

# Truman today

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## McCall Named Truman's First Rhodes Scholar

Andrew McCall has been named a Rhodes scholar, placing him in a distinct group, and making him the first Truman student to be so honored.

"I like to think that it is a way for me to thank my professors for the incredible growth they've guided me through while I've been here," McCall said. "Through me, the Rhodes Trust is acknowledging the great teaching that goes on at Truman."

Rhodes scholars were announced Nov. 22. McCall, a senior philosophy and religion major from St. Louis was among the 32 recipients. Created in 1902, the Rhodes scholarship covers all expenses of two to three years of study at Oxford University in England.

McCall said he was encouraged to apply by Patricia Burton, professor of philosophy.

"It seemed like the only avenue into graduate school that would acknowledge, and in fact reward, the amount of time I have invested in sports and music," McCall said.

Captain of the swimming team, he is five-time Division II All-American in swimming and a violinist in the University Symphony.

After submitting his application in September, McCall heard nothing from the selection committee until November. He was invited to a reception dinner and series of interviews the weekend of Nov. 20. After his third interview Nov. 21 he learned he had been selected.

"By that point my nerves were exhausted and I felt nothing but relief," he said.

McCall plans to read for the Bachelor of Philosophy, roughly the equivalent to a masters program at any other school, beginning in the fall of 2010. After two years at Oxford he plans to pursue a Ph.D. somewhere and ultimately teach philosophy at a university.

While McCall may be the first Truman Rhodes scholar, he said he encourages others to apply in the future.

"It's a great opportunity, and there's no reason Truman students shouldn't take advantage of it," he said.



Andrew McCall

## Project Benefits Truman and Kirksville Primary Students

The Health and Exercise Sciences (HES) Department has partnered with Kirksville Primary School (KPS) to create an interactive learning environment for both college and elementary students.

Chris Lantz, HES department chair, and Janice Young, HES assistant professor, began the Kirksville Primary Partners Project nearly two years ago.

Originally started as an environmental buddy program, the idea came from a conversation

between Lantz and second-grade KPS teacher, Debbie Lechner. She expressed to Lantz she wanted her students to be involved in service,



A student from Mrs. Lechner's second-grade class at Kirksville Primary School gathers cardboard items during a field trip to the Truman Recycling Center.

and Lantz saw an opportunity for Truman students to help.

Since then, the program has grown to include more elementary classrooms and a variety of topics.

HES students present a range of lessons including nutrition, environmental health, recycling, physical activity, wellness and more. Past projects at KPS have included making recycled paper, picking up litter and assisting with Earth Week activities.

Lantz said countless Truman students have participated in the program.

"Our students interact with their students, and largely, the faculty sit back and watch the interactions happen," Lantz said.

The interactions provide a hands-on learning experience for both KPS and Truman students.

"Our kids probably benefit from that relationship more so because they are responsible for delivering content," Lantz said, referring to the role of Truman students as facilitators and teachers of the activities.

October's activity consisted of a field trip to the University Recycling Center. There, Lechner's students learned about the different products that can be recycled and what can be made from recycled materials.

## TRUMAN CLOSES IN ON UNITED WAY GOAL

It is not too late to help Truman "live united" with the United Way of Adair County.

As of Nov. 20, Truman faculty, staff, emeriti, retirees and students had contributed more than \$50,000. The Truman community has now met more than 90 percent of its goal.

The community-wide drive is at about 65 percent of its \$275,000 goal.

Each contribution makes a significant difference in northeast Missouri. Less than \$1 per week, or \$50 per year, buys 620 disposable meal trays to be used to provide home-delivered meals to frail and disabled homebound clients. Less than \$2 per week, or \$100 per year, buys 8 pairs of shoes for children in a shelter. Less than \$5 per week, or \$250 per year, buys accident and sickness insurance for a Cub Scout Pack—both youth members and leaders. Less than \$10 per week, or \$500 per year, provides three nights in the safehouse for a family of four. Less than \$25 per week provides 300 RSVP volunteers with liability, accident and excess auto insurance while volunteering.

Anyone with questions about the drive, or in need of a pledge form, can contact either of the Truman United Way co-chairs, Joe Hamilton (hamilton@truman.edu) or Deb Kerby (dkerby@truman.edu).

