

Truman

STATE UNIVERSITY

Missouri's Statewide, Highly Selective Public Liberal Arts & Sciences University

What Makes Truman Unique

- Graduate Success** Within six months of graduation more than 50% of Truman's graduates went on to graduate and professional schools while the remainder were employed full-time or participated in formal volunteer programs.
- Bright Flight** Nearly 33% of Truman's 2006 freshmen from Missouri were awarded Missouri Bright Flight Scholarships. These scholarships help keep Missouri's best and brightest students in the state.
- Graduation Rate** Truman has the highest overall graduation rate at 75% among all the public universities in Missouri as calculated by the CBHE.
- Working on Campus** Nearly 33% of Truman's undergraduate students are employed in on-campus jobs. This provides valuable experience for students as well as administrative efficiencies.
- Undergraduate Research** Approximately 1,200 students are involved annually in research with faculty, a unique opportunity usually reserved for graduate students.
- Cooperation and Efficiency** Truman has several transfer and articulation agreements with community colleges which allow students greater ease in transitioning from their community college to Truman.
- Economic Development** Truman fosters economic development statewide and regionally through its efforts to prepare exceptional students for graduate and professional school and to assist business and industry directly through targeted programs.
- Unique Mission** The Missouri legislature gave Truman a statewide liberal arts and sciences mission in 1985. Truman provides an outstanding undergraduate education, at an affordable cost, to academically talented students from across the state of Missouri.

What Others Say

Ranked for 10 consecutive years as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest among schools offering bachelor's and master's degrees. No. 8 overall in the Midwest region among both private and public institutions. Truman is the only public university in Missouri to be included in either top ten ranking.

U.S. News & World Report's
"America's Best Colleges," 2007 Edition

Selected as one of the country's "367 Most Interesting Colleges" due to "outstanding academics, generous financial aid packages and relatively low costs."

Kaplan Newsweek's
"America's Hottest Colleges," 2006 Edition

Truman is ranked as the 4th best public college value in the nation.

The Princeton Review,
"America's Best Value Colleges," 2007 Edition

Programs recognized for leading to student success:

- Senior Capstone
 - Undergraduate Research
- U.S. News & World Report's
"America's Best Colleges," 2007 Edition

Ranked 27th on its exclusive list of "100 Best Values in Public Colleges" that "combine great academics with reasonable costs." Truman is also ranked as the seventh best educational value for out-of-state students.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance,
February 2007

Truman State University, Missouri's only public liberal arts college, attracts over-achievers from across the Show-Me-State.

The Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2007 Edition



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 2007 Truman enters its third decade as Missouri's public liberal arts and sciences university. We are dedicated to providing our students an outstanding educational experience that is comparable to that received at the best private liberal arts colleges – but at a public sector price. Excellence in student learning and affordability have been core values at Truman for many years. We are also dedicated to being accountable for our performance and have been national leaders in assessment for decades.

This newsletter is full of examples and evidence which illustrate these points. Truman values transparency and welcomes appropriate comparisons to other institutions based on mission and clientele served. We are also committed to continuing our campus tradition of intentional, planned change to improve student learning and institutional effectiveness. Let me share two examples with you. First, Truman is completing a new strategic plan that commits us to becoming the nation's premier public liberal arts university. We will measure our progress in terms of improved student learning and success. Second, we are launching a major reorganization of our academic administration that will reduce our degree-granting academic units from eight to three and streamline administration on campus while enhancing faculty responsibility.

Yet, Truman cannot attain excellence through reallocation or reorganization without significant reinvestment by the state of Missouri. In order to serve the citizens of Missouri well and to fulfill our mission, we need a stronger partnership with our largest donor – the state of Missouri. Truman is grateful for the budget increase that Governor Blunt has proposed, but at the current rate of increase, it will be 2010 before we again reach the appropriation level of 2002 – and that does not include any allowance for inflation. We are doing our best, but nationally competitive student outcomes require funding levels that rank higher than Missouri ranks today – among the lowest 10 states in the nation. We need your help to continue to fulfill our mission.

