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#### SAB Presents Singer-Songwriter Phillip Phillips

American Idol winner Phillip Phillips will perform at 8 p.m. Nov. 16 in Pershing Arena.

Winner of American Idol's 11th season, Phillip Phillips' blend of rare authenticity and massive pop appeal has pushed him into stardom. Some of his biggest singles include "Home" and "Gone, Gone, Gone."

Fresh off his first headlining tour, Phillips is now bringing his brand of rock-and-roll to arenas around the country as the opening act for singer-songwriter superstar John Mayer.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$15 for general admission, and are available in the Student Activities Board Office in the lower level of the Student Union Building. All tickets purchased on the day of the show will be \$15.

For more information, visit [sab.truman.edu](http://sab.truman.edu) or call 660.785.4722.

**SAB**  
CONCERTS PRESENTS

**PHILLIP PHILLIPS™**

WITH **DUGAS**

**11.16.13** PERSHING ARENA 8:00 P.M. STUDENTS: \$5 OR FACULTY & STAFF: \$15 ALL TICKETS PURCHASED ON DAY OF SHOW: \$15 TICKETS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE SAB OFFICE (LOWER LEVEL, SU30) FROM 9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY

## Theatre Department to Perform Lyrical Tragedy

The University's Theatre Department will perform their second production of the season, entitled "Blood Wedding," at 8 p.m. Nov. 13-16 in the James G. Severns Theater in Ophelia Parrish Hall.

"Blood Wedding" is a poetic, lyrical tragedy of love, fate and revenge, set against the Spanish landscape of Andalusia. It tells the story of a couple preparing for their wedding day, while the bride is still in love with another man, and the events that unfold throughout the performance.

Jon Ginder, senior music student, composed two of the production's songs. Madison Chambers and Bailey Jones, theatre students, also composed choreography throughout the production. Student Rebecca Grow will play the synthesizer, and Robert Graber, professor emeritus, will play the classic guitar.

The production is free, and it is requested to reserve tickets in advance. Tickets can be reserved at the box office in the lobby of Ophelia Parrish from 12-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at 660.785.4515.

## SERVE Center Honors FLATS as Community Partner of the Year

The Forest Lake Area Trail System (FLATS) received the "Community Partner of the Year" award and was recognized at the Community Partner Appreciation Luncheon, Oct. 29.

The Community Partner of the Year award is given by the SERVE Center to an outstanding community member or agency that has worked closely with the University to promote public scholarship amongst Truman students.



*Daniel Martin accepts the Community Partner of the Year Award for FLATS from SERVE Center staff member Mary Beth Myers (left) and Mamie Cox, student coordinator of the SERVE Center.*

FLATS was nominated by Alpha Phi Omega, a service organization at Truman. FLATS and Alpha Phi Omega have worked together through Dan Martin, the volunteer coordinator for FLATS. Martin has contacted Alpha Phi Omega when FLATS needed help clearing brush from the trail, and multiple APO volunteers would help clean up the trail.

For more information about the FLATS program, visit [kvflats.org](http://kvflats.org).

## Tag Day Celebrates Gifts to University Farm

Truman will celebrate its first ever Tag Day, an event to recognize the impact of donations to the University, on Nov. 15.

Tags will be placed across campus to identify items provided as gifts to the University. Examples of donated items that will be tagged include computer labs, audiovisual equipment and SMARTBoards, among others.

However, some larger items are more difficult to tag, such as horses donated to the University Farm. According to Equestrian Team coach and horsemanship instructor, the University Farm has had eight horses donated to the program.

Students are encouraged to help celebrate Tag Day Nov. 15 by stopping by the table in the Student Union Building and writing a thank you note to a Truman donor.



*Horses pictured from left to right: Mouse, Quick, Atticus, AJ, Goldie, Gypsy, Etta and Reno.*

## Truman United Way Campaign Update

As of Nov. 5, the Truman community has contributed more than \$39,000 to the United Way Campaign, representing 73 percent of the University's \$54,000 goal.

However, there is still time to make a donation to help reach the University's goal. Donations can be sent to Pam Ryan, Department of Mathematics. For a pledge form, contact Pam Ryan at [pjryan@truman.edu](mailto:pjryan@truman.edu) or Maggie Herron at [mherron@truman.edu](mailto:mherron@truman.edu).

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 pursue the goals of education, income and health.

## ASG Holiday Market Seeks Vendors

The annual Holiday Market craft fair at Truman is quickly arriving and sponsors are looking for vendors who would be interested in selling their crafts.

Holiday Market, taking place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Student Union Building, is an indoor craft fair sponsored by Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority that benefits Victim Support Services, a non-profit organization supporting victims of crime including domestic and sexual violence.