## Scholarships Available for Overseas Student Language Learning Programs

The U.S. Department of State has announced the upcoming scholarship competition for the 2010 Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program. The program provides funds for overseas intensive summer language institutes in 13 critical-need foreign languages.

The online application for the CLS Program awards is now available. The deadline to apply is Dec. 18.

The CLS Program provides group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences for seven to 10 weeks. Students may apply for one language and will be placed at institute sites based on language evaluations after selection. The 2010 CLS Program will include new programs in Indonesian and Japanese.

Levels available for each language are as follows:

\*Arabic, Persian: beginning, intermediate or advanced level;

\*Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Turkish, or Urdu: beginning, intermediate or advanced level;

\*Chinese, Japanese or Russian: intermediate or advanced level.

Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply. While there is no service requirement attached to CLS Program awards, participants are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period and later apply their critical language skills in their future professional careers.

For more information on the CLS Program and the selection process, visit <http://www.CLScholarship.org>.

To receive a program announcement, e-mail [sylla.julia@caorc.org](mailto:sylla.julia@caorc.org).

## New Online Address For Truman Athletics

Finding information about Truman Athletics just became much easier as TrumanBulldogs.com is now the official web address for the Bulldogs.

"The addition of the name TrumanBulldogs.com will be better for our fans, recruits and alumni to find us on the web," said Assistant Athletics Director Kevin White. "Along with our

TrumanBulldogs.com, Facebook and Twitter sites, information about all of our great sports has never been easier."

TrumanBulldogs.com will link directly to the previous address of <http://gobulldogs.truman.edu>. The website will continue to provide news, schedules, stats and selected live video for the Truman Athletics Department.

## Construction Changes Parking for Pershing Arena

With construction beginning on the new addition to the Pershing Building, changes have been made to accommodate parking for arena events.

The public entrance to Pershing Arena for events will now be located on the west side by the concession stand. Bulldog fans will need to park in the new lots on Franklin Street directly across

from Pershing Arena. Handicap parking has also moved to the west side but will be located in the small parking lot on the southwest corner of the building.

Construction of the new annex to Pershing Building is scheduled to last until the summer of 2011. The new lots on the west should actually increase the available parking on game days.



Upcoming PDI Programs  
Sponsored by the Career Center

**Networking:  
Traditional and Social**  
6 p.m. • Dec. 2  
Career Center

Register for the session at  
<http://pdi.truman.edu>.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A BULLDOG?

The Office of Citizenship and Community Standards would like to know how Truman's community values have been important in each student's University experience. Submit reflections of 500 words or less at <http://conduct.truman.edu>. One lucky entry will win a \$100 gift card to the bookstore.

### Poetry Reading

7 p.m. • Dec. 3

Baldwin Hall Auditorium

In honor of Jim Thomas and his new publication "BriefTracks."

Copies of "BriefTracks" may be purchased at the reading for \$20. All royalties benefit the Jim Thomas Scholarship Fund through the Truman State University Foundation.

Show your spirit  
this holiday season

TRUMAN SPIRIT  
SHIRTS

Perfect holiday gift ideas!

Small and medium sizes are still available for \$5 and can be picked up in the Public Relations Office in McClain Hall 101.

## NOTABLES

**Masahiro Hara, associate professor of Japanese**, presented a paper titled "Evidence against the shallow structure hypothesis from processing of scrambling in Japanese" at the 32nd Second Language Research Forum at Michigan State University Nov. 1. His paper "L2 processing of Japanese scrambling under the Parallel Architecture framework" appeared in Proceedings of the 10th Generative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition Conference. Hara's paper "Evidence for L2 syntactic gap-processing in Japanese scrambling sentences" is forthcoming in Proceedings of the Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America 3

Conference. In addition, his paper "Second language gap processing of Japanese scrambling" has been accepted for inclusion in Second Language Processing and Parsing. Collaboration with **Julie Minn, instructor of Chinese**, and **Xiaofen Chen, associate professor of economics**, was essential in the preparation stage of the research.

**School of Business faculty members Jim Turner and Bryce Jones** had their article, "The Fall of the Per Se Vertical Price Fixing Rule," accepted for publication in the "Journal of Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Issues."

## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Collegium Civitas** is now accepting applications for its professional internship program in Warsaw, Poland (June 1-July 31, 2010). Civitas offers students a unique opportunity to undertake professional internships in various areas, including politics, European integration, human rights, civic and political education, civil society, arts, history, Jewish culture and history, economics, business, media and journalism, legal and constitutional affairs, the environment and more. For details, visit <http://www.globaleducationleadership.org/>.

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security HS-STEM Summer Internship Program** is accepting applications from undergraduate students with U.S. citizenship for 10-week summer research experiences at federal research facilities. Participants receive a stipend of \$500 each week plus transportation expenses to/from their internship location. Deadline to apply is Jan. 5, 2010. Send questions regarding DHS Education Programs to [dhseid@ora.u.gov](mailto:dhseid@ora.u.gov) or visit <http://www.ora.u.gov/dhseidprograms> for more.

**The Institute of International Education** has announced the inauguration of the **Freeman Indonesia Nonprofit Internship Program (FINIP)**, funded by the Freeman Foundation. The internship aims to develop student leaders and strengthen the nonprofit sector in Indonesia. IIE will select and pair 10 Indonesian students pursuing U.S. degrees with 10 U.S. undergraduates and arrange internships for them to work together in an Indonesian

nonprofit organization. The internship lasts from June 15- Aug. 17, 2010, and will take place in three cities: Jakarta, Bandung and Yogyakarta. Interested American and Indonesian sophomores and juniors enrolled in U.S. institutions are encouraged to apply, using the online application at <http://www.iie.org/programs/finip>. The deadline for submission of completed applications is Feb. 15, 2010. Contact [finip@iie.org](mailto:finip@iie.org) or visit <http://www.iie.org/programs/finip> for more information.

**The Truman in Washington Program** facilitates internship opportunities in the Washington D.C. area. Students can intern in their area of interest by working with Truman alumni, The Washington Center (TWC), or independently identified internships. Truman in Washington helps students locate housing in the D.C. area and provides students with support throughout the internship experience. Most internship programs have specific application processes with strict deadlines. Students also have the opportunity to earn academic credit through Truman in Washington, if they choose. Visit the Truman in Washington website at <http://twp.truman.edu> for more information. The site includes application materials, cost estimates, photographs taken by past interns and general information about the D.C. area. Applications for internships through The Washington Center are due by Jan. 19, 2010. Contact Diane Tobin Johnson at [djohnson@truman.edu](mailto:djohnson@truman.edu) or 785.7852 with any questions regarding an internship in the Washington, D.C. area.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Scholarship Program** is now accepting scholarship applications for 10-week summer internships at federal research facilities or DHS Centers of Excellence. Positions are open to undergraduate students with U.S. citizenship. The award includes full tuition and fees and a monthly stipend. Application deadline is Jan. 5, 2010. Send questions to [dhseid@ora.u.gov](mailto:dhseid@ora.u.gov) or visit <http://www.ora.u.gov/dhseidprograms>.

**Scholarships are available through Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.**, for the 2010-2011 academic year. Stop by the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103 for more information

on eligibility requirements or to obtain an application. One winner from each state may be submitted for the National Garden Club scholarship in the amount of \$3,500.

**The Missouri Travel Council** will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to currently enrolled sophomores, juniors or seniors in an accredited college or university in the state of Missouri. Applicants must be pursuing a hospitality-related major such as hotel/restaurant management, parks and recreation, etc., must be a current resident of Missouri, and must have a grade point average of at least 3.0. For more information, visit <http://www.missouritravel.com>. The deadline for applications is March 2, 2010.

### Study Rooms Available

Are you looking for a quiet place to study with your group? Stop by the Pickler Memorial Library Circulation Desk and pick up a study room key. No reservation needed. Study rooms have a lab computer with a larger monitor. There is a two-hour time limit.

For more information go to [http://its.truman.edu/labs/pml312\\_lab.asp](http://its.truman.edu/labs/pml312_lab.asp)

## NOTES

**A book signing for the Unwritten Letters Project by junior Alex Boles** will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Truman Bookstore in the Student Union Building.