Truman welcomes the prospect of a renewed partnership with the state of Missouri, and I look forward to working with you to make this relationship a reality.

Sincerely,
Barbara Dixon, President

Truman Report Card

Performance, Stewardship, Accountability

	Truman	All Missouri Public Four-year
Graduation Rate (including transfers)	75%	19%-75% (range)
Graduate School Placement Rate	53%	n.a.
Percent Assessed in Major Using a National Test	88%	58.2%
Percent Scoring Above 50th Percentile in Major	75%	60.7%
Percent Teacher Education Graduates Meeting CBHE Exit Standard	97%	59%
Percent Operating Expenditures in Instruction	49.8%	37.2%
Staff-to-Faculty Ratio	1.2 to 1	2.2 to 1

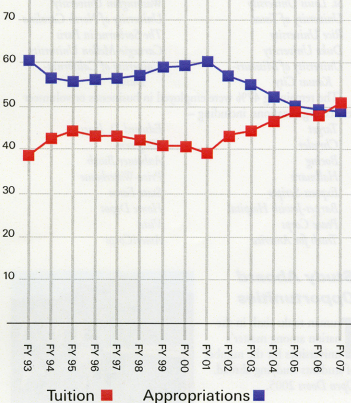
Truman Assists in Fostering Economic Development Opportunities

Truman is proud to join forces with various state and local groups to help foster economic development opportunities for both Missouri and the Northeast region. Truman's main responsibility is to contribute to the human capital base of the state by providing its students an outstanding education. Each year Truman graduates more than 1,000 students – half of whom continue their studies at graduate and undergraduate universities across the country while the other half are employed in business and industry (many in nationally prominent corporations) or structured service programs like the Peace Corps. Our graduates are in very high demand, and approximately 75 percent score above average on national assessments in their majors.

Truman is also very active with local and regional partnerships focused on direct economic development. For example, the Truman campus hosts the Small Business Development Center which assists small business owners and aspiring small business owners to strengthen or launch new enterprises. In addition, Truman participates as a full partner in Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc. (KREDDI) and the Kirksville Telecommunications Community Resource Center, which help recruit new businesses to the area and provide access to state-of-the-art telecommunications for area businesses and residents.

Most recently Truman has worked with community leaders to help establish the Missouri Rural Enterprise and Innovation Center. The center will be based in Kirksville and will be focused on the development and expansion of knowledge-intensive, 21st century business enterprises for rural Missouri. The Center will also foster increased cooperation among existing economic development entities in the region and establish Internet-based resource tools to foster rural economic development not only in Northeast Missouri but also throughout the rural areas of the state.

Percent Distribution of Fund Sources for Education and General Budget



Truman Receives \$3.44 Million Estate Gift to Establish Scholarship Program

A \$3.44 million gift, the largest in University history, has been received from the estate of Lyle Ingraham to create a scholarship program at Truman State University.

The Lyle Ingraham Scholarship Fund is designed to assist students with financial need to attain a Truman State University education. The program will provide an estimated \$120,000 in scholarship resources each year. According to scholarship guidelines, the maximum annual award per student is \$4,000, with at least 30 students benefiting from the fund annually.

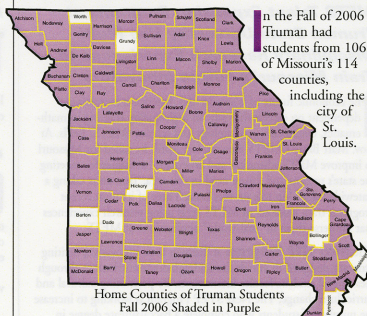
"Need-based scholarships are among our top priorities, and keeping a Truman education within the reach of students with financial need is important to our future," said University President Barbara Dixon. "This program will have tremendous impact on students for generations."

The estate gift will provide a significant boost to the Truman State University Foundation's scholarship program, adding more than one-third in additional resources for the 2006-2007 academic year. An estimated \$440,000 will be awarded to Truman students from Foundation scholarships this year.

