

# Truman today

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## Forensics Team Enjoys Success at the National Level

The Truman Speech and Debate Team traveled to Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, April 12-20 and won seven distinct awards.

The team brought home a first place individual events award and a fourth place debate award, as well as three individual speaking awards and two debate octafinial awards.

This tournament marked the National Forensic Association's 40th year of recognizing the top talent in the nation. Unlike other competitive forensics tournaments, the championship tournament requires students qualify to attend. Thus, students are competing against the best in the nation.

In Lincoln-Douglas Debate there were 85 individual competitors representing 22 schools from across the nation. Truman took fourth place overall, beating out such schools as Creighton University,

the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Air Force Academy. Sweepstakes points are awarded every time a debater wins a round.

Truman had six competitors entered in debate. Sophomores Christian Johns and Elizabeth Hatting both advanced to octafinals — placing them each in the top 16 debaters at the tournament. Johns also achieved a fourth place debate speaker award — an award based not on how many rounds a competitor wins but on how well they speak. This is the highest speaker award any Truman debater has ever achieved.

Juniors Sarah Backhaus and Dylan Clark were very close to breaking into elimination rounds. Backhaus and Clark were also 12th and 13th place speakers, respectively.

In individual events, the team took home the National Champion title in the small schools division. Sweepstakes points are earned in individual events is by placing in

the top half of each round.

Freshman Jessica Petrie received quarterfinalist awards in two of her four speaking events — Extemporaneous Speaking and Persuasive Speaking. This means that she was in the top 24 of 162 competitors and 155 competitors, respectively.

In order to win first place in the small school division, Truman had to beat 46 other schools. Schools are placed into the various divisions based upon the number of qualifying entries.

Even though the division includes those schools with the smallest number of entries, it is the largest division in the tournament. With only three speech competitors Truman beat such schools as Cornell University, the University of Michigan and West Texas A&M University.

Those interested in forensics can contact Kristi Scholten at [kscholten@truman.edu](mailto:kscholten@truman.edu).

## Freeland Appointed to Board of Governors

Gov. Jay Nixon appointed Luke Freeland as the next student representative to the University Board of Governors March 9. He was confirmed by the Missouri Senate April 15.

The Board of Governors is the highest policy-making body of the University. His term is scheduled to run until Jan. 1, 2012.

A physics major from Kirksville, Freeland is also working on a minor in political science with an emphasis in pre-law.

As a student at Truman, Freeland has occupied leadership roles in Blue Key Honor Service Fraternity as well as Alpha Kappa Lambda and has been active with Campus Pals, the Joseph Baldwin Academy and the SERVE Center.

Freeland served as co-coordinator for the SERVE Center's Big Event in March 2010.

Among his accomplishments at Truman, Freeland has received the University's Golden Leadership Award and President's Scholarship.

The role of student representative to the Board had previously been filled by Cody Sumter. Gov. Matt Blunt appointed Sumter in the spring of 2008. During his time with the Board, Sumter was a member of the Presidential Search Committee and the Honorary Degrees Selection Committee.

Last fall Sumter was selected to the Missouri Government Internship Program and currently is working as an intern with Sen. David Pearce.

Please join us  
for a Farewell Reception for  
President Darrell &  
Mrs. Nancy Krueger  
from 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
on Wednesday, May 5, 2010,  
at the Ruth W. Towne Museum  
and Visitors Center  
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## CLAPP LITERACY FUND NAMES 2010 RECIPIENTS

This year's recipients of the Dr. Kay Clapp Children's Literacy Fund are Kristina D. Rieman, a current graduate student at Truman, and Terri L. Polster, a teacher at Center Elementary School.

The Dr. Kay Clapp Children's Literacy Fund was endowed by Dr. and Mrs. Sam Minner in 2006 to honor Dr. Clapp, a professor emeritus in the Department of Education at Truman State University.

Dr. Clapp is a powerful proponent of literacy and children's literature. Hundreds of students and practicing teachers have been influenced by her dedication and careful mentoring.

The fund provides \$500 each to a Master of Arts in education student and a current teacher to purchase children's literature for their professional practices.

