

# Truman today

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## FAMILY DAY EVENTS

### SATURDAY, OCT. 2

#### Baseball Scrimmage

9 a.m. • Truman Baseball Field

#### Library Cafe Ribbon Cutting

9:30 a.m. • Tours 10 a.m.-noon  
Pickler Memorial Library

#### Annual Festival Centennial

10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Centennial Hall Courtyard

#### Family Day Scavenger Hunt

10:30 a.m. • SUB Information Desk

#### School of Business Bride Ceremony

11 a.m. • Baldwin Auditorium

#### SAB Event: Baby Wants Candy,

musical improv group\*  
4 p.m. • Baldwin Auditorium

#### Barbecue in Red Barn Park\*

5-6:30 p.m. • Red Barn Park

#### Carnival for the Kids\*

5-6:30 p.m. • Red Barn Park

#### Bulldog Football

vs. Central Missouri\*  
6:30 p.m. • Stokes Stadium

#### Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival

9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Downtown Kirksville

### FRIDAY, OCT. 1

#### Men's Soccer

3 p.m. • Truman Soccer Field

#### Oktoberfest

4-7 p.m. • Student Union Mall

#### SAB Event: 2010 Drive-In

7 & 9:30 p.m. • Pershing Arena  
Featuring Toy Story 3 and Iron Man 2

#### Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band Concert

8 p.m. • Baldwin Auditorium

#### Observatory Open House

8:30-10:30 p.m. • University Farm

### SUNDAY, OCT. 3

#### Family Weekend Concert

2 p.m. • Baldwin Auditorium

\*For costs, visit <http://about.truman.edu/family.asp>.

## Truman Enrollment Climbs for 2010-2011

An increase in every enrollment category has pushed total enrollment at Truman to more than 6,000.

Last month, Truman announced its new student enrollment was the highest the University has seen in five years.

Final enrollment figures indicate the number of first-time freshmen increased by more than 5 percent and the number of full-time students is up by more than 3 percent.

Truman has 254 more students enrolled for the current academic year and the University's total enrollment is 6,035.

"To increase every aspect of our enrollment speaks volumes about the quality and affordability of a Truman education," University President Troy D. Paino said. "Students and their parents are paying closer attention to every detail of their college decision, and Truman has such a great academic reputation, and relatively low cost, that it cannot be overlooked."

Truman students come from 35 states and 43 countries. More than 75 percent are Missouri residents, with students from Illinois, Iowa and Kansas comprising the largest number of out-of-state students.

## Phi Kappa Phi Receives Chapter Distinction

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi recently recognized the Truman chapter as a Chapter of Merit.

The award, presented at the organization's national biennial convention last month in Kansas City, Mo., is given to chapters that excel in recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engaging the community of scholars in service to others.

"Those chapters that have earned Chapter of Merit status are led by committed officers who give generously of their time and talent to honor outstanding students," said Perry A. Snyder, the Society's executive director. He added, "Officers of award-winning chapters live out their personal commitment to honor and excellence through Phi Kappa Phi."

By receiving the Chapter of Merit distinction, Truman's chapter is being recognized as a thriving organization that meets frequently, holds annual

initiations and applies regularly for Phi Kappa Phi's select scholarships, grants and fellowships.

The Chapter of Merit Award includes a citation from the Society president, a commendation letter sent to chapter officers and campus administration, special recognition on the Society website, publications and at Phi Kappa Phi's National Convention, a specially designed logo for use in chapter communications and a \$100 award.

Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni.

Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify.

## UNITED WAY UPDATE

Within the first two weeks of the United Way campaign, the Truman community contributed more than \$21,000. United Way is local—this one gift supports more than 25 local programs sponsored by 14 partner agencies. These programs help individuals pursue the goals of education, income and health.

Pledge forms may be sent to "United Way, University Counseling Services." Contact Joe Hamilton (785.4014), Tony Yazzana (785.4284) or John Dungan at the United Way office (665.1924) with any questions or to get a pledge form.



