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Faculty Honored at Accolades Banquet

Brent Buckner, geneticist and professor of Biology, was awarded Educator of the Year for Truman State University at the Accolades of Academics banquet hosted by the Student Government April 11.

Buckner teaches Introductory genetics, molecular genetics, introductory biology, genetics of human disorders, cancer biology and the influence of the gene. Buckner's research focuses on studying maize genomics, which is the study of gene interactions and their effects on an organism. Buckner has published his research in 19 articles during his near 15 years as a member of Truman's faculty.

Buckner has mentored countless students throughout their independent research projects and is a prior recipient of the Outstanding Research Mentor of the Year.

Buckner received his doctorate in botany and master's in botany from the University of Vermont, and his bachelor's degree from Lock Haven State College.

In addition to Buckner, finalists for the prestigious Educator of the Year award included Robert Matthews, Teresa Heckert, Hena Ahmad and Eric Patterson.

Fredric Shaffer, professor of psychology, was awarded Most Outstanding Research Mentor of the Year at Accolades of Academics.

Shaffer teaches applied psychophysiology, crisis intervention workshop, experimental psychology, physiological psychology and psychopharmacology. Shaffer is currently serving as chair of the Biofeedback Certification International Alliance (BCIA) and co-editor of the Evidence-Based Practice in Biofeedback and Neurofeedback, 3rd edition. In addition to his current projects, Shaffer has mentored more

than 765 undergraduates during his 37 years as a Truman educator.

Shaffer received his doctorate in personality psychology and his master's in clinical psychology from Oklahoma State University, and his bachelor's degree from Claremont Men's College.

Shaffer is a previous recipient of Truman's Doris and Walker Allen Fellowship for Academic Excellence award.

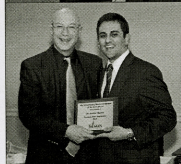
In addition to Shaffer, finalists for Most Outstanding Research Mentor of the Year included Julia DeLancey and Margaret Edwards.

Truman's Accounting Department received the Department of the Year Award at Accolades of Academics. The Accounting Department's faculty includes Alan Davis, Keith Harrison, Darla Honn, Kristen Irwin, Kathy Otero and Cathy Poyner. Retired faculty teaching part-time includes Sandra Fleak, Scott Fouch and Sandy Weber.

The Accounting Department is part of the School of Business AACSB accreditation. In addition, the department is also accredited by the AACSB, one of 178 institutions worldwide holding this designation. The CPA Exam pass rate for alumni of the department has been in the top 25 for schools in the United States for many years. In 2011, the Accounting Department was ranked number four in the nation.

In addition to the Accounting Department, the Theatre Department and Health and Exercise Sciences Department were recognized as finalists for the Accolades of Academics Department of the Year award.

Accolades of Academics is a new, annual banquet hosted by Student Government each spring. Students have the opportunity to nominate candidates for the previously mentioned awards each year at senate.truman.edu.



Honorees at the Accolades of Academics banquet April 11 from top to bottom: Brent Buckner, receiving his Educator of the Year award; Fredric Shaffer with his Research Mentor of the Year award; and Keith Harrison of the Accounting Department accepting the Department of the Year award. Awards were presented by David Lanza, the chair of student government's Academic Affairs Committee.

EWELL TO DISCUSS DQP

12-2:30 P.M. • MAY 14 • STUDENT UNION BUILDING

Dr. Peter Ewell will be visiting Truman for a campus-wide dialogue concerning the Degree Qualifications Profile (DQP). The event will include lunch, a breakout session and an open forum with Ewell. A reservation is required and can be made at eventmanager.truman.edu/gemallist.asp no later than May 6. More information about the DQP is available at luminafoundation.org/publications/other_pubs.html.

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Student Presents Research on Capitol Hill

Bridget Waller presented the results of her undergraduate research in Washington, D.C., on April 24 during the 17th annual Posters on the Hill program sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Research.

Waller, a senior biology major, joined 60 undergraduates nationwide in presenting their research to legislators during an evening poster session in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill. Waller was the only participant from the state of Missouri.

Waller's research project titled "Impact of Alcohol on Embryonic Development using a Nematode Model Organism" was conducted in the lab of Timothy

Walston, assistant professor of biology.

This project contributes to efforts to establish the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans* as a model for human neural tube defects.

As part of the program, Waller toured the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center and attended congressional appointments. Waller met with Sen. Roy Blunt and Rep. Sam Graves, and spoke with staffers in the offices of Sen. Claire McCaskill and Rep. Ann Wagner to promote undergraduate research and support for higher education.

Waller's participation in the event was sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research.



Truman student Bridget Waller speaks with Sen. Roy Blunt in the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., April 24.

Truman Places Third in National Competition

A team of health and exercise students placed third in a national competition April 26 in Charlotte, N.C., at the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance National Convention.

