit the potential for scholarly publication, presentation at a regional or national conference, public performance or a gallery showing. The OSR will fund up to 25 TruScholar applications. Application guidelines, important dates and frequently asked questions can be found at the OSR website osr.truman.edu/truscholars. Questions beyond the TruScholars frequently asked questions should be addressed via email to osr@truman.edu.

"A Conversation on the Liberal Arts" will continue at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Peter Goldman, professor emeritus of biology, will share his presentation entitled "A Question Augustus Asked."

French Government Teaching Assistantship Program

Applications are now available for paid assistantships in France to help elementary and secondary teachers with English in classrooms. The program begins in late September and ends in early April or May. The contract may be extended. Assistants receive a monthly stipend and governmental health among other benefits. Applicants must have intermediate to advanced skills in French and be between the ages of 20-30 by Oct. 1, 2012 at the beginning of the contract year.

Applications are due Jan. 15.

For additional information, contact gsiewert@truman.edu.

HERBERT SCOVILLE JR. PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Applications for Fall 2012 are due Jan. 13. See www.scoville.org for complete details.

* Washington, D.C., Fellowships usable at 27 national organizations active in policy, research, education, advocacy.

* Up to eight Scoville Fellowships awarded annually.

* Active mentoring and networking from distinguished Board of Directors and former fellows.

* \$2,400 per month salary plus benefits. Scoville Fellow alumni now lead NGOs, hold senior positions on Capitol Hill, State Department, private foundations, and other influential jobs in peace, security, and environmental security.

* The Scoville Peace Fellowship is among the most prestigious fellowships in the nation for peace and security. Eligibility includes strong academic record and recommendations, excellent writing, activism, advocacy or civic engagement and initiative.

* Areas of interest: international relations, political science, conflict or peace studies, national security, environmental studies, or honors and other interdisciplinary programs that relate to securing a more peaceful and just world.

GLOBAL ISSUES COLLOQUIUM

7 p.m.

Jan. 26

Magruder Hall 2001

"Israelis and Palestinians in Deadlock or Transition? Global Implications for the Result."

2012 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE

Jan. 16

The Multicultural Affairs Center and the SERVE Center are looking for 175 student, faculty and staff volunteers to spend their day off honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King by serving the Kirksville community throughout the day.

To sign up for this year's MLK Challenge, visit serve.truman.edu/volunteer/login.asp?page=%2Fvolunteer%2Fprofile%2Easp.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30-9 a.m.

Registration and Breakfast

9-10 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies and Team Building

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Complete Challenges

The Reflection Dinner will begin at 4 p.m. and is open to all participants, campus affiliates and Truman and Kirksville community members. Participants will reflect on their experiences and the dedication Dr. King gave to the service of others. A performance by Tim AuBuchon will culminate the evening and highlight the great servitude of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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