## CAREER WEEK

All events will take place in the Student Union Building. Visit <https://career.truman.edu> for more information.

### OCT. 4

#### Kickoff

4-8 p.m. • Georgian Room

Visit stations for resume critiques, mini-mock interviews, matchmaking with Expo employers, prize drawings and more.

*Speaker: President Paine*

4:30 p.m. • Georgian Room  
Find out how to market a liberal arts degree.

#### Employer Panel

5 p.m. • Georgian Room

### OCT. 5

*Grad School Admissions Panel*

5 p.m. • Alumni Room

*Washington, D.C. Intern Panel*

6 p.m. • Alumni Room

*Peace Corps Information Session*

7 p.m. • Alumni Room

*"Through the Eyes of a Recruiter"*

8 and 8:30 p.m. • 3201

*U.S. Army Audit Agency*

8 and 8:30 p.m. • 3204

*Cerner Information Session*

8 p.m. • CSI Conference Room

### OCT. 6

*Networking Brunch*

9:30-10:45 a.m. • Down Under

#### Career Expo

11 a.m.-4 p.m. • Georgian Rooms

and Activities Room

Network with more than 80 employers and graduate schools.

*Non-Profit Poster Display*

11-4 p.m. • Alumni Room

*"Find and Apply"*

6 p.m. • 3201

Learn to search and apply for federal employment.

*Target*

6-8 p.m. • 3203

### OCT. 7

*Employer Interviews*

8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Georgian Rooms

# Debaters Featured in Educational Video

Four Truman students are featured in an educational video that intends to develop debate programs in Afghanistan.

The video will be used in a pilot program featuring three Kabul universities and for additional training of faculty and students at other universities.

This debate project is sponsored by the International Foundation for Electoral

Systems (IFES), an international nongovernmental organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The Truman students debated on the topic "Holding a job while studying does more harm than good to university students," against four students from Washburn University using British

Parliamentary Debate rules. At the conclusion of the debate, Washburn sponsor James Schnoebelen, Truman sponsor Kevin Minch and Kansas Court of Appeals Judge G. Joseph Pierron critiqued the students to demonstrate the judging process at a tournament.

Participating students included: senior political science major Sarah Backhaus; sophomore communication major Jessica Petrie; freshman

political science and philosophy and religion double major Haley Sawyers; and junior political science major Andrew Schupick.

Peter Noppenau, coordinator of the program for IFES in Kabul, remarked, "An educational video made by American university students respecting the Afghan culture and engaging in Afghan students' problems will greatly encourage already well motivated Afghan university students

who, on behalf of their country, are seeking recognition of their culture and capabilities. The video will further bridge the understanding between American and Afghan youth in a time where most information between the two countries sadly are negative because of the ongoing war."

Truman is a past winner of the National Parliamentary Debate

Association championship and Washburn was the most recent winner of the National Parliamentary Debate Association National Team Sweepstakes in Lubbock, Texas.

The Truman Forensic Union (which houses the debate program) is directed by Kristi Scholten, assistant professor of communication and assisted by professor Russell Luce, instructor of communication.



Jessica Petrie, Haley Sawyers and Sarah Backhaus display the traditional Afghan dress worn during their educational video.

## REGISTRAR SEARCH

Open forums will take place on the following dates from 1-1:50 p.m. in Violette Hall 1000 for the three

Registrar candidates:

**Margaret Herron, Sept. 28**

**Rose Reinhart, Sept. 20**

**Gail Lockridge, Oct. 7**

The Registrar Search Committee encourages members of the Truman community to attend these important events and ask questions of each of the candidates.

The finalists' resumes are located at <http://registrar.truman.edu/search/>.

## SERVE Center Big Week of Giving Kickball Tournament

11 a.m. • Oct. 30

Fields behind Central Hall

Teams of 8-12 including at least two female members must register online at <http://serve.truman.edu> by midnight Oct. 20.