The team, comprised of students Justin Ryckman, McKenzie Tate, Vanessa Shaw and alternate Emma Hosman, participated in the American Association of Health Education Case Study competition and was judged on the ability to utilize the Seven Areas of Responsibility for Certified Health Education Specialists (assess, plan, implement,

evaluate, administer, serve as a resource and communicate and advocate for health education) to deal with the Alzheimer's disease.

Janice Clark, associate professor of health science, is the sponsor for the group. Additionally, Ryckman, Tate, Shaw and Hosman assisted Clark in her presentation, "Is Your Health Curriculum CHES-Aligned?"

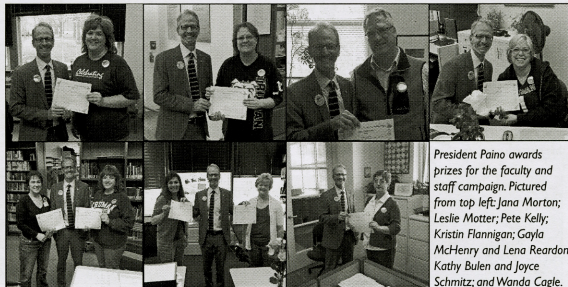
These students applied for the positions on the case study team. To finance the trip, they applied for grant funding from

MO-PIP; the Student Senate and the Student Public Health Association.



Students (left to right) Justin Ryckman, McKenzie Tate and Vanessa Shaw receive their award from Dr. Caille Spear, AAHE president.

President Paino Goes on Prize Patrol



President Paino awards prizes for the faculty and staff campaign. Pictured from top left: Jana Morton; Leslie Motter; Pete Kelly; Kristin Flannigan; Gayla McHenry and Lena Reardon; Kathy Bulen and Joyce Schmitz; and Wanda Cagle.

Students Receive Academic Honors Awards

The Annual Academic Honor Awards Assembly, which recognizes outstanding students who have dedicated time, energy and talent to their academic achievement, will take place at 5 p.m. May 10 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Alumna DeAnn Malone ('93) will be the guest speaker. Malone is an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service and the Executive Program Officer for Leadership Programs and Coach Training at the Treasury Executive Institute in Washington, D.C.

Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting
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 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Agricultural Science
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Anthropology
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Studio Art
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Visual Communication
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Athletic Training
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Biology
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Finance
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Management
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Marketing
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in International Business
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Chemistry
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication: Journalism
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Public Communication
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Studies
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Disorders
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Computer Science
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Counseling
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Creative Writing
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Economics
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Elementary Education
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Secondary Education
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Special Education
 Outstanding Graduate Student in English
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exercise Science
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in French
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Science
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Justice Systems
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Leadership
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Linguistics
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music: General Concentration
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music: Liberal Arts
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music: Performance
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Nursing
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Philosophy
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Religion
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Physics
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Romance Language
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Russian
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Spanish
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre
 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award
 General George C. Marshall ROTC Award

Xiaojing (Mercury) Bai
 Patrick Fink
 Marianne Emery
 Julianne Meyer
 Katelyn Brewer
 Jonathan Moeller
 Wesley Harbison
 Megan Purk
 Joshua Wilson
 Viktor Jankov
 Megan Recklein
 Kirsten Vollmer
 Rabab Darwish
 Kevin Robb
 Jessica Scheetz
 Hannah Ricketman
 Sarah Perry
 Jessica Murfin
 Elaine Boda
 David Schoonover
 Kailey Tyler
 Jeffrey Denight
 Kun Zhang
 Frankie Bruning
 Stephen Elford
 Bethany Hoekzema
 Holly Fling
 Rachel Spillers
 Bradley Schaefer
 Kathryn Hogan
 Thomas Faust
 Erin Foster
 Jonathan Ryder
 Ashley Kleiner
 Brittany Jacques
 Megan Wargo-Kearney
 Amy Burbee
 Miguel Fernandez Flores
 Megan Petrie
 Olivia Wilke
 Jennifer Murray
 Laurie Knopik
 Keenan Schott
 Benjamin Batzer
 Miguel Fernandez Flores
 Amanda Shetler
 Kelsey Spalding
 Ashley Adams
 Shawn Bodden
 Shelby Hewardine
 Cameron Jones
 Jeffrey Denight
 Karianne Jones
 Nicholas Hooper

Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, Truman State University certifies that it has a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program in operation that is accessible to any officer, employee or student. Pursuant to this program, Truman will distribute to all students, faculty and staff information concerning drug and alcohol abuse and the school's prevention program. All of the information included can be found in the Student Handbook at conduct.truman.edu/docs/Student_Handbook_2012-2013_With_New_Board_Policies.pdf

While reviewing the policies mentioned above, please note any questions or comments regarding the Student Handbook. The Handbook will be edited and we are always looking for ways to improve this online publication. Please share your comments with Beth Kral, assistant dean of Student Affairs at bkral@truman.edu.

2012 HOMECOMING APPAREL SALE

The 2013 Homecoming Committee is having a blowout sale of apparel from last year. Bring cash or check to their tables 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday in the SUB.