Truman Accounting Graduates Ranked 14th in the Nation

Truman accounting graduates rank 14th in the nation for passing all parts of the Uniform CPA Examination on the first attempt. Truman leads all Missouri universities in first-time pass-rate results.

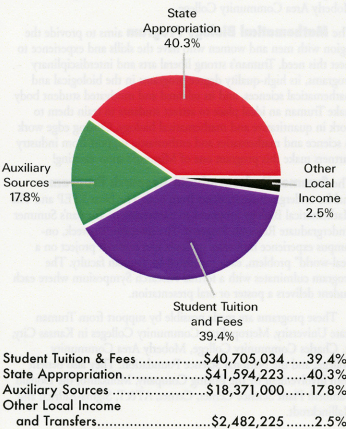
Student Body Reflects Truman's Statewide Mission



Home Counties of Truman Students Fall 2006 Shaded in Purple

In the Fall of 2006 Truman had students from 106 of Missouri's 114 counties, including the city of St. Louis.

Revenue Sources



Student Tuition & Fees	\$40,705,034	39.4%
State Appropriation	\$41,594,223	40.3%
Auxiliary Sources	\$18,371,000	17.8%
Other Local Income and Transfers	\$2,482,225	2.5%

Exceeding All Expectations



Truman has the highest overall graduation rate among all the public universities in Missouri as calculated by the CBHE.



Truman students have the opportunity to get involved in doing research with faculty as an undergraduate.



Lynn Rose, associate professor of history, was named the 2006 Missouri Professor of the Year by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Rose is the sixth Truman professor to win this national award since 1991.



Truman is one of only two Missouri public universities with a Phi Beta Kappa Chapter, America's oldest academic honor society for the liberal arts.



The Truman Women's Swimming Team won its sixth consecutive NCAA National Championship on March 11, 2006. The Truman team has won more championships than any other Division II women's swimming program.



Although Truman is nationally known for its strong academic programs, Truman also has one of the top athletic programs in NCAA Division II.



On June 15, 1995, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of the mission change, Gov. Mel Carnahan signed legislation that changed the University's name to Truman State University which became official July 1, 1996.



Dr. Charles J. McClain left Truman in 1987, after serving as president for 19 years, to serve as the Commissioner of Higher Education. McClain was asked in 2006 to serve as the Interim Commissioner of Higher Education.



On June 20, 1985, Gov. John Ashcroft signed legislation that designated the University as Missouri's only statewide public liberal arts and sciences university, expanding its mission from a regional to a statewide institution.

Truman Ranks High For Number of Fulbrights

Truman ranks among the country's top 10 master's universities for student placement in the federal government's Fulbright

Program. Three recent Truman graduates are currently studying on Fulbright scholarships in Germany, marking the largest number of Truman students to receive the prestigious honor at one time. Truman has had 10 Fulbright Scholars since 1995.

Each year the program provides grants, most of which are sponsored by the U.S. State Department, to more than 1,200 recent college graduates. Fulbright participants travel to over 140 countries annually to conduct graduate research or teach English.

The Fulbright Program offers full grants providing round-trip transportation, maintenance for the academic year based on the cost of living, books and some research allowance, supplemental health insurance, language or orientation programs, and in some cases tuition.



Fulbright scholar René Gordon ('08) is studying musicology in Freiburg, Germany.

Truman Athletics Ranked Third In Collegiate Power Rankings

The Truman athletics department has been ranked third in NCAA Division II and 42nd among all collegiate schools in the National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA) collegiate power rankings.

The rankings are compiled to allow prospective student-athletes and parents to evaluate the particular strengths of universities based on academic and athletic factors, as well as student-athlete graduation rates, according to the NCSA.

Truman Athletes Sport 100% Graduation Rate

Recently released NCAA graduation rate report shows student-athletes graduating at rates significantly higher than those revealed using the federal rate. Truman athletes had a 100% graduation rate for all sports (including transfers) while the Division II average came in at 69%.

