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## State Farm Official Yolanda Holmes to Address Winter Graduates

FACULTY AND  
STAFF ARE  
CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO ATTEND A

Holiday Open  
House



3 TO 5 P.M.,  
DEC. 14,  
AT THE  
UNIVERSITY  
RESIDENCE,  
706 S.  
HALLIBURTON,

About 290 undergraduate and graduate students will receive their degrees during commencement ceremonies, Dec. 18. Yolanda Holmes, human resources manager for State Farm Insurance in the Missouri Region, will deliver the commencement speech at 2 p.m. in Pershing Arena. Tickets are not necessary. A reception for students, family members, guests, faculty, staff and administration will be held in the SUB Activities Room immediately following the commencement ceremony.

Holmes joined State Farm's Southeastern Region in April 1989. She worked in the Mountain States and Northeastern Regions, as well as Corporate Headquarters, prior to moving to Columbia, Mo., in July 1999.

Holmes has earned several designations during her tenure with State Farm, including Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter, Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant. She has been certified by the Society of Human Resource Management as a Professional in Human Resources and is recognized as a Competent Toastmaster by Toastmasters, International.

She has served on the Board of Directors for several community programs, including Financial Service Professionals, Women in Transition, Eldergarden Adult Day Care Program, Habitat for Humanity and the Youth Motivation Task Force. She has served on many industry, educational and civic committees as well.

Holmes graduated magna cum laude from Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., where she majored in biology and chemistry. She is a member of Delta

Sigma Theta sorority. She graduated with honors from Elston Senior High School in Michigan City, Ind., where she served as the first minority and female senior class president.

She is married to Keith Holmes, a senior underwriter with State Farm Insurance.

## COMMENCEMENT 1999

• **December Graduate  
Pizza Party,**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dec. 10  
SUB Georgian Room,



• **Posed Graduate Photographs**  
12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Dec. 18  
Pershing Small Gym  
Free sitting fee

• **Live Commencement Broadcast**  
Channel 36  
Courtesy of KTVO

• **Yearbook Reservation**  
December graduates interested in receiving their 2000 *Echo* yearbook next fall can come by the *Echo* office, SUB Media Center to fill out a forwarding address form and pay \$4 a shipping and handling fee.

For more information about commencement, call the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, McClain Hall 203, at 785.5406.

## EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Nomination applications for Educator of the Year are now available in the Student Senate office, located in the lower level of the Student Union.

All students are encouraged to nominate outstanding professors for the only student-organized honor for Truman State University faculty.

The 2000 Educator of the Year will be announced at the annual Educator of the Year awards banquet that will be held at 6 p.m., April 4, in the SUB Georgian Room.

All nominations are due by 5 p.m., Jan. 27, in the CAOC office, lower level Student Union.

For more information, call Kristen Riebeling at 785.4714.

## Students Head to the Missouri Capital

Several Truman students will intern at the Missouri State Capital in Jefferson City next semester as part of the University's Missouri Government Internship Program.

While in Jefferson City, the interns will be assigned to public officials based on compatibility and interests.

The interns will live in Jefferson City during the spring semester and receive a \$2,000 stipend.

For more information regarding the Missouri Government Internship Program, contact David Clithero, governmental relations, at 785.7432.



The following students will serve as interns in the state capital (l to r): *Front Row* Todd Billy, Laura Crandall, Michael Branson, Matthew Heeren, Erin Wood, Joy Jackson, Barbara Perell, Joy Waguespack and James Howard. *Second Row* Douglas Becker, Shane Duggin, Joel Leman, Dawn Colnaghi, Franita Smith and President Jack Magruder. *Third Row* Stephen Wilke, Michael Patton, Carlos Perez, Ryan Brueckmann and Kurt Bubalo. *Not pictured* Lisa Ambrosia.

F I N A L		E X A M		S C H E D U L E					
7:30-9:20		9:30-11:20		11:30-1:20		1:30-3:20		3:30-5:20	
Dec. 8	<i>Reading Day</i>								
Dec. 9	7:30 MWF	10:30 TTH	11:30 MWF	4:30 TTH	3:30 MWF				
Dec. 10	7:30 TTH	9:30 MWF	1:30 TTH	1:30 MWF	5:30 MWF				
Dec. 13	9:00 TTH	10:30 MWF	3:00 TTH	2:30 MWF	6:00 TTH				
Dec. 14	8:30 MWF	12:00 TTH	12:30 MWF	4:30 MWF					

*Evening class exams will be given during finals week at the regularly scheduled time, except Wednesday evening class finals, which will be given Friday evening.*

## Nursing Honor Society Holds Induction



Pictured are (l to r): *Front Row* Paulette Wellman, Debral Hudnall, Dixie Cooley, Wendy Kelley. *Back Row* Mary Murphy, Pam Baker, Debbie Freels, Karen Poe, Delores Lessing. *Not Pictured* Kay Chang Bonnie Boone, Susan Doubt, Michelle Matteson, Matthew McGahan, Beverly Oliver, Erik Pemberton, Nancy Shierding, Margie Smotherman, Beverly Staggs, Sharon Little-Stoetzel and Jennifer Vansandt.