The fair is open to the campus and community. It will cost \$35 to reserve a table and all of the profit that is made that day is the vendors to keep. Lunch and set-up/tear-down assistance will also be provided for vendors.

Other events taking place at Holiday Market include live music featuring student music groups and local bands. Kids are also welcome and organizers will have a play area where children can be supervised as parents shop. The play area will have Christmas movies and activities, as well as an appearance by Santa Claus. Photographs with Santa Claus for children 12 and under will be provided, a donation of a canned good or toiletry item is appreciated.

Anyone interested in being a vendor at the Holiday Market can contact Emily Berry and Melissa Tran at [holidaymarket1@gmail.com](mailto:holidaymarket1@gmail.com) or call 314.304.2531 by Nov. 15.

## Announcements

### Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) Information Session

**4-4:30 p.m.  
Nov. 13  
Health Sciences Building 3205**

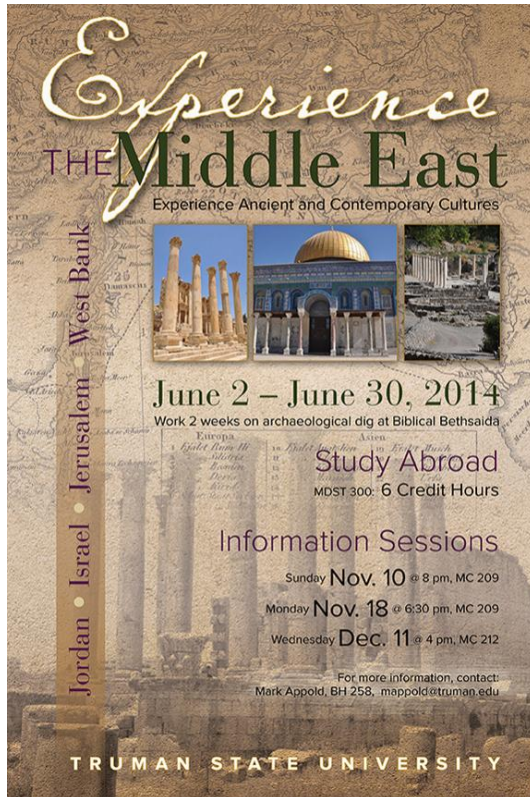
After completing a bachelor's degree and the specified prerequisite courses, admitted students may finish a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree in 15 months of study. For additional information, email [nursing@truman.edu](mailto:nursing@truman.edu) or call 660.785.4557. The nursing website includes information about the curriculum at [nursing.truman.edu](http://nursing.truman.edu).

### Experience the Middle East Information Sessions

**6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 18  
McClain Hall 209**

**4 p.m.  
Dec. 11  
McClain Hall 212**

Information sessions about the Experience the Middle East study abroad course, MDST 300, will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in McClain Hall 209 and at 4 p.m. Dec. 11 in McClain Hall 212. The study abroad course will consist of visiting ancient and contemporary cultures in Jordan, Israel, Jerusalem and the West Bank, and archaeological work at the ancient Bethsaida. For more information, email Mark Appold at [mappold@truman.edu](mailto:mappold@truman.edu).



The poster features a background map of the Middle East with a vertical banner on the left listing 'Jordan • Israel • Jerusalem • West Bank'. The title 'Experience THE Middle East' is written in a stylized font, with 'Experience' in cursive and 'THE Middle East' in bold. Below the title, it says 'Experience Ancient and Contemporary Cultures'. Three small images show ancient ruins, a mosque with a dome, and a modern building. The dates 'June 2 – June 30, 2014' are prominently displayed, followed by 'Work 2 weeks on archaeological dig at Biblical Bethsaida'. The course is identified as 'Study Abroad MDST 300: 6 Credit Hours'. Information sessions are listed for Sunday Nov. 10 @ 8 pm, MC 209; Monday Nov. 18 @ 6:30 pm, MC 209; and Wednesday Dec. 11 @ 4 pm, MC 212. Contact information for Mark Appold is provided at the bottom. The Truman State University logo is at the very bottom.

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**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

## Call for Proposals: Spring 2014 Grants-In-Aid-of-Scholarship and Research

The Office of Student Research is now accepting Grants-In-Aid-of-Scholarship and Research (GIASR) applications for research and creative scholarship to be conducted during the spring 2014 semester. All disciplines are invited to participate.

The purpose of these grants is to promote a culture of research and scholarship at Truman while proving flexibility to accommodate different research styles and requirements. Projects supported by this program should involve original ideas but may encompass a variety of activities including obtaining preliminary data or information, exploring new topics and continuing ongoing projects. The OSR plans to award up to seven GIASR in the amount of \$750 each.