May and August Graduates:

### Senior Picnic

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

May 5 (Reading Day)

The Mall

Rain site: Student Union  
Building Georgian Rooms



**Bulldog  
Forever**

Enjoy free hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, salads, cookies and drinks, as well as a senior gift bag and door prizes.

If you cannot join us for lunch, stop by McClain 205 for your Truman Alumni T-shirt.

Sponsored by the Truman Alumni Association and the Office of Advancement.

## Betas Design Endowment to Honor Tigner

Robert Tigner, current Beta Theta Pi advisor and chair and associate professor of psychology, recently was honored during a Beta Alumni Banquet.

In his honor, an endowment fund has been created to support members of the Truman Zeta-Xi Chapter so can participate in leadership conventions.

Truman Betas are able to attend these programs currently through the generosity of alumni of other chapters.

Tigner has supported Beta leadership opportunities by encouraging members to attend various leadership events each year. Tigner also spends two weeks each year volunteering as a facilitator at Beta's leadership programs.

The Dr. Rob Tigner Leadership Fund has been created through the Beta Theta Pi Foundation with initial donations from Truman alumni of

more than \$20,000. The money will support Truman Betas when they travel to leadership opportunities. More than 120 Truman Betas already have participated in these programs throughout the last decade, and this fund will ensure that future Truman Betas get the same opportunity.

Organizers hope to raise \$50,000 for the endowment fund by April 2013.

Those interested in contributing to the fund can donate online at <http://www.betathetapi.org/gift>. Please specify that you would like your gift directed to the "Dr. Robert Tigner Leadership Fund." For more information about the fund, contact Marc Tower at 816.665.3928 or [marctower@hotmail.com](mailto:marctower@hotmail.com).

Tigner also was recently recognized with the E. M. Violette Outstanding Advisor Award for his work with the men of Beta Theta Pi.

## Sigma Phi Epsilon Hosts Annual "Vince Run" to Honor Member and Support Nursing Home

Sigma Phi Epsilon hosted the organization's Annual "Vince Run" April 25. The Vince Run raised \$1,000 this year.

During the Fall 1984 semester, Vincent Lukowski arrived as a freshman at Northeast Missouri State University and joined Sigma Phi Epsilon that spring.

Two years later, he and a friend were driving along Hannibal's fabled towering bluffs near the Mississippi River when a driver in a pick-up truck veered around a corner and crashed into their car. The car was pushed into the ditch and overturned, rolling partway down the bluff toward the river.

Vince was not wearing his seatbelt. He was thrown from the car and his injuries included a broken brain stem. Vince has been a quadriplegic since then, in residence at the Beth Haven Nursing Home. Vince can eat and see; he watches television and listens to the radio and to music. In fact, he is aware of everything happening around him and around the world. But Vince cannot talk and, because he can move only one finger on his right hand, he cannot write.

Beginning in April 1989, the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon have conducted an annual fundraising project in honor of Vince and to support the Beth Haven Nursing Home. The SigEps engage in an annual relay run from the SigEps house in

Kirkville to Vince's room at the Beth Haven Nursing Home in Hannibal. Each SigEps brother runs a mile and passes the baton to the next brother for 97 miles.

The funds raised by Sigma Phi Epsilon during the annual Vince Run have been used by the Beth Haven administration and staff for the acquisition of accommodations for the residents otherwise not possible.

In 1997, Vince's family and the administration and staff of Beth Haven used SigEps' gift to establish a scholarship in Vince's name with the national Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation in Richmond, Va., of which Truman's chapter adviser, Roger Festa, is a member of the Board of Governors.

The "Vincent Lukowski Scholarship" is reserved for members of Truman's chapter, and each year a Truman student receives tuition assistance.

Vince's family and close friends from Hannibal participate in the SigEps' visit with Vince at Beth Haven each April. Vince's mom hosts a pizza party for the SigEps who run to Hannibal. Festa introduces each SigEps to Vince and the visit is concluded with a SigEps brotherhood ceremony.

For Vince Lukowski, this is a special event to which he looks forward each spring.

### Service-Learning Projects Now Available

Interested in helping the Truman/Kirkville Community for scholarship and/or work-study hours? The service-learning projects are now available on Tru-Positions. Check out this opportunity out at <https://trupositions.truman.edu/jobs.asp>.