**The University and Community Relations Committee will host a blood drive** from 12-4 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Student Union Building Down Under. Go to <http://www.givelife.org> to sign up for an appointment.

**The Weekly Lunch Series** will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. It will be the annual evaluation session of the series. Simple feedback forms will be available, but time will be allowed for unstructured conversation with colleagues.

**The next event in the Physics Colloquium** will take place at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 2 in Violette Hall 1000. Aaron Dominguez from the department of physics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will present "Using Silicon Trackers for High Energy Physics." For more information go to <http://physics.truman.edu/colloquia/mainstage.asp>.

**The Student Activities Board will host its annual Holiday Lights concert** at 8 p.m. Dec. 2 on the steps of Kirk Memorial. The event celebrates the upcoming holiday season and features live a cappella music by True Men, Minor Detail, Sweet Nothings, Unique Ensemble and Sophisticated Ladies.

## Truman in Africa Seeks Textbook Donations

Students and faculty with unwanted or unused textbooks now have an option to donate the books in an effort that benefits the Truman campus, the earth and students around the world.

In an effort to help improve literacy and divert books from landfills, the members of Truman in Africa (TIA) are asking for donations of unwanted college-level books.

Preferred books are those published within the past 10 years or any books used in a college class. Highlighting and writing in books is fine.

TIA is partnering with Better World Books (<http://www.betterworldbooks.com>) to run a book drive that will benefit Invisible Children (<http://www.invisiblechildren.com/home.php>).

Books collected will be put up for sale online to raise a sustainable stream of funding for Invisible Children or sent directly to Africa. If the books cannot be donated or sold, they are then recycled.

### 2010 Homecoming Committee Applications

The deadline for 2010 Homecoming Committee Applications has been extended to Dec. 4. Applications can be found online at <http://csi.truman.edu> or at the CSI Office in the Student Union Building. For more information call 785.4222.

**The Women's Resource Center is hiring volunteer, scholarship and work-study positions for Spring 2010.** Applications can be found in the Women's Resource Center located in Student Union Building 1100 in the CSI complex. The deadline to apply is Dec. 2. The interviews will take place during the last week of classes from Dec. 7-11.

**Cold Turkey Tobacco Cessation Classes** will continue at 8 p.m. Dec. 3 in Pershing Building Room 301. E-mail [cco@truman.edu](mailto:cco@truman.edu) for more information.

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

**The Truman Department of Music will sponsor the Fifth Annual Renaissance Madrigal Dinner** at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4-5 in the Student Union Building. Tickets are available online and can be purchased at <http://music.truman.edu/madrigal>. They are \$22 for adults, \$17 for students and \$9 for children ages 2-8. For more information contact Jon Gill at [jgill@truman.edu](mailto:jgill@truman.edu).

**The University Board of Governors** will conduct a meeting at 1 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

### Holiday Open House

President and Mrs. Darrell W. Krueger will host the Holiday Open House

2-5 p.m.  
Dec. 16

University Residence  
706 S. Halliburton



Film Screenings

### "The Informant"

Starring Matt Damon

7 p.m. • Dec. 4  
Baldwin Hall Auditorium

2 p.m. • Dec. 5  
Baldwin Hall Auditorium



### Food for Fines

For every food item donated by Dec. 11 the library will waive up to \$1 in overdue fines. Bring your items to the circulation desk and help support the Central Missouri Food Bank. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to participate. For questions call 785.4533.

### Professors' Day Out

10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Dec. 5  
Baldwin Hall 251

The Half Full Players theatre troupe will host this event for children and grandchildren of professors. The workshop, which will include crafts, entertainment and a chance for children to perform for family and friends, is open for children age 4-11. Cost is \$5 per child. For more information contact Garry Polley at [halffullplayers@live.com](mailto:halffullplayers@live.com).

### Book Drive Collection Dates

Dec. 1  
Violette Hall

Dec. 2  
Barnett Hall

Dec. 3  
Ophelia Parrish, Kirk Memorial, Kirk Building

Dec. 4  
Magruder Hall, Pershing Building

### Stuffed Animal Drive

Now-Dec. 4

Sponsored by Student Council for Exceptional Children

All donations will be used as prizes during the Special Olympics Spring Games. Drop off new or lightly-used items in any of the residence halls throughout the week.