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Program Offers College Experience to Middle Schoolers

This summer Truman will partner with a program designed to set children as young as middle school on the path to obtaining a college education.

The University's Truman Institute and the Office of Advancement are working with the Kauffman Scholars, Inc., to provide a three-day college experience for up to 45 middle school students this August. The students are part of the Kauffman Scholars program, which prepares urban students from an early age to succeed in and graduate from college.

The program's goal is to increase the number of college graduates from the Kansas City metropolitan area. It is expected to serve around 2,300 students over 19 years and is supported by a \$70 million grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

"We are positively ecstatic about having the Kauffman Scholars on our campus," said Gina Morin, vice president for enrollment

management at Truman. "The nurturing of academic excellence provided to the Kauffman Scholars throughout their time in the program is very consistent with Truman's mission. We are eager to help these young people learn to identify a college that is right for them and, of course, we hope they will find Truman an attractive environment at which they may someday continue their studies."

During their stay on campus Aug. 3-5, the Kauffman Scholars will rotate through three workshops of rocketry, ballooning and writing. These workshops introduce interesting and important scientific, mathematical or computational skills and ideas.

Jason Miller, professor of mathematics and director of Truman's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Talent Expansion Programs Office, will coordinate the program at Truman, drawing upon the already well-established

experiences of the University's previous summer enrichment programs.

"Truman's undergraduate science and mathematics programs are among the best in the nation, and we faculty are always looking for new ways to spread our enthusiasm for the opportunities available to those with training in STEM areas," Miller said. "Working with the Kauffman Scholars program is an exciting opportunity for us."

Currently, Kauffman Scholars range from seventh grade through college. They enter a "stair step" program of learning and mentoring as early as their middle school years. Each student has an academic coach and a life coach mentoring them as they receive rigorous instruction in math, science, language arts and life skills. Throughout their middle school and high school years, students are exposed to a range of special academies and workshops to further develop their skills, culminating in support at the college level.

Kerby Named School of Business Dean

Debra Kerby, professor and chair of Accounting, has been selected as the Dean of the School of Business.

A member of the Truman faculty since 1982, Kerby has served the School and University in many roles, including as interim head of the Division of Business and Accountancy in 1999-2000.

Kerby has a bachelor's and master's degree from Truman, as well as a master's degree from Northern Illinois University and a Ph.D. in business administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Among her accomplishments at Truman, Kerby received the Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence in 2004 and the Missouri Society of CPAs Outstanding Educator Award in 2009.

Richard Coughlin, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced Kerby's appointment June 20. She assumed her duties as dean July 1. Kerby replaces Renee Wachter who earlier this year was named chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Superior.


Join us

as we celebrate the successful conclusion of the "Bright Minds Bright Futures" Campaign, the largest fundraising effort in the history of Truman State University. The five-year campaign ends on June 30, 2011, and thanks to the generous support of alumni and friends, the University's first-ever comprehensive campaign has exceeded the \$30 million goal.

Dessert Reception

Thursday, July 7, 2011
7 p.m.
South end of the Quadrangle
Rain site: The Hub in the Student Union Building

RSVPs are not required but are appreciated. Please call (660) 795-4133 or email alumrelations@truman.edu by Wednesday, July 6, 2011, if you plan to attend.


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NEXT ISSUE

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE TRUMAN TODAY WILL BE AVAILABLE JULY 18.

Self to Head Truman in Washington Program

Jay Self, professor of communication, will be assuming responsibility for leading the Truman in Washington Program this summer.

For the next few months, Self will be working with Diane Tobin Johnson, professor of communication, who has served as program leader since 2006. Johnson will retire as of Jan. 1, 2012.

The Truman in Washington Program supports students who wish to explore the opportunities available for for-credit and non-credit internships in the Washington, D.C. area. One-on-one discussions with students address a variety of concerns, such as budgeting, housing, types of internships (corporate, nonprofit, government), integration with academic courses and successful self-presentation in written, telephone and in-person interviews.

For-credit work can be done through Truman's departments or through the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, with whom Truman has partnered for approximately 10 years. The Washington Center also offers internship experiences in London, England, and in Sydney, Australia.

Self has a master's degree from Texas Christian University and a Ph.D. in rhetoric and political communication from the University of Kansas. His research interests include the use of humor in argument, political debate and satire. His most recent publication is a chapter in the book "The Daily Show and Rhetoric: Arguments, Issues and Strategies," published in 2011. Self has served on Undergraduate Council and the Athletic Committee. He is currently the chair of the political communication minor and is coordinating a pilot Truman seminar for first-year students with an interdisciplinary group of faculty members.

Early Returners to the Residence Halls for Fall Semester

If a University department has a need to bring students back early for the fall semester and the students are already signed up to live in the residence halls, please be sure to contact the Office of Residence Life at 785.4227 or reslife@truman.edu. All information regarding policies for early returners to the residence halls can be found at reslife.truman.edu/services/earlyreturners/index.asp.

Pickler Memorial Library

Looking for a good book this summer?

Check out a best seller from the Library's Popular Reading collection located on the west side of the gallery.

Or consider checking out an audio book. Choose from more than 600 titles. To view the selection of audio books, visit lance.missouri.edu/search~S6/audiobooks.

TRUMAN DAY AT THE NEMO FAIR

Truman needs volunteers to work July 18 at the NEMO Fair. Openings are still available for the following shifts:

6-9 a.m.

9 a.m.-Noon

Noon-3 p.m.

3-6 p.m.

6-9 p.m.

9-11 p.m.

Volunteers will receive a free one-day pass to the fair.

Call the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 to sign up or stop by McClain Hall 202.

ITS News

WINDOWS 7

Windows 7 is now available for faculty and staff computer systems. Anyone interested in upgrading their office PC to Windows 7 can contact the ITS Help Desk at 785.4544.

MICROSOFT OFFICE 2010

Microsoft Office 2010 is now available for faculty and staff computer systems. Anyone interested in upgrading their office PC to Microsoft Office 2010 can contact the ITS Help Desk at 785.4544.

VIRTUAL SERVERS

ITS has been working hard to help reduce University expenses. They have moved many servers to virtual servers which are much more efficient to operate. The virtual servers provide approximately a 90 percent savings in the electrical power consumed.

Alumni Chapter Golf Tournaments

NORTHEAST MISSOURI CHAPTER: SCHOLARSHIP GOLF SCRAMBLE AND 19TH HOLE SOCIAL HOUR

July 8
KIRKSVILLE

The Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter invites all alumni, family and friends to their annual scholarship golf scramble. Proceeds benefit the Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter Scholarship, which goes to a freshman Truman student from northeast Missouri.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. at the Kirksville County Club with tee time at 12 p.m. After golf, join the Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter for the 19th Hole Social Hour at the DuKum Inn. For more information, call the Office of Advancement at 800.452.6678 or 660.785.4133, or email alumnievnts@truman.edu.

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER: TRUMAN GOLF FORE SCHOLARSHIP 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

July 16
LENEXA, KAN.

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Kansas City Alumni Chapter's Golf Fore Scholarship. The 2011 Truman Golf Fore Scholarship 4-Person Scramble will take place July 16 at Falcon Ridge Golf Course. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. with lunch and awards to follow; \$100 per person or \$400 per team; Door prizes and hole-in-one opportunities TBA.

To register, go to store.truman.edu/alumni/item.asp?itemid=269. For more information, contact Ryan Shreve at shreveyan@gmail.com.



Submit Master Calendar Events for the Fall Semester

If you have planned an on-campus event for the upcoming semester, do not forget to submit it 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.