The prices are as follows:

T-shirt: \$3
 Long-sleeved T-shirt: \$5
 Hoodies: \$10
 1/4 zip pullovers: \$15

Bundles:
 T-shirt and long-sleeved T-shirt: \$7
 Hoodie and long-sleeved T-shirt: \$13
 1/4 zip pullover and long-sleeved T-shirt: \$17
 Hoodie and 1/4 zip pullover: \$22

Next Issue

The next issue of the Truman Today will be available May 20.

NOTABLES

Janice Clark, associate professor of health science, attended the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) national convention in Charlotte, N.C., during the week of April 22-27. While there, she made three presentations and was also a session president. The presentations were: "Is Your Health Curriculum CHES-Aligned?"; "CHES/MCHES Report, Results and Curricula Alignment"; and "Get the Big Picture: Concept Mapping in Health Education." Additionally, Clark was the sponsor for the health science students selected to represent Truman in the American Association of Health Education Case Study competition.

Jerrold Hirsch, professor of history, published "Theorizing Regionalism and Folklore from the Left: B.A. Botkin, the Oklahoma Years, 1921-1939, in *Regionalists on the Left: Radical Voices from the American West*.

Daniel Mandell, professor of history, has published "'Turned Their Minds to Religion': Oquaga and the First Iroquois Church, 1748-1776," in *Early American Studies*.

Rachel Patterman, student president of Truman State University's Rho Rho Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, received the prestigious Gabriela Mistral Award for her academic achievements in Spanish and her noteworthy leadership and initiative in her chapter. The Gabriela Mistral Award is granted by Sigma Delta Pi's national Executive Committee and may be presented to only one person per

chapter; the honor is reserved for outstanding graduate or undergraduate students of Spanish who are active members of Sigma Delta Pi. For past honorees see sigmadeltapi.org/SAR.Premio.Gabriela.Mistral.html.

John Quinn, professor of political science, and Mike Rudy, assistant professor of political science, presented their paper "Hierarchies, Foreign Aid and Conflict Among Major Powers," at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago April 11-14. Quinn also presented a paper with former colleague Marijke Breuning entitled "Aid, Development, and Foreign Policy Under the Meles Regime." Quinn also served as discussant at this latter panel.

Three Truman political science majors presented their research at the 21st annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science in Normal, Ill., April 12. **Damian Chavez** presented his paper entitled "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: An Analysis of the Formulation of the 2009 Stimulus." **Wyatt Hoffman** presented and his paper "Cultures of War," while **Robert Markie** presented his work "Masters of Misdirection: Diversionary Conflict and Contested Rivals." Markie won a "Best Paper Award" for his presentation his paper will be published in the journal *Critique* and he will receive a \$200 monetary award. Chavez also served as a discussant for the panel on United States Public Policy, while Markie served as a discussant on the panel U.S. Intergovernmental Relations.

Department of Public Safety May Interim Hours

May 10
10 a.m.-10 p.m.
May 11
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
May 12
Closed
May 13-17
10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
May 18
Closed
May 20-24
7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
May 25-27
Closed
May 28-31
7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
June 1-2
Closed

FINALS WEEK HOURS

Student Union Building

May 6-9: 7 a.m. to 12 a.m.
May 10: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
May 11: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
May 12: Closed

Book Store

May 6-9: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
May 10: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
May 11: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Mainstreet Market will close 4 p.m. Friday
Freshens, Jazzman's and Library Jazzman's will be closing at 3 p.m. Friday.
Dobson, West Campus and Barnett C-Store will be closing at 4 p.m. Friday.

All dining halls will close after dinner on Friday except Missouri Hall. Missouri Hall Saturday hours:
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m.
Lunch: 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

Student Recreation Center May Interim Hours

May 6-8
9 a.m.-11 p.m.
May 9-10
9 a.m.-7 p.m.
May 11-12
Closed
May 13-17
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 18-19
Closed
May 20-24
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 25-27
Closed
May 28-31
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
June 1-2
Closed

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End of Semester Extended Hours

May 5-9: 7 a.m.-2 a.m.
May 10: 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
May 11: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE

Looking for a paying job for next year and have a passion for higher education and helping others? Apply on TruPositions to be the BULLDOG College Access Program Intern. This position will work with local high schools and education partners to help make college a reality for the students of Northeast Missouri. All majors and disciplines are welcome to apply. For more information contact Matt in the Admissions Office at 660.785.4114 or mmagruder@truman.edu.

Central Steam System Shutdown

This year's annual steam system shut-down for maintenance and inspection is scheduled for May 14-16.

The steam system will be shut down May 14. Except for buildings with their own boilers*, the campus will be without steam for building heat and hot water throughout the shutdown period. The steam system should be back on-line by the evening of May 16.

*Buildings with boilers: Barnett Hall, Campbell Apartments, Ryle Hall, Student Recreation Center and West Campus Suites.