Students must be current Truman undergraduates or graduate students and be mentored by a Truman faculty member. Grant applications may request up to \$750 and can cover student stipends as well as supplies and travel to conduct the research. Complete guidelines can be found at the Office of Student Research website at [osr.truman.edu](http://osr.truman.edu). Applications are due at 11:59 p.m. Nov. 22 at [secure.truman.edu/osr-s/](http://secure.truman.edu/osr-s/)

For more information or questions, email [osr@truman.edu](mailto:osr@truman.edu).

## Family Day 2014 Scheduled

Truman State University will celebrate Family Day Sept. 13, 2014.

All future updates to the Family Day schedule will be posted at [about.truman.edu/family.asp](http://about.truman.edu/family.asp). Visitor information can be found at [about.truman.edu/visit.asp](http://about.truman.edu/visit.asp). For questions, call 660.785.4016.

## DPS Thanksgiving Break Hours

The Department of Public Safety will have different hours over Thanksgiving break.

**Nov. 22**  
7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

**Nov. 23**  
3-10 p.m.

**Nov. 24**  
3-10 p.m.

**Nov. 25**  
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Nov. 26**  
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Nov. 27-30**  
Closed

**Dec. 1**  
3-10 p.m.

**Dec. 2**  
Resume regular hours, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

## Alpha Chi Sigma Tie-Dye

Alpha Chi Sigma is hosting a public tie-dye from 3-5:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in Magruder Hall 1027. Students should bring their own shirts and \$5 to tie-dye. For more information, email [cfh2216@truman.edu](mailto:cfh2216@truman.edu).

## The Sheila C. Johnson Leadership Fellowship at Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government

The Sheila C. Johnson Leadership Fellowship aims to bring together emerging leaders working to address disparities in underserved communities through efforts in healthcare, education, economic development, public policy, criminal justice and more. Each year, the Fellowship selects up to ten recipients to receive full tuition, health insurance, and a \$10,000 stipend for a full course of study at Harvard Kennedy School. All admitted degree program students are eligible. Interested individuals should first apply to Harvard Kennedy School by Dec. 4.

For more information about applying to Harvard Kennedy School please visit [hks.harvard.edu/admissions](http://hks.harvard.edu/admissions). For additional information about the Fellowship, please visit [hks.harvard.edu/leadership](http://hks.harvard.edu/leadership).

## **Internship Opportunity at Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library**

Two summer internships are available for Truman students during the summer of 2014 at the Truman Presidential Museum and Library in Independence, Mo. The position is an eight-week, 40-hour per week internship, coinciding with the University's summer break. Each student will receive a scholarship to cover five hours of internship credit, and the position is unpaid. Applications are due Dec. 6. For more information, contact Jeff Gall at [jgall@truman.edu](mailto:jgall@truman.edu) or 660.785.7747.

## **USA Today Collegiate Correspondent**

As a collegiate correspondent, students will write one article per week for USA Today College, providing a unique angle on current news. Collegiate correspondents are able to choose their topics as long as they are newsworthy and current. Correspondents will have the opportunity to work with the USA Today College editorial staff for guidance and writing support, and a stipend of \$350 will be awarded for successful completion of the program. The first round of applications will open Nov. 11-25. Selected students will move on to the second round of applications, which runs Dec. 6-9. Chosen applicants will be notified Dec. 16, and the spring 2014 term runs Jan. 13-May 9. For more information, visit [usatodayeducate.com/correspondent](http://usatodayeducate.com/correspondent).

## **MLK Collegiate Challenge**

**All Day  
Jan. 20**

The Multicultural Affairs and SERVE Center are looking for 250 Truman students, faculty and staff to spend Jan. 20, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, completing service projects across Kirksville. To sign up, visit [truservice.truman.edu](http://truservice.truman.edu).

## **Library Gallery**

An exhibit featuring John James Audubon and his classic work, "Birds of America," is currently on display in the library gallery. Also featured is Jason Luscier, assistant professor of biology, and his research on bird mortality by window strikes.

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**Michael Bump, professor of music**, will perform as a guest faculty soloist with the Truman State University Orchestra at 8 p.m. Nov. 16 in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. He will perform Georg Druschetzky's Concerto for Six Timpani and Chamber Orchestra. The performance will shed light on the early performance practices and compositional experimentations of solo timpani writing within orchestra.

**Carter Datz, sophomore music composition major**, received second prize for his composition titled, "Synecycle" for organ and percussion from the Seattle Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). The composition will be premiered next spring at a Seattle AGO recital. Datz received a \$750 prize for his entry in the Seattle AGO Organ rEvolution Competition.

**Jerrold Hirsch, professor of history**, presented, "Lizzie labels, Folklore Theory, and Popular Culture in the 1920s," and chaired the session, "Folklore as a Discipline, Policy, Boundary, History," in October at the annual meeting of the American Folklore Society in Providence, R.I.