This is the concluding event of the Big Week of Giving, running Oct. 25-30. Money and canned goods raised at the event will benefit the Central Missouri Food Bank. For more information, call 785.7222 or stop by the SERVE Center on the bottom floor of the Student Union Building.

## ALPHA SIGMA GAMMA BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

Bras on the Quad

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Oct. 4-8  
Quadrangle

Awareness Speaker

6-8 p.m. • Oct. 5

Baldwin Little Theater

Passionately Pink Pageant

7-8:30 p.m. • Oct. 6

Baldwin Little Theater

Breast Cancer Awareness Vigil

8-9 p.m. • Oct. 7

Fountain

Truman Today is a weekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to [tmles@truman.edu](mailto:tmles@truman.edu) or by completing a Truman Today form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. The form may also be accessed online at <http://trumantoday.truman.edu/> submissionform.pdf. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style. Truman Today - Vol. 15 No. 5 - September 28, 2010

## NOTABLES

**Michael Bump, associate professor of music**, has been invited to present a showcase lecture/performance at the 49th Annual Percussive Arts Society International Convention, Nov. 11-14 at the Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, Ind. Bump was asked by the Percussive Arts Society Executive Committee to present on timpani performance and solo literature for the convention. Bump's presentation will include guest performances with Paul Yancich, principal timpanist with the Cleveland Orchestra, and Neil Grover, percussionist with the Boston Symphony. The Percussive Arts Society is the field's premiere professional society, with more than 10,000 international members. The Society's Annual four-day convention is an international event, with more than 6,000 members in attendance, featuring the art's most influential performing artists, educators and composers.

**Warren Gooch, professor of music**, will have original musical compositions performed at two new music conferences in October. "Monodies" for cello and piano will be performed by Brian

Kubin, assistant professor of music, and Gooch Oct. 1 at the 2010 Region V conference of the Society of Composers. "Prayer of David" for tuba will be performed Oct. 16 at the 2010 National Christian Fellowship of Art Music Composers conference at Indiana Wesleyan University.

**Zhong (John) Ma, associate professor of biology**, had his article "Plant Vacuoles and the Regulation of Stomatal Opening" published by Nature Publishing Group, the world's leading publisher of science, on "Scitable.com" by Nature Education. Scitable brings together a library of scientific overviews with a worldwide community of scientists, researchers, teachers and students. It serves as a free online science library with evidence-based educational resources for life sciences, providing personal learning and teaching tools for both students and teachers.

**Wynne Wilbur, associate professor of art**, has been invited to participate in a show of ceramic work entitled "For the Table" at Arts Alive Gallery in Breckinridge, Col.

## NSCS Chapter Achieves Gold STAR Status

Truman's chapter of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) was awarded gold STAR status at the NSCS Leadership Summit.

The chapter's officers accepted the award on behalf of the chapter adviser and members. The chapter will also receive a \$250 Chapter Scholarship and letter to President Paino to commemorate this achievement.

To attain gold status, chapters are required to hold an induction ceremony for new members, create a student mentoring program, sponsor campus-wide events to support NSCS' integrity initiative, create an on-campus membership recruitment campaign and engage a campus office in a chapter event.

NSCS chapters can attain one of four STAR status levels: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Each level is determined by the quantity and quality of events the chapter held during the

previous year.

For Thomas Locke, the NSCS national staff representative who works with Truman's chapter officers, the award comes as no surprise.

"The members of Truman State University's chapter are amazing," Locke said. "They have gone above and beyond by creating innovative programs and expanding and improving existing programs and have provided an exceptional experience for their members. They have truly embraced the ideals of NSCS."

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization to invite first- and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. NSCS offers members exclusive access to scholarships, career resources, leadership and networking opportunities.

### FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications will be available Oct. 1 for Foundation scholarships that have not yet been awarded for 2010-2011. They can be found online at <http://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/> and are due by midnight Nov. 1. To learn more, go to <http://www.truman.edu> and click on "Student Life/Money/Foundation Scholarships." Applications for the majority of Foundation scholarships will be available in February for the 2011-2012 academic year.

