

Truman today

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Truman Listed in Sept. Issue of US News & World Report

Truman State University has been recognized, once again, as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest Region—Master's Category by U.S. News & World Report's 2010 edition of "America's Best Colleges." Truman has received this No. 1 recognition for the past 13 years. Highlights of the college rankings are published in the September 2009 issue of U.S. News & World Report.

Truman also ranked No. 8 overall in the "Best Universities-

Master's" category, for the Midwest Region, among both private and public institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs.

The 2010 edition also includes another No. 1 ranking in the Midwest Region for "Strong Commitment to Teaching," which is based on surveys that identify schools where the faculty have an unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching.

Truman was included as the

No. 4 school in the Midwest Region on the list of 77 "Top Up-and-Coming Schools," for recently making "the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus or facilities." Truman is the only Missouri school listed.

Perhaps the most notable ranking this year, given the state of the economy, is Truman's inclusion at No. 13 on the list of "Great Schools, Great Prices."

Truman's Undergraduate Research Program was also

highlighted in the "Programs to Look For," section which lists schools that have examples of outstanding academic programs that are commonly linked to student success.

U.S. News & World Report bases its regional master's rankings on peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving, among institutions whose focus is primarily undergraduate and master's-level programs.

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Sign up on Facebook or the Athletics home page, <http://gobulldogs.truman.edu>. Get regular updates and news on all of Truman's 21 Athletics programs.

UPCOMING CONTESTS

Women's Soccer vs.
St. Edward's (Texas)*
4 p.m.
Sept. 4

Truman Football vs.
Oklahoma Panhandle State
12 p.m.
Sept. 5

Women's Soccer vs.
Central Oklahoma*
12 p.m.
Sept. 6

*Truman Tournament Sept. 4-6

Health Center Reminds of Steps to Reduce Flu

With all the publicity about the H1N1 influenza, and the concerns about how schools may be impacted this fall, the Truman Student Health Center wants to let the campus know they do have plans in place to reduce the spread of the flu virus.

First, there are educational health care materials in strategic places on campus (residence halls, bathrooms, offices, etc.) promoting disease prevention messages. These messages include the importance of frequent hand washing and staying home from classes or large gatherings when ill. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local public health authorities agree these simple strategies are effective measures to help prevent the spread of influenza.

Current recommendations from the CDC advise students, faculty or staff who have

influenza-like illness to "self-isolate" in their dorm room or home for at least 24 hours after their fever has resolved.

Currently, the CDC is not recommending that institutions of higher learning cancel school or dismiss classes or other large gatherings. In the event of confirmed cases of H1N1, or a large number of cases of influenza-like illness on campus, the CDC recommends that state and local health officials be consulted to determine the appropriate response. The Student Health Center maintains regular contact with both local and state health officials, who work collaboratively to protect the public health. Additionally, guidelines from the CDC are intermittently updated and Student Health personnel monitor these updates regularly. The Health Center encourages

everyone to manage their health by securing appropriate supplies to have in order to prevent and/or treat influenza. Recommended supplies include: a thermometer, cough and sore throat medicine, fever reducing medication, tea bags, salt for gargles, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and tissues. Truman students should contact the Student Health Center if they think they have influenza. A protocol is in place to determine who should be seen urgently at the Health Center and who can be given advice for appropriate self-care at home.

Any questions or concerns regarding Truman's public health efforts, can be directed to the Student Health Center at 785.4182.

Additional information about H1N1 is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> or <http://www.flu.gov>.

New Student Welcome

5-8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10
Downtown Kirksville

Kirksville businesses are inviting all new Truman, A.T. Still University and Moberly Area Community College students Downtown for a Kirksville welcome.

Businesses, churches and organizations will have tables set up on the courthouse lawn offering coupons, product samples and more.

There will be free live entertainment and food. Contact the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce at 660.665.3766 for more information.

Show Truman ID for free food, served 5-7 p.m.

Macauley Named New McNair Program Director

Sylvia Macauley has been named the new director of the McNair Program.

Macauley, an associate professor of history, has been at the University since 1999. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Sierra Leone, as well as doctorate and master's degrees in history from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Among her professional accomplishments, Macauley has published journal articles and contributed chapters to several books dealing with issues such as education, religion, health and gender in Africa. She has received several awards, including funded fellowships from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Sasakawa Foundation in Japan. She is a member of the African Studies Association, the American Association of University Professors and the Mid-America Alliance for African Studies.

