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Truman's International Study Abroad program was ranked 10th in the nation in a recent issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Special Edition

Truman's business program scored within the top 10 of the 244 institutions participating in the nationally normed business examination given to seniors during spring 2000.

Truman Recognized for Third Year as Number One Public University in Midwest

For the third year in a row, Truman State University has been recognized in U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges 2001 Guide" as the number one public university in the Midwest for providing a quality education. Among all Midwest regional schools, both private and public, the 2001 Guide also ranked Truman number one in the selectivity of its student body. Truman is the only public university in Missouri to be included in either category.

The 2000 entering freshman class at Truman has an average ACT of 27 and a 3.7 high school grade point average. In addition, 46 percent of the freshmen were in the top 10 percent of their high school classes and 99 percent of the class had high school leadership experience.

U.S. News & World Report regional rankings are based upon academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

The Sept. 11 issue of U.S. News and World Report contained the rankings, along with selected articles from the Guide.



Missouri's Success Story

Truman is first and foremost dedicated to the education of its students. It seeks to provide access to an educational experience comparable to the nation's best private liberal arts and sciences institutions at a public school price. A Truman education provides students with the skills and knowledge necessary to be competitive both nationally and internationally.

Truman's Institutional Values:

- ❖ **Centered on Students and Student Learning**
A clear emphasis on students and their academic development.
- ❖ **Academic Excellence and Intellectual Challenge in a Nurturing Environment**
A challenging and supportive environment that prepares students for their next step.
- ❖ **Affordability**
An exceptional education for students who might not otherwise have financial access to such a program.
- ❖ **Assessment**
A self-reflective culture which seeks and promotes continuous improvement and accountability.

The renovation and expansion of Ophelia Parrish will house an auditorium, music theatre labs, classrooms and faculty offices.



CBHE FY02 Recommendations

The Coordinating Board's budget recommendations for public higher education have been endorsed by the public four-year institutions (COPHE), the public two-year institutions (MCCA), and Linn State Technical College. The CBHE's recommendations for Truman follow.

General Revenue Base	\$50,244,773
Mission Enhancement FY02*	\$1,440,000
Campus Technology Infrastructure	\$310,217
Total Operating Budget Recommended.	\$51,994,990

* The Mission Enhancement Program has provided critical funds to Missouri's 13 four-year campuses and has benefited students in all regions of the state through a three-phase program. Truman, along with the University of Missouri system, Harris-Stowe State College, and Lincoln University, is included in the last phase of this funding. The CBHE Mission Enhancement recommendation for FY02 completes this commitment to the institutions.



Benchmarks of Successful Change

Fiscal Years	1985/86	2000/01
Number of Programs Offered		
Undergraduate	140	43
Graduate	38	9
Total Enrollment	6,515	6,111
Enrollment in Foreign Language Classes		
	427	2,304
Geographic Origin of the Student Body		
Missouri Enrollment,		
# of Counties	80	107
Out-of-State Enrollment,		
# of States	35	40
Undergraduates Involved in Research with Faculty		
	96	991
Total Full-time Faculty	265	375
Student/Faculty Ratio	21:1	15:1
Entering ACT Scores/First-time Freshmen		
	22.2	27.0
High School Rank in Top 40%		
	79%	96%
Total Enrollment of Students of Color		
	209	414
Degrees Granted		
Undergraduate	1,092	1,122
Graduate	312	139
Freshman Bright Flight Scholars		
	67	301
Number of Students Studying Abroad		
	--	490

Linda Hall Library Lecture Series

The Linda Hall Library for Science, Engineering and Technology is located in Kansas City, Mo., and is one of the nation's most important specialized libraries of this type. As a service to the Library's patrons and the greater metropolitan Kansas City area, the Library annually sponsors a series of public lectures on a broad range of topics for the general public. The speakers for this series are drawn from nationally-known liberal arts colleges that are recognized for their outstanding faculty and teaching. Colleges previously invited to provide speakers for this series include Swarthmore College (Penn.), Grinnell College (Iowa), Carleton College (Minn.), and Beloit College (Wis.). Truman is the first public university to be invited to participate in this program as well as the first Missouri institution. During 2001 six Truman faculty will offer talks on topics that range from "Miniaturized Sensors: It's OK to Think Small" to "Chaos and the Predictability of Complex Systems."

Truman Notables

Visiting Scholars Program Promotes Campus Mission

Now in its third year, the Distinguished Visiting Scholars Program at Truman brings speakers, artists, musicians and researchers to campus for extended visits. As part of the program, N. Scott Momaday visited campus Sept. 20-22, followed by British-born Jonathan Miller Nov. 6-17. Roald Hoffmann, a Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, is on the Truman campus Jan. 29-30, and paleoanthropologist Maeve Leakey will visit in April.

Momaday is referred to as "the dean of American Indian writers" by *The New York Times* for his work as a poet, novelist, playwright, painter, storyteller and professor of English and American literature. Miller is an author, lecturer, television producer, and director of theatre, film and opera.

Hoffmann won the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1981 with Kenichi Fuhui. He terms his contribution to the field as "applied theoretical chemistry." Leakey, coordinator of Kenya's National Museum Field Research in Turkana Basin, was involved in the discovery of the earliest human ancestors at Kanapoi.

In addition, the Scholars program supports the visits of other distinguished visitors to campus, such as Dr. Adolpho Roitman, Curator of the Shrine of the Book and the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Funding for the Distinguished Visiting Scholars program has been supported by the CBHE and the General Assembly through the Mission Enhancement Program.

Faculty Granted Phi Beta Kappa Status

Phi Beta Kappa (PBK) is the nation's oldest and most prestigious undergraduate academic honor society in the arts and sciences. Truman's 48 PBK faculty members learned in October 2000 that their application to start a chapter at the University had been approved.

Truman is only the fourth campus in the state to receive a PBK charter and is now Delta Chapter of Missouri. This marks the first time in over 30 years that a chapter has been granted to a Missouri institution. Truman is only the second public Missouri university so honored and joins the University of Missouri-Columbia, Washington University and Saint Louis University in this recognition.

Truman was recognized by higher education experts in a January 1, 2000 *New York Times* story as one of five universities nationally "on the cutting edge."

TRUMAN IN THE NEWS

- Two Truman students were awarded Gates Millennium Scholarships in amounts totaling \$20,500 through the United Negro College Fund.
- Truman awards the largest number of ACS certified chemistry degrees in the state of Missouri.
- Truman's Business and Accountancy program is one of only 149 in the world accredited in both business and accounting by the AACSB: International Association for Management Education (the most prestigious business school accreditation body).
- Truman's debate team won two national championships at Creighton University last March. Thus far in the 2000-01 season, the team has won five championship trophies and over 250 individual honors.
- Truman's student-athletes represent the highest percentage listed on the MIAA Commissioners' Academic Honor Roll and Truman's spring 2000 NCAA graduation rate of 72 percent for student-athletes is the highest in the MIAA.
- *The Index*, Truman's student newspaper, won the national Pacemaker Award, college journalism's highest honor, at the Associated Collegiate Press Conference in Washington D.C. in November 2000.