**Sylvia Macauley, professor of history**, had her co-edited book titled, "Paradoxes of History and Memory in Post-colonial Sierra Leone," published in October 2013 by Lexington Books.

**Nelson Ugwu, senior biology major**, received the award for "Best Undergraduate Research Presentation" Nov. 2 at the 5th Annual Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Symposium at A.T. Still Research Institute. The event gave students, residents, faculty and regional researchers the opportunity to present their current biomedical research. Ugwu did his research during his internship at the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center this past summer.

## Events and Activities

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**Truman's telecounseling program is hiring** for the spring 2014 semester. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Nov. 11 in the admissions office. For more information or to turn in an application, email [karah@truman.edu](mailto:karah@truman.edu). Applications are available [here](#).

**The National Science Foundation Discussion** will be 6-8 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Dr. Schroeder from the National Science Foundation will present about applying for grants from the NSF that can be useful for students from a variety of majors.

**SAB presents Last Lectures** at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. Teresa Heckert, professor of psychology, and Madeline Nash, coordinator of ResLife, will give lectures answering the question, "If this were your last lecture, what would you say?" Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

**An Academic Professional Development Club lunch** will take place 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A. Dana Vazzana will present "The Power of a Good Syllabus."

Lunch will be served - [RSVP here](#) by Nov. 8 to be included in the lunch order.

**The Physics Colloquium will continue** from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in Magruder Hall 1000. Reza Montazami from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Iowa State University will speak about stimuli responsive advanced functional materials.

**Joe Benevento, professor of English, will give a reading from his ninth published book** titled, "The Monsignor's Wife" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. For more information on the book and Benevento's writing, visit [AuthorJoeBenevento.com](http://AuthorJoeBenevento.com).

**An Art of Meditation Introduction** will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Nov. 14 in McClain Hall 210. The introduction explains meditation and its benefits.

**The Truman Biology Department will sponsor a large surplus plant sale** from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 15 at the University Greenhouse on Patterson Street. Most plants are \$5 or less and include orchids, bromeliads, cacti, succulents, palm trees and many other house plants. All funds will be used for operational costs of the University Greenhouse.

**The deadline to sign up to stay on campus over Thanksgiving Break** is 5 p.m. Nov. 15. For more information, click [here](#).

**The 19th Annual Women and Gender Studies Conference is calling for papers** on the topic "Gendered Space & Queer Alternatives." Submissions are due 5 p.m. Nov. 15 to [wgstconference@truman.edu](mailto:wgstconference@truman.edu) in PDF or word document form.

**Truman's Jazz Ensemble will perform** Duke Ellington's jazz interpretation of "The Nutcracker" by Pyotr Ilyich at 4 p.m. Nov. 17 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium.

**A World Language Conservation Luncheon** will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 18 in Ryle Hall Room 1302B. John Smelcer will be speaking about how he is one of the last speakers of the Ahtna Athabaskan language, and what he is doing to conserve the language. Limited seats are available. RSVP to [emmanuelc@truman.edu](mailto:emmanuelc@truman.edu).

**The Muslim Students Association is hosting a Taste of Islam dinner** from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Student Union Building Georgian Rooms B and C. Discussion will include empowerment of women in Islam. In addition to a presentation, there will be a meal and performance by Muslim actress Rohina Malik. Sponsored by the FAC.

**An Adult Evening of Shel Silverstein**, a production by the new theatre majors seminar class, will take place at 8 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Severns Theatre. There is mature subject matter throughout the performance and is not suitable for children. Admission is free, and tickets can be reserved in the theatre box office in the lobby of Ophelia Parrish or at 660.785.4515.

**Elyse Brisko from Moosylvania, an advertising agency in St. Louis, will give a presentation** from 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 21 in Baldwin Hall 176. Brisko is a senior art director and will speak on topics including Moosylvania, working in a competitive ad agency, personal and client brand, what they look for in college graduates, internship programs and more. This presentation is geared toward students with an interest in marketing, communication, advertising,

visual communication and business.

**The Global Issues Colloquium will continue** from 7-8:30 p.m. Nov. 21 in Magruder Hall 2001. Elaine McDuff, professor of sociology and chair of the Department of Society and Environment, will present "Women's Voices from the Zimbabwean Diaspora."

**The Stargazers Astronomy Club will host an open house** from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Observatory at the University Farm.

**The Robert L. Gould Scholastic Award** is an opportunity for students of all majors to submit a research paper on a specific topic for the chance to win up to \$10,000. The deadline to submit a research paper is Dec. 2. For more information, contact Lana Dowell in the School of Business at [ldowell@truman.edu](mailto:ldowell@truman.edu).