### FOUNDATION STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are available in the Center for International Education office (Kirk Building 114) for the Summer 2011 Foundation Study Abroad Scholarships. Ten \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, statement of purpose and academic achievement. Applications are due in the CIE office by noon Jan. 28, 2011 and recipients will be notified by the end of February.

### 21st Annual Undergraduate Philosophy & Religion Conference

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 6  
Student Union Building  
Conference Room

Call for Papers:

- Due Sept. 30.
- Submit papers of approximately 10-15 pages in any area of philosophy or religious studies.
- Include cover sheet with name, institution, title of paper, address, e-mail and phone number.
- Include hard copy of paper without personal information.

For more information, contact  
bjh5646@truman.edu or  
washcra@truman.edu.

### Pershing Society and University Swingers Salsa/Tango/Swing Dancing Workshop

Featuring guest instructor Frank Young, director of the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Princeton, N.J. Members of the Truman and Kirksville communities are welcome to attend as few or as many sessions as they choose. All classes are accessible for every level of dancer and build within the set dance style.

#### Oct. 8 • Kirk Gym

3:30-4:30 p.m. (Salsa I)  
4:30-5:30 p.m. (Salsa II)  
7-8 p.m. (Salsa III)  
8-9 p.m. (Salsa IV)

#### Oct. 9 • Kirk Gym

10-11 a.m. (East Coast Swing I)  
11-12 p.m. (East Coast Swing II)  
1:30-2:30 p.m. (East Coast Swing III)  
2:30-3:30 p.m. (Argentine Tango I)  
4-5 p.m. (Argentine Tango II)  
5-6 p.m. (Argentine Tango III)

### HLTH 110 SWING AND SOCIAL DANCE

#### Oct. 1 • Kirk Gym

Join the members of the HLTH 110 Swing and Social Dance Class as they share their skills and teach the basics of East Coast Swing. They will provide a beginner lesson from 7-8 p.m. with social dancing to follow. No experience necessary and no partner required.

## NOTES

**The Mostly Live Composers Society will present its Fall 2010 Composer Showcase** at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. This free public concert will feature performances of original musical works by several student composers. An official student chapter of the Society of Composers, Inc., the Mostly Live Composers Society consists of approximately 25 student musicians and several faculty composers.

**The Career Center will sponsor presentations by Donald Asher** at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 28 and 29 in Violette Hall 1010. He will speak about financing graduate school and give tips for underclassmen who are already considering their master's degree. Additional personal statement workshops are available for students nominated by their professors. Students can register by visiting <http://pdi.truman.edu>.

**President Paino and Student Body President Isaac Robinson will be holding budget town hall meetings** at 7 p.m. Sept. 28, Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 in the Missouri Hall Chariton Room, the Centennial Hall Main Lounge and the Ryle Hall Main Lounge, respectively. Students will have the opportunity to hear the latest on the University's budget crisis, give opinions on how to best solve this problem and discuss any other issues.

**A Truman Observatory open house will take place** from 8-10 p.m. Sept. 28. This free event is sponsored by the Stargazers Astronomy Club.

**The Career Center will host the following employers:** Emerson Electric, Sept. 28; UHY, Sept. 29; BKD, Sept. 30; Deloitte, Oct. 1 and Aldi, Oct. 27. Sign up for interviews at <http://truman.experience.com>. E-mail [careers@truman.edu](mailto:careers@truman.edu) for more information.

**The Student Health Center will be offering walk-in clinics for seasonal flu vaccines** from 3-4:30 p.m. Sept. 29; 10:30 a.m.-noon Sept. 30; 3-4:30 p.m. Oct. 4; and 1-3 p.m. Oct. 7. The vaccine includes protection against the H1N1 virus. The cost is \$15 and charges will be billed to the student's university account. No insurance billing will be done and no appointments are required.