The Truman Nursing Honor Society inducted 21 nursing professionals on Oct. 29.

Inductees were honored for superior academic achievement, high professional standards and expertise and leadership in the field of nursing.

Maria Beck, vice president of the honor society, gave the keynote address titled, "Nursing Profession in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: How Much Joy Can you Stand?"

The honor society held its first induction in May 1999.

## Notables

**Janet Davis, associate professor of communication**, presented her paper, "Aldus Manutius, Beleaguered Editor in a Time of Technological Change," at the American Society for the History of Rhetoric meeting.

**Ann Ellsworth, associate professor of English education**, will be a member of the panel "Somehow Tenderness Survives: Reading South African Literature with Secondary Students," at the National Council of Teachers of English convention. Also participating are three other high school English teachers. One of them, **Holly Harvell, a 1999 Truman MAE graduate**, will chair the session.

**Jerrold Hirsch, associate professor of history**, had his article "A Poor Crippled Woman": Disability Identity in a Southern Mill Village," published in the September issue of *Disabilities Studies Quarterly*.

**Huping Ling, associate professor of history**, had her article, "Debate Over Affirmative Action," published in *Chinese American Forum*. She also had two chapters published in *New Studies on Chinese Overseas and China* and in *Proceedings of the 3rd ISSCO Conference*.

**Betty McLane-Iles, professor of French**, presented her paper, "Faithfulness and Transformation," Poetry and Song in Franco-Vietnamese Film: Expressions of the Legend of the Waiting Stone," at the M/MLA Convention. **Gloria Kwok, assistant professor of French**, also presented her paper, "The Politics and Aesthetics of Métissage in Kim Lefèvre's 'Métisse Blanch' and 'Retour à la saison des pluies.'"

**Marisol Longanecker, an MAE student from Troy, Mo.**, is serving as an intern with the Green City School District. Longanecker is using her bilingual skills to assist Hispanic families.

**Judy Mullins, controller**, has been appointed by the Central Association of College and University Business Officers, to the St. Louis Workshop Committee. The committee is responsible for planning, promoting, supervising and evaluating the workshop.

**Janice Saffir, associate professor of music**, presented her program, "Music Technology: Assistance for Memorizing, Practicing and Teaching," at the Missouri Music Teachers'

State Convention. At the convention, her student, **Nathan Kling, sophomore music major from Florissant, Mo.**, was awarded runner-up in piano honors auditions. Saffir also attended the Educause Conference, along with the World Piano Pedagogy Conference. She served as adjudicator for the St. Louis Area Music Teachers' District Auditions and Quincy Symphony Concerto Auditions. Saffir also had her review of Cakewalk's "In Concert," published in *Missouri Music Teachers' Association Notes*. Along with **Sam McClure, assistant professor of music**, and **Elaine Boda, assistant professor of music**, Saffir performed a Faculty Trio Recital. The group also performed at the Kohlenberg Lyceum Dinner and will be performing at the Staff Development Committee Enrichment Program.

**The Truman Forensics Team** recently participated in a tournament at the United States Air Force Academy. **Shane Mecham, junior political science major from Lincoln, Neb.**, won first place in extemporaneous speaking. **Sandra Douglas, senior English major from Moberly, Mo.**, received sixth place in rhetorical criticism. **Tyler Unsell, freshman theatre major from Park Hill, Mo.**, won fourth place in junior varsity prose interpretation. The team also competed in a tournament at the University of Texas-Tyler. Two debate teams, composed of **Jacob Stutzman, junior communication major from Manchester, Mo.**; **Ryan Kennedy, junior political science major from Excelsior Springs, Mo.**; **Kris Stroup, sophomore political science major from Lansing, Kan.**; and **Mecham** advanced to the finals round of parliamentary debate. **Shelise Gieseke, junior communication major from New Ulm, Mn.**, won first place in poetry interpretation. **Mecham** won first place in impromptu speaking. **Cabell Gathman, sophomore philosophy/religion major from Pocahontas, Mo.**, won second place in poetry interpretation. Several other students advanced to finals in individual events.

### RETIREMENT RECEPTION

In honor of Keith Peck,  
Professor of Mathematics.  
1-3 p.m., Dec. 7,  
SUB Alumni Room

Everyone is invited to attend.

## Scholarships Available

### Endowed Scholarships

Students can pick up the 2000-2001 Endowed and Annual Scholarship booklet in the Advancement Office, McClain 100, or Financial Aid, McClain 103.  
Deadline is Jan. 20, 2000.