The McNair Program is a federally funded TRIO program established to assist low-income and first-generation college students, and students from other underrepresented groups in higher education attain doctoral degrees. The program prepares the participants for doctoral studies through mentoring relationships with faculty, involvement in research and other scholarly activities, assisting with GRE preparation and the graduate school application process.

After participants graduate from Truman, the program tracks their progress through to the successful completion of their PhD.

Truman received its first McNair grant in 1992 and has continued to have a program ever since. In the past year, the McNair Program was under the interim leadership of Janet Gooch, associate professor and chair of the Department of Communication Disorders.

Tru-Positions Offers Employment Database

The Financial Aid Office recently launched Truman's new centralized student employment website called Tru-Positions.

Tru-Positions provides a comprehensive database of existing scholarship service, institutional and work study positions, including job descriptions and transferable work skills. This is an important advancement over the current process of requiring students to independently locate a student employment or service position

with minimal direction or support.

Students are encouraged to check back periodically to view new postings. Tru-Positions will be updated as positions become available.

Tru-Positions can be found online at <https://trupositions.truman.edu>. Instructions for viewing and applying for a position can be found under the student information section.

Any questions or feedback can be directed to Tom Stuart at tstuart@truman.edu.

Family Day 2009

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

SEPT. 19

Men's Tennis Invitational

9 a.m. • Truman Tennis Courts

Baseball Scrimmage

9 a.m. • Truman Baseball Field

Library Tours

10 a.m.-Noon • Pickler Memorial Library
Tours will begin every 10 minutes.

Annual Festival Centennial

10 a.m.-4 p.m. • Centennial Hall Courtyard
Free food, games, contests and music.

Family Day Scavenger Hunt

10:30 a.m. • Pershing Building
Join the fun as we explore the Truman campus.
Sponsored by the Student Public Health Association, Phi Epsilon Kappa and the Department of Health and Exercise Sciences.

Equestrian Team "Mock Horse Show"

Noon • University Farm

Women's Soccer vs. Emporia State

1 p.m. • Truman Soccer Field

Barbecue in Red Barn Park

5-6:45 p.m. • Red Barn Park

\$8 per person*

Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be purchased online at <http://store.truman.edu/familyday/>.

*If your student has a meal plan, they do NOT have to purchase a meal ticket.

Carnival for the Kids

5-7 p.m. • Red Barn Park

The Office of Greek Life will have carnival booths with games and snacks with all proceeds going to charity. The Showgirls, Truman Cheerleading Squad, Spike the Bulldog and the Truman "Statesmen" Marching Band will all be making an appearance.

Student Activities Board presents: The

Evasons, A Mentalist Duo

5 p.m. • Baldwin Auditorium

Tickets are available at the SAB Office in the Lower Level of the Student Union Building. Admission is free with a Truman ID. General admission is \$3/single, \$5/pair.

Bulldog Football

vs. Fort Hays State

7 p.m. • Stokes Stadium

General admission tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Reserved seating is \$8. Admission is free to students with a Truman ID. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://gobulldogs.com>.

truman.edu/store/. For more information, contact the Athletics Box Office at 660.785.4235.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

Men's Tennis Invitational

4 p.m. • Truman Tennis Courts

SAB Fall Drive In Featuring Screenings

of "Up" and "Star Trek"

8 p.m. • Pershing Arena

Ice cream and soda will be served. Admission is free.

Observatory Open House

8:30-10:30 p.m. • University Farm

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival*

9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Downtown Kirksville

*The festival includes an antiques show, which will take place in the Arts Center at 117 S. Franklin. For more information visit <http://www.kirksvillearts.com>.

For more information about Family Day call 660.785.4016. Barbecue tickets can be picked up in the Public Relations Office located at McClain Hall 101. For the latest updates and changes to the schedule visit <http://www.truman.edu/pages/172.asp>.

NOTABLES

Truman's chapter of the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi, has been named an "Honor Chapter" for its outstanding activities in 2008-2009. Each May, all 564 chapters of Sigma Delta Pi are asked to submit an annual report detailing their numerous activities and projects from the academic year. Based on these reports, the National Executive Committee chooses approximately 10 "Honor Chapters" annually. This recognition is based upon the caliber of chapter projects that reflect the Sigma Delta Pi mission of honoring excellence in the study of the Spanish language, contributing to cultural understanding and upholding the goals of the society.

School of Business faculty members Steve Allen, Paul Fellows and Keith Harrison recently had their paper, "A Continuous Improvement Process to Include Closing the Loop Activities," accepted for publication in "Business Education Innovation Journal," Vol. 1, No. 2, Fall 2009.