**The Truman Theatre Department will present "Fuddy Meers"** at 8 p.m. Sept. 29-Oct. 2 in the James G. Severns Theatre in Ophelia Parrish. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance by calling 785.4515, e-mailing [theatreboxoffice@truman.edu](mailto:theatreboxoffice@truman.edu) or visiting the Box Office.

**The Students for Life will host a screening of "BELLA"** at 6 p.m. Sept. 30 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room

B. Following the movie will be a personal testimony from Janice Lewis, the Missouri State Leader for Operation Outcry.

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., will sponsor a political forum/debate** involving the College Democrats, Republicans, and Libertarians at 7 p.m. Sept. 30 in the Student Union Building Hub. Each of these organizations will address its stance on current political issues and debate on why their respective party has the best approach to solving the issue.

**The ResLife Fun & Spirit Committee will host Oktoberfest** from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 1 on the Mall. Admission is free or \$1 for all-you-can-drink rootbeer. This year, Oktoberfest will offer free mugs for the first 800 people, as well as games, food, give aways and live performances.

**The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet** at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 1 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.

**L'Aile française will present "Injun Joe & the Riot"** at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1 in the Student Union Building Down Under. Donations will be accepted for a birthing clinic in Haiti. Contact [j14643@truman.edu](mailto:j14643@truman.edu) for more information.

**The Quincy Symphony Orchestra will present "A River of Time"** at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Quincy Jr. High School Morrison Theatre. Tickets are free for all faculty, staff and students with college ID.

**L'Aile française will host Breton "Fest Noz"** at 8 p.m. Oct. 4 in Baldwin Hall 318. The event will feature a full hour of music, dance and food with international students from Brittany in France.

**A Peace Corps information session will take place** at 7 p.m. Oct. 5 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

**An exhibition featuring Truman faculty members Matthew Derezinski, James Jereb and Russell Nelson will be on display** through Oct. 8 at the University Art Gallery. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. and noon-4:30 p.m. Sat.

**Applications for Funds Allotment Council funding will be due** Oct. 8. For more information, visit <http://fac.truman.edu>.

**Homecoming apparel will be available** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Fri. until Oct. 15 on the Mall or in the Student Union building, depending on weather.

## Informational Meeting Scheduled for McNair Program

The McNair Program is one of eight TRIO programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide students from disadvantaged backgrounds with effective preparation for doctoral studies. Specifically, it supports first-generation and low-income college students and students from groups that have been historically underrepresented in graduate education. Truman students interested in learning more about eligibility for, application to and benefits of the McNair Program are invited to attend one of the following meetings:

3 p.m. • Oct. 5 • Student Union Building Conference Room 3000  
2:30 p.m. • Oct. 6 • Violette Hall 1400

Students are also invited to visit <http://mcnair.truman.edu> or contact Program Coordinator Sarah Hass for additional information. The deadline to submit McNair applications is Nov. 10.

## VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Office of Citizenship and Community Standards has voter registration information available online at <http://conduct.truman.edu>. Students can click on the "Voter Registration" link to print a form.

Students will also have the option of picking up a form at a voter registration table in the Student Union Building from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 4.

Completed forms can be mailed to the appropriate county (Adair County for those who wish to register in Kirksville), with the appropriate addresses available on the Missouri Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/countyclerks.asp>.

Registration forms need to be postmarked by Oct. 6 in order to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 2 elections.

For more information about the voter registration process, contact the Elections Office for the State of Missouri at 573.751.2301 or [elections@sos.mo.gov](mailto:elections@sos.mo.gov).



**The Pickler Memorial Library Government Documents webpage has been redesigned!**

Visit <http://library.truman.edu/Government-Documents/governmentdocs.asp> for federal, state, local and international information and resources, statistical resources for all levels of government, historical government resources and tax forms. Also check out "Highlights" or the library's RSS feed for information on current events.

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