METS Talent Expansion Programs at Truman State University Use Multi-Disciplinary Research Experiences to Train Missouri's Future Innovators

The economic future of Missouri and America is increasingly dependent on careers that rely on high-quality training in mathematics, engineering, technology and science (METS) fields. At Gov. Matt Blunt's METS Summit last April, he called for Missouri to improve METS education and articulated strategies for meeting the state's present and future need in this area. Truman is taking a statewide leadership role on this issue. Three of its most recent programs train students in METS areas using research experiences that immerse them in "real-world" applications of METS.

The **Next STEP Program** at Truman is an innovative, exciting program designed to enrich the undergraduate curriculum through meaningful student/faculty interactions. By promoting cultural and curriculum change, The Next STEP Program is working to increase the number of students who complete a baccalaureate degree in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines and better prepare them for the future that lies ahead. The program is a collaborative effort between Truman and Metropolitan Community Colleges in Kansas City, St. Charles Community College and Moberly Area Community College.

The **Mathematical Biology Program** aims to provide the training with men and women who have the skills and experience to meet this need. Truman's strong liberal arts and interdisciplinary programs, its high-quality degree programs in the biological and mathematical sciences, and its talented and motivated student body make Truman an ideal place to attract students to train them to work in quantitative and mathematical biology. Cutting edge work in science and mathematics and enthusiastic support from industry partners make this program one of Missouri's most exciting!

The **Summer Undergraduate Research Program** enables undergraduate students from both The Next STEP and The Mathematical Biology programs to participate in Truman's Summer Undergraduate Research Program. The intensive 10-week, on-campus experience immerses students in a research project on a "real-world" problem, each mentored by Truman faculty. The program culminates with a formal Research Symposium where each student delivers a poster or oral presentation.

These programs are made possible by support from Truman State University, Metropolitan Community Colleges in Kansas City, St. Charles Community College, Moberly Area Community College, and the National Science Foundation. They also benefit from involvement by the Boeing Company, Monsanto, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, Cerber, AT&T, Sigma-Aldrich and Mallinckrodt.

Pershing Health Sciences Project

This project will provide expanded classroom and lab space for programs in nursing, communication disorders, and health and exercise sciences.

Funds provided through the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative (\$21.6 million) will be supplemented by local funds of over \$3 million.

Graduate Success

One of Truman's top planning priorities is to produce "... socially responsible, creative leaders and engaged world citizens."

One measure of our institutional success is the large number of graduates who enter graduate or professional school within a year of graduation and the number who are successfully placed in employment – many at major employers in Missouri and nationally. In addition, other Truman students choose to participate in various national and international service programs.

Overall, virtually all of Truman's graduates fall into one of these categories and approximately 75% remain in Missouri.

For our FY 2005 graduates (the most recent year for which we have complete data), approximately 53% of our graduates attended graduate or professional school, including –

<i>Northwestern University</i>	<i>Purdue University</i>
<i>University of Missouri-Columbia</i>	<i>Craigton University</i>
<i>St. Louis University</i>	<i>Washington University</i>
<i>University of Texas</i>	<i>University of North Carolina</i>
<i>Rice University</i>	<i>The Sorbonne in Paris</i>
<i>Duke University</i>	<i>Carnegie-Mellon University</i>
<i>University of Missouri-Kansas City</i>	<i>University of California-Davis</i>

The remaining 47% were employed in businesses or volunteer service organizations, including –

<i>Target</i>	<i>Edward D. Jones</i>
<i>Chrysler</i>	<i>Walgreens</i>
<i>Boeing</i>	<i>Anheuser Busch</i>
<i>Hallmark</i>	<i>Price-Waterhouse</i>
<i>Express-Scripts</i>	<i>State Farm</i>
<i>Barnes-Jewish Hospital</i>	<i>Home Depot</i>
<i>Peace Corps</i>	<i>Vista</i>
<i>Teach for America</i>	<i>AmeriCorps</i>

Study Aboard Opportunities

Truman ranks sixth in the nation among master's universities for the number of students studying abroad. Open Doors 2005.