David Giovagnoli, a junior classics major, represented Missouri at the National Junior Classical League convention at the University of California-Davis from July 26 to Aug. 1. At this convention, he was elected to the national executive board of the National Senior Classical League, as the national Parliamentarian. As a member of the National and Missouri Senior Classical Leagues, he assisted with events designed to foster enthusiasm in students in the 7th through 12th grades in the study of Latin and the Classics, in academic, creative arts, visual arts and athletic endeavors.

Amber Johnson, associate professor of anthropology and chair of the Department of Society and Environment, published a paper titled "Distinguishing Environmental and Density-Dependent Aspects of Adaptation" in the journal "Before Farming."

Betty L. McLane-Iles, professor of French, was a participant in the Historical Novel Society

Conference at Schaumburg, Ill., June 13 where she held a book presentation and signing of her novel on the Spanish Civil War, *Dieppe Crossing*. McLane-Iles also represented Truman's chapter of AAUP at the recent national Summer Institute for the American Association of University Professors in St. Paul, Minn., July 23-26 at Macalester College. She was a participant in various workshops on contingent faculty and due process rights, campus communications, chapter organization and building, and academia and labor history.

James Padfield, associate professor of exercise science, was inducted as a Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine on July 27, at the Wilderness Medical Society's annual conference in Snowmass, Colo.

Truman Health Science students Desiree Raygor and Jenna Osceck received an Honorable Mention in the Undergraduate Research Journal for Human Sciences, Vol. 7 (calendar year 2008). The pair was selected for one of six awards for their manuscript, "Use of a Focus Group of Youth in a Juvenile Detention Center to Recommend Programming Based on the Results of a Developmental Assets Profile."

David Wohlers, professor of chemistry, traveled to University of Maryland July 27-31 to participate in Youth Slam 2009. The National Federation of the Blind sponsored more than 175 blind high school students who came from all over the United States to attend a hands-on science camp. The students were selected via a competitive application process. The students enrolled in one of eight weeklong tracks and several one-day sessions. Wohlers assisted in the environmental chemistry track along with Dr. April Hill and Cary Supalo (who is also blind) from the Pennsylvania State University Department of Chemistry. Fourteen blind students and five blind mentors did water quality experiments in six sessions during the week.

PRINTING SERVICES NOW OFFERS COLOR COPIES

Print jobs can be made from hard copies or by e-mailing a PDF file to Cathy Sherrow at csherrow@truman.edu. The best usage for this copier is small quantities because it is not a large production machine. All large number items and sizes larger than 11x17 must still go on the press. Allow the standard four-day turnaround time for the color copier. Publications in Kirk Building, or Fine Arts Publication in Ophelia Parrish, can assist in designing projects and can send them directly to Printing Services.

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 <http://calendar.truman.edu/submitevent.asp>. All submissions must be made by someone representing a chartered organization or a recognized department/division/program of Truman State University. Any off-campus events will be posted on the Kirksville tab on TruView.

Truman 2009 International Film Festival

Sept. 9-Nov. 18

*Eldorado - Belgium**

Sept. 9

Sin Nombre (Without Name)

Mexico

Sept. 16

Entre les murs (The Class)

France*

Sept. 23

Vals Im Bashir (Waltz with Bashir)

Israel

Sept. 30

*Il y a longtemps que je t'aime (I've Loved You So Long) - France**

Oct. 7

Okuribito (Departures) - Japan

Oct. 21

XXy - Argentina

Oct. 28

Treeless Mountain - South Korea

Nov. 4

Les témoins (The Witnesses)

France*

Nov. 11

Les chansons d'amour (Love Songs)

France*

Nov. 18

All films will be screened at 6:45 p.m. at the Downtown Cinema 8. Admission is free with a Truman ID. Summaries are available at <http://rcp.truman.edu/internationalfilm.htm>.

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the School of Business, Pickler Memorial Library, the School of Health Sciences and Education, the School of Arts and Letters, the School of Social and Cultural Studies, and New Student Programs.

*Presented as part of the Tournées Festival, which was made possible with the support of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry.

Off-Campus Students: Meal Plan Purchase Now Available Online

Off-campus meal plans may now be purchased online.

Go to: TruView, Student Tab/My Accounts, Off-campus meal plan purchase option.

For questions contact the Business Office at busoffice@truman.edu.

NOTES

The **Environmental Campus Organization** will have its first meeting at 9 p.m. Aug. 31 in Baldwin Hall 252.

SSDP/NORMAL will have its first meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 1 in Baldwin Hall 284.