## NOTABLES

**Dereck Daschke, chair and associate professor of philosophy and religion**, was named to the editorial board of the *Journal of Religion and Film*, a free, online publication, accessible at <http://www.unomaha.edu/jr/f/>, and based at the University of Nebraska - Omaha.

**Lucy F. Lee, professor of Spanish**, has been reelected Sigma Delta Pi vice-president of the Southwest for the 2010-13 triennium. Lee's new term will begin at the conclusion of the Society's Triennial Convention in Guadalajara, Mexico July 12.

**Regina Morin, associate vice president for enrollment management**, was recently awarded the Peggy Clinton Memorial Service Award from the Missouri Association for College Admission Counseling (MOACAC). The award recognizes her guidance, support and inspiration to students, colleagues and MOACAC.

**Sara E. Orel, professor of art history**, had a panel she organized accepted for the national conference of the Council on Undergraduate Research, which will be hosted at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, in June. The session is titled "Enhanced Study Abroad Experiences: Conducting Undergraduate Research in a Foreign Setting." She will also be presenting information about the scaffolding of assignments in the Art

History program for the session "Universalizing the Senior Thesis in Humanities and Social Sciences: How to Build a Research-Across-the-Curriculum Program." She is a counselor in the Arts and Humanities Division of CUR.

**Antonio Scuderi, associate professor of Italian**, presented "The *Commedia Maschere* and the European Carnival," at the annual conference of the American Association for Italian Studies, in Ann Arbor, Mich. He also translated the booklet for the new CD, *Fantasia Poetica*, by Carlo Aozzo (mandolin) and Elena Buttiero (piano). The CD has music from Beethoven, Munier, Calace and Bruzzone.

**The Communication Disorders and Education Departments, with assistance from the Regional Professional Development Center**, collaborated to produce "Rousing Minds to Life: Ways to Kindle Vocabulary Learning in Young Learners." The project was presented by Dr. Robert Cooter during the Second Annual Language and Literacy Conference. Cooter is an internationally acclaimed author/researcher in the field of reading. He is a national speaker and currently is Ursuline Endowed professor of education at Bellarmine University. More than 120 professionals and approximately 20 students attended.

## Bookstore to Offer Textbook Rental Program

Beginning this fall, the Truman State University Bookstore will offer students a new, multi-channel textbook rental program.

The textbook rental program will allow students to rent their textbooks from the Truman Bookstore for less than 50 percent of the cost of purchasing a new, printed textbook. Students will now also be able to rent their books either in the store or from the store's website <http://truman.bkstore.com>.

Students can highlight or mark the rented books just as they would if they purchased a

book and planned to sell it back to the bookstore. Students will also have the opportunity to convert their rental to a purchase during the first two weeks of class. Students must return rented books in person no later than 10 days after the last day of finals or mail them to the bookstore.

Barnes & Noble began piloting their rental program earlier this year at 25 campus bookstores across the country.

More details about the rental program will be available in the coming months at <http://truman.bkstore.com>.

## PETRY AWARDED NSF RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

**Will Petry**, a senior biology major from Wildwood, Mo., has received a competitive Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation (NSF). After graduation, Petry will study at the University of California, Irvine in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and will conduct most of his research at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory in Gothic, Colo.

The NSF Fellowship program began in 1952 and is designed to support research-based graduate students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The fellowship provides three years of support, including \$10,500 tuition assistance, a \$30,000 stipend and a one-time \$1,000 travel budget.

Petry learned about the fellowship last summer after participating in another NSF-funded program called the Research Experience for Undergraduates at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory. While working on his Ph.D., Petry will be studying the community consequences of ant-aphid mutualisms.

Along with Petry, 2009 Truman alumnus Josh Hirner received a fellowship. Hirner currently is a Ph.D. student studying organic chemistry at the University of California, Irvine.

In addition to the 2,000 students across the country who were offered the fellowship, another 2,500 received Honorable Mentions, including Chelle King, an accelerated track masters student in the Truman biology department. After Truman, King plans to pursue a Ph.D. in biological science at the University of Alabama.