### Other Scholarships

Alumnae Panhellenic Association of Greater Kansas City

Ramapo Anchorage Camp

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Minorities in Government Finance

State Farm Companies Foundation

**For more information, call Financial Aid at 785.4130.**

Morris K. Udall Foundation

Harry Truman Scholarship Foundation

Barry Goldwater Scholarship

**For more information, contact Debbie Kling at 785.4409.**

### REC CENTER FINALS WEEK HOURS

Dec 8 & 9- 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Dec. 10- 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Dec. 11-10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Dec. 12 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dec. 13- 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Dec. 14- 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Dec. 15, 16 & 17-

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 18 & 19- closed

Dec. 20 & 21-10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Notes

The Staff Development Committee Enrichment Program will feature the Truman Faculty Piano Trio performing a classic/holiday program at 3 p.m., Dec. 8, in the Violette hall second floor lounge.

"West Africa Images," a slide presentation, will be at 7 p.m., Dec. 9, in McClain Hall 208. For more information, call Jonathan Smith at 785.7532.

There will be a Board of Governors meeting in conjunction with the "Governor's Conference on Higher Education," at 8:30 a.m., Dec. 10, at the St. Louis Hilton Hotel.

The University League will hold its Faculty and Staff Christmas Party for children, from 3 to 5 p.m., Dec. 11, in the SUB Alumni Room. There will be Christmas caroling, storytelling, a kids craft corner and an appearance by Santa Claus. Guests should bring a plate of cookies to share and a canned good to donate to the Kirksville Food Pantry. For more information, call Suzann Copeland at 627.8104.

The Student Activities Board will present "Runaway Bride," at 6 and 9:30 p.m., Dec. 11, in Baldwin Auditorium. Admission is free for students with a University ID. For more information, call 785.4722.

The Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine will present a Health Care Topics and Issue guest speaker series at 7 p.m., Dec. 12, in the Educational Building South Classroom on the KCOM campus. Maureen Dempsey, Missouri director of the department of health, will be the featured speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

There will be a public hearing on the Downtown Redevelopment Plan at 7 p.m., Dec. 13, in the City Hall Council Chambers. The tax increment finance district will also be discussed.

A Holiday Open House will be held for University faculty and staff from 3 to 5 p.m., Dec. 14, at the University Residence located at 706 S. Halliburton.

There will be a faculty and staff blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 16, in the SUB Activities Room. Sign-up sheets are located in all division and department offices. Participants need to bring a form of identification with them.

Phi Kappa Phi invites its senior members to apply for Phi Kappa Phi National Fellowships. The fraternity will award 50 fellowships valued at \$7,000 each. Interested members need to complete the application form, provide three letters of recommendation and write an original essay. The deadline is Feb. 1, 2000. For more information, call Terry Olson at 785.4503.

The Women's Studies Committee is accepting abstracts for the Women on the Edge conference, in honor of Women's History Month, March 24-25. Deadline to submit papers is Jan. 25, 2000. Abstracts should be sent to Linda Seidel, Division of Language and Literature. For more information, call 785.4491.

Applications for the International Student Exchange Program are due no later than Jan. 24. Application packets must be complete by this date in order to receive consideration for placement during the 2000 fall semester. Students may pick up application packets at the Center for International Education Abroad Office, Kirk Building 120. For more information, call 785.4076.

### KOHLBERG LYCEUM SERIES

Centennial Celebration

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GASH/VOIGHT DANCE  
THEATRE  
7:30 p.m., Jan. 20

MAXWELL STREET KLEZMER  
BAND  
7:30 p.m., Feb. 14

HELLO, DOLLY!  
7:30 p.m., March 1

BEVERLY SILLS  
8 p.m., April 8

## On Campus

7 TUESDAY  
7 p.m.-Men's Basketball vs.  
Monmouth College, Pershing Building

8 WEDNESDAY  
Reading Day  
3 p.m.-Faculty Trio Recital, Violette  
Hall Second Floor Lounge; see Notes

9 THURSDAY  
Final Examinations Begin  
7 p.m.-West Africa Images, McClain  
Hall 208; see Notes

10 FRIDAY  
8:30 a.m.-Board of Governors meeting,  
St. Louis Hilton Hotel; see Notes

11 SATURDAY  
6 and 9:30 p.m.-SAB presents  
"Runaway Bride," Baldwin  
Auditorium; see Notes

12 SUNDAY  
7 p.m.-KCOM Health Care discus-  
sion, Educational Building South  
Classroom; see Notes

13 MONDAY  
7 p.m.-Downtown Redevelopment  
Hearing, City Hall Council Chambers;  
see Notes

14 TUESDAY  
3-5 p.m.-Faculty and Staff Holiday  
Open House, University Residence;  
see Notes

15 WEDNESDAY  
Interim Begins

16 THURSDAY  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.-Faculty and Staff  
blood drive; SUB Activities Room; see  
Notes

18 SATURDAY  
2 p.m.-Commencement, Pershing  
Arena  
7 p.m.-Women's Basketball vs.  
University of Southern Indiana,  
Pershing Building

30 THURSDAY  
7 p.m.-Men's Basketball vs. Drury  
College, Pershing Building

3 MONDAY  
5:45 p.m.-Men's Basketball vs.  
Washburn University, Pershing  
Building  
7:45 p.m.-Women's Basketball vs.  
Washburn University, Pershing  
Building

12 WEDNESDAY  
Spring Semester Begins