

# TRUMAN

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### Truman Alumnus Appointed as Board Member

Matthew C. Barnes was recently appointed by Governor Bob Holden to serve a six-year term on Truman's Board of Governors.

Barnes is the director of ambulatory services at Texas Children's Hospital, affiliated with the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

He graduated from Truman in 1994 with a bachelor's of science degree in health and went on to earn his master's in healthcare administration from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis/St. Paul in 1996.

While at Truman, Barnes served as Student Senate president his senior year and was recognized with Truman's Student President of the Year Award and the Missouri Public Higher Education Achievement Award that year.

Barnes completed a Deland Administrative Fellowship at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass., following his graduation from UM. From 1997-1999 he served as administrator of the Division of Urology for the Brigham Surgical Group. In 1999 he started his work at Texas Children's Hospital as the director of community-based initiatives.

He now oversees 50 primary care, medical and surgical specialty and subspecialty clinics representing over 130,000 annual visits, an annual budget of \$16 million, and more than 300 employees.

### 21 Graduates Named Valedictorians



Twenty-one graduates received top honors at Truman's spring 2001 commencement exercises held May 12 at Stokes Stadium. Each valedictorian had a perfect 4.0 GPA for all subjects. Pictured from left to right are Emily Fital, Julie Thien, Jason Savage, Jill Quigley, Amanda Behnke, Jennifer Swain, Laura Meierhoff, Rachel Beckett, Donald Wray, Adam Aderton, Jeremy Driskell, Elizabeth Green, Laura Mayberry, Abby Heckman, Tara Thiemann, Kristy Masten, Laura Potts, Mary Kristensen, Suzanne Berry and Suzanne Maddy. Not pictured was Heather Mackie who was playing in the NCAA Division II North Central Regional Softball Tournament in Fargo, N.D.

### General Honors Medals Awarded to 20



Truman faculty from a wide variety of disciplines awarded General Honors medals to 20 Truman graduates during the General Honors Program Medal Ceremony held May 11 in the Sunken Garden. The medals signify superior achievement in rigorous courses within the liberal arts and sciences, but outside the major field. They hang from purple and white ribbons and feature the University seal on the front with an image of Kirk Memorial on the back. Those receiving General Honors were (front row, left to right) Doug Reside, Renee McCullar, Ruthann Gagnon, Emily Albright, Beth Luszczyk, Rachel Beckett; (middle row, left to right) Michelle Wray, Adam Aderton, Heidi Lorimor, Samuel Merritt, Kevin Koch, Eric Reuther, Natalia Kolasa; (back row, left to right) Donald Wray, Nathan Thwing, Ryan Kennedy, Shane Mecham and Kayla Rowe. Not pictured were Angela Harrison and John Halski.

# Notables

**Jim Barnes**, writer-in-residence and professor of comparative literature, has a poem titled "Ballade" scheduled for publication in *Rosebud*, an Alaskan literary journal.

**Gregory Jones**, associate professor of music, is spending his interim break performing. He will join the Illinois Symphony in a series of concerts featuring *Carmino Burana* by Orff. He will then join the Kansas City Symphony for their finale subscription concert series on Verdi's *Requiem*. He will also perform and conduct at the convention of the International Trumpet Guild in Evansville, Ind. In June, Jones has been invited to present as guest lecturer for the Missouri Fine Arts Academy in Springfield, Mo. His topic will be "The Relationship Between Lyrics and Musical Elements in Rock Songs of the 1960s."

**Tim Mayfield**, senior biology major/chemistry minor from Cape Girardeau, Mo., was awarded the **Sears Directors' Cup Postgraduate Scholarship Award** for his study next year at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine. At Truman, Mayfield earned Dean's list honors seven semesters; was a part of the facility staff for the athletic department; and worked as a teacher's assistant, lab chemist and research collaborator for the Science Division.

Truman's softball team made their third straight appearance in the **NCAA Division II Regional championship game**, ending their season with a 43-11-1 record. This also marks the third consecutive year the women have tallied more than 40 wins for the season.

Fifteen members of Truman's track and field team qualified for the **NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championship** at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. **Jill Lowry**, sophomore biology major from Jefferson City, Mo., qualified in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. She broke the school record this year in the 200. **Beth Luebbering**, junior agriculture major from St. Thomas, Mo., qualified in the 10,000-meter run. **Jackie McDuffy**, freshman agriculture major from Pineville, Mo., qualified in the 400-meter hurdles. **Kristi Morton**, senior health and exercise science major from Mexico, Mo., qualified in the pole vault after breaking her own school record this year. **Karena**

**Singleton**, junior art major from Glenwood, Ill., qualified in both the 200-meter dash and the triple jump, also breaking her own school record in the triple jump. **Megan Williams**, junior biology major from Columbia, Mo., qualified in the 100-meter hurdles and also set a new school record this season. The Truman record-setting 4X400 relay team of **Kasye Hahn**, junior English major from St. Louis, Mo.; **Sara Jessen**, freshman chemistry major from Brookfield, Mo.; **Jamille Curry**, junior health and exercise science major from Chicago, Ill.; and **Candi Jones**, freshman exercise science major from Oskaloosa, Iowa also qualified. From the men's team **Brian Dzingai**, freshman pre-accounting major from Harare, Zimbabwe, qualified in the 100- and 200-meter dash after breaking the school record in both events this season. **Danny McDonald**, senior exercise science major from Hermann, Mo., qualified in the 400-meter dash. **Matt Helbig**, junior exercise science major from Fenton, Mo., qualified in the 1500-meter run. **David Mayhew**, junior biology major from Prior Lake, Minn., qualified in the 110-meter hurdles; and **Jake Kingery**, sophomore exercise science major from Monroe, Iowa, qualified for the decathlon with the second-best total in the nation to date.

Two Truman athletes were named this past week to the **Verizon All-District VII Women's Spring At-Large First Team**. Golfer **Laura Potts**, senior nursing major from Quincy, Ill., maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA while averaging 88.9 strokes per round on the golf course this season. She was also selected as the Outstanding Student in Nursing this spring. **Beth Luebbering**, a junior from St. Thomas, Mo., is a member of the track and field team and carries a 3.96 GPA in agricultural science/pre-veterinary studies. She is a two-time outdoor All-America selection in the 10,000-meter run. In addition, Luebbering was named as the University's Outstanding Student in Agricultural Science this year.

The Center for International Education Abroad is seeking host families for high school students from Taiwan from June 29 through July 1. Call 785.4076 for more info.

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