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### Summer Orientation Dates

June 4, 8, 11, 16, 21, 25, 28 (with overnights June 11, 27)  
August 20



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# Phi Beta Kappa Inducts New Members



Newly inducted Phi Beta Kappa members. Front row (left to right): Emily Ward, Hanna Hartman, Wendy Batson, Kasey Perkins and Julia Curran. Second row (left to right): Joanna Bess, Sydney Young, Brian Speise, Molly Gerber, Sean Cooksey, John Schneider, Daniel West, Stacy Marshall and Krystal Foster. Third row (left to right): Elizabeth Anderson, Ryan Mueller, Peter Ruberton, Anna Zahner, Theresa Gioffrida, Emily Richens, Bethany Hoekzema, Brenna Hale, Jaycie Vos, Regina Loehr, Amy Yeagle and Chantae Rudie. Back row (left to right): Emily Fassi, Matthew July, Jonathan Schmid, Kevin Schmitt, Luke Icenagle, Igor Korenfeld, Martin DiStefano, John Taylor, Bishal Budhathoki, Jacqueline Boos and Kara Fleming.

## ITS Upgrades Campus Fiber Network

Truman Information Technology Services (ITS) is upgrading the campus fiber optic network. The fiber optic network provides network and cable television services for the campus.

Phase one of the fiber upgrade was completed in December with new fiber installed to McClain

Hall, Pickler Memorial Library, the Student Union Building, Magruder Hall and Violette Hall.

Phase two currently is under way and should be completed by mid-summer. When phase two is complete most campus buildings will have new fiber optic service.

## NOTES

The School of Health Sciences and Education is hosting speaker Ryan Barker from the Missouri Foundation for Health at 12 p.m. May 6 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. Barker will speak about "Cover Missouri," a health reform law.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet at 4:30 p.m. May 7 at the University Club House, located at 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

## Congratulations to the Spring 2010 Omnicron Delta Kappa Initiates:

Erin Cammarata  
Adam G. Crews  
Omonseigo Esangbedo  
Dr. Brenda Craig Higgins  
Emily Lowndes  
Dr. Troy D. Paino  
Dr. Eric V. Patterson  
Nathaniel Vasel  
Lauren Elizabeth Weise  
Benjamin P. Winter  
Megan Wood

## Congratulations to the newest Omnicron Delta Kappa Hall of Fame Inductees:

**STUDENT HALL OF FAME**  
Makita Abraham  
Amanda Jackson  
Andrew McCall

## DR. JACK MAGRUDER FACULTY HALL OF FAME

Dr. Patricia Burton  
Dr. Russell Baughman  
Dr. Randy Hagerty

**MRS. VERONA S. NICHOLS STAFF HALL OF FAME**  
Nancy Asher  
Todd Kuhns  
Sue Limestall



## Take the Fall Event Survey

This survey includes potential concerts, films, comedians, speakers and special events for the Fall. SAB would like as much student feedback as possible since event selections are based on this survey. Visit <http://itsurvey.truman.edu/Surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?surveyid=1471>.

## ENJOY SUMMER 2010 IN LONDON

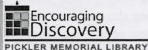
The US-UK Fulbright Commission is offering a five-week summer institute at Newcastle University in London. Meet people from all across the world, make friends and experience life as a real student in the UK while visiting museums, galleries, theatres, cities and historical sites. The summer institute will cover the majority of the participant costs including round-trip airfare, tuition, and room and board. The deadline is May 14.

For more information, visit <http://fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards-for-us-citizens/special-programmes>.

## Retirement Reception for Barb Bevell

1-3 p.m.  
May 26  
Sunken Garden

Help celebrate Barb's 30 years at Truman.



## MOBIUS: Pick Up Anywhere

Going home for the summer or doing some traveling?

You can order MOBIUS books and have them delivered to any MOBIUS school.

Check <http://mobius.missouri.edu/screens/libinfo.html> for a listing of schools. Truman ID is required

# Faculty and Staff Honored at 36th Annual Service Recognition Banquet

Members of the Truman faculty and staff who are celebrating their retirement, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th and 35th anniversary of service to Truman were honored at the Annual Service Recognition Banquet April 27 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

The **35-year-anniversary honorees** were not pictured. These honorees include Sal Costa, Jerry Mayhew and Fred Shaffer.