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting van driving classes at 3 p.m. Sept. 1-2. Both classes will take place at the Public Safety Building and are scheduled to last 2-3 hours. To reserve a space call 785.4177 or e-mail joycecook@truman.edu.

New and returning students are invited to attend the **Activities Fair** from noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 2 on the Quadrangle. Organizations, departments and outside vendors will display the services they have to offer to students. Contact the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222 or csi@truman.edu for more information.

The Next STEP Office, Student Success Center, and SMaCS Program are looking for students interested in being paid academic trainers for students in science and math courses. Students do not need to be a science or math major, just a successful history in the courses they are tutoring and excellent communication skills. Visit the Next STEP table at the Student Activities Fair from 12-4 p.m. Sept. 2 for more information and to fill out an application.

SAB is sponsoring comedian Roy Wood Jr., at 7 p.m. Sept. 2 in Baldwin Auditorium. Tickets are free with a Truman ID and can be picked up in the SAB Office in the Student Union Building.

LiFT, a charity-oriented organization to help children around the world, will host **Informational Nights** at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 3-4 in Baldwin Hall 176.

The Center for International Education will host a representative from Edge Hill University in England to discuss study abroad opportunities. The event will take place at 4 p.m. Sept. 3 in Violette Hall 1010. Please RSVP to rmendez@truman.edu.

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

Delta Sigma Pi, a coed professional business fraternity open to accounting, business and economics majors, will

host an **Information Night** at 7 p.m. Sept. 4 in Violette Hall 1400. For information on all upcoming Delta Sigma Pi recruitment events e-mail mad969@truman.edu.

The Center for International Education will host a representative from the Missouri London Program in England to discuss study abroad opportunities. The event will take place at 4 pm on Sept. 8 in Violette Hall 1010.

The American Marketing Association will host a recruitment event, "Under Construction: Giving You the Tools for Success," at 7 p.m. Sept. 8 in Violette Hall 1400. AMA is the largest marketing association in North America. It is a professional association for students to get involved in the practice and study of marketing through creative projects and community service. This organization is open to all majors. To contact AMA e-mail ama@truman.edu.

The College Republicans will host an **Informational Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 in Violette Hall 1010. For more information e-mail tsugop@truman.edu.

SAB Applications are now available in the CSI Office located in the Student Union Building. They are due by Sept. 15. Call 785.45AB with any questions.

Truman will once again be participating in the College Group Ticketing Plan with the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association. Truman students, faculty and staff members receive free admission to all QSOA concerts by showing their college ID. The Quincy Symphony Orchestra and Chorus perform six season concerts with a wide variety of music to satisfy every musical taste. For information about upcoming concerts visit <http://www.qsoa.org>.

Students will be receiving an e-mail reminder with a link to the September issue of Student Health 101, an online health and wellness magazine written for college students by college students. The September issue will also feature information and videos about the Student Success Center, Student Recreation Center and the Women's Resource Center at Truman. If any faculty or staff member is interested in receiving an e-mail when the new addition is available each month, please contact Joe Hamilton, assistant director, University Counseling Services, at hamilton@truman.edu. The latest edition of Student Health 101 is also available at <http://ucs.truman.edu/>.

Campus events are also available on the Master Calendar located online at <http://calendar.truman.edu>.

SPIRIT SHIRTS

Truman Spirit Shirts are on sale for \$5 in the Public Relations Office at 101 McClain Hall. There are a limited number of shirts available so don't waste time. XXL are available for \$7.

"Portrait of America: A Cultural History of the Federal Writer's Project"

presented by
Jerrold Hirsch,
Truman professor of history
Central Kansas City Public Library
6:30 p.m. • Sept. 2.

This is the kick-off event for a six-week series of public programs commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Federal Writer's Project, a New Deal Program which helped define America and American literature by supporting literary talent during the Great Depression. A complete list of events can be found at <http://www.kclibrary.org/soulofapeople>.

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Phi Sigma Pi Wins Awards at Convention



Truman's Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi was recently honored at the 2009 Phi Sigma Pi National Convention in Louisville, Ky. This year the chapter was recognized with two awards: Outstanding Initiate Program and Top in Region Award for the Central Region. Phi Sigma Pi is a National Coed Honor Fraternity that is founded upon the principles of Scholarship, Leadership and Fellowship. The Beta Chapter at Truman State University is currently comprised of 56 students. Pictured, left to right, Kelly Albright, Alex Kaizer, Stacy Marshall, Joseph Grisso, Andrew Graiser, Brad Dunlap, Chandler Ballentine, David Lee White Jr.