In the photo above are the **2009-2010 retirees** honored at the Service Recognition Banquet. Seated, (left to right): Barb Bevell, Arnold Preussner and Darrell Krueger. Not pictured: Curt Devan and Joyce Holdren.



Pictured above are **30-year-anniversary honorees**. Seated (left to right): Gwen Perrachione, Michele Breault and Candy Young. Back row: Wayne Bailey, Ra'Mona Davis, Dana Delaware and Chuck Parks. Not pictured: Garry Gordon, Connie Jacobs and Susan Schoeff-Ballanger.



Pictured above are **25-year-anniversary honorees**. Seated (left to right): Dana Safley, Susan Guffey, Melody Chambers, Joy Pugh and Joyce Brown. Back row: Ralph Miller, Mustafa Sawani, Scott Olsen, Stephen Pollard, Von Abbott, Joyce Mullins and James Harmon. Not pictured: Sherry Dare.



Pictured to the left are the **20-year-anniversary honorees**. Seated (left to right): Marsha Cook, Cynthia Cooper, Kimberly Titus, Cathy Poyner and David Schutter. Back row: John Bahac, Keith Harrison, Randy Hogerty, Barry Poyner, David Gillette, Terry Olson and Darrell Krueger. Not pictured: Alcidean Arias, Brent Buckner, Timothy Farley, Suren Fernando, Brenda Higgins, Diane Janick-Buckner, Anne Moody, Silvia Pites, David Robinson, Peter Rolnick, Mohammad Samiullah and Rodney Taylor.



Pictured to the left are the **15-year-anniversary honorees**. Seated (left to right): Priscilla Riggle, Brenda Moore, Julia DeLancey, Tim Barcus, Diane Richmond and Lyan Liao. Middle row: Jay Bule, Sally West, Brenda Killen, Regina Marin and Linda Yager. Back row: Sheila Garlock, Richard Coughlin, Warren Wells, Elisabeth Hooper and Douglas Davenport. Not pictured: Evonne Bird, Michael Bird, Sally Cook, Janet Gooch, Melody Jennings, Christopher Lantz, Debbie Maize, Debbie McCartney, Shelly Pagliai, Larry Rogers, Lynn Rose, Eduardo Velasco, Michael Wilcox and Kathy Williams.

Pictured to the right are the **10-year-anniversary honorees**. Seated (left to right): Danion Doman, Michael Bump, Dereck Daschke, Jill Graves, Scott Alberts and Matthew Beaky. Middle row: Brenda Wheeler, Pam Gardner, Lena Reardon, Deborah Engen, Lana Dowell, Amy Nunan, Julie Burns and Jennifer Jesse. Back row: Steve Peeler, H. Martin Jayne, Pete Kelly, David Garth, Stephen Wynn and Charles Hunsaker. Not pictured: Randall Bame, Tim Deidrick, Charles Dromey, Taner Edis, Donna Ellsworth, Vicki Falls, Kenny Gates, Vern Hall, David Hudnall, Phil Jorn, Priya Kambli, Hyun-Joo Kim, Michelle Kleine, Andrew Klyukovski, Alexander Koch, Joaquin Maldonado-Class, Greg Marshall, Marjorie McFarland, Sam Minner, Sarah Mohler, Jana Marton, Marie Orton, Donna Patterson, Toby Peavler, Kathleen Powell, Pamela Ryan, Denise Smith, Alex Tetlak, Juan Carlos Valencia and Howard Worcester.



Pictured to the left are the **5-year-anniversary honorees**. Seated (left to right): Joetta Walter, Diane Treece, Lisa Tuggle, Julie Hanes, Maria Lindenfelser and Cynthia Higgins. Back row: Kristin Flannigan, James Cianciola, Norm Clark, Mark Smith, Jason Shaw, Steve Pennington, Pam Ouyang, and Debra Drury. Not pictured: Jana Arabas, Charlene Bridges, Benjamin Briney, Zachary Burden, Marjorie Burick-Hughes, Don Cochrane, Cassie DeBlow, Mark Gole, Leslie Hardesty, Bich Kuhns, Todd Kuhns, Victoria Landrum, Amanda Langendoerfer, Beverly Perrachione, Dennis Robinson, Emily Smith and Nicole Summers.