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Department of Education Awards Truman's McNair Program \$830,396

Emmanuel Nnadozie knows the strength of the University's Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. He has watched students grow in ways that would not have been possible without the program, which he has directed on campus since 1992. Throughout the program's existence, the commitment of Nnadozie, his staff, the McNair scholars, and faculty mentors has resulted in numerous successes. Most recently, the University was awarded funding for the next four years, beginning Oct. 1, 1999.

The Federal Department of Education awarded Truman a grant totaling \$830,396; this is the third time that Truman has been selected for this award. In the first year of the new grant, Truman will receive a total of \$207,599.

The McNair Program was established to prepare underrepresented groups of students for graduate school. With the help of their mentors, students conduct research, prepare for the Graduate Record Exam and visit graduate schools. Truman was one of approximately 100 institutions to receive funding in 1992. The competitive selection process produced some 150 grants this year from several hundred proposals from

colleges and universities.

Nnadozie believes that Truman's institutional philosophy makes the McNair Program an especially good fit. Part of a program's success is measured by how many students are placed in doctoral programs; Truman's placement rate is approximately 60 percent. In addition, the program provides opportunities that encourage student-faculty interaction and relationships.

Nnadozie also believes there is always room for improvement—not just in outcomes, but also approaches. He and his staff are continuously striving to become more effective and efficient.

Truman's McNair Program's effectiveness is evident by its being praised for producing some of the best student outcomes of all the programs that Truman's Department of Education reviewer had seen.

"Truman has the good fortune of having good students come here, a dedicated staff and a well-executed plan," Nnadozie said.

The latest grant will ensure that Truman's McNair Program continues on its successful path into to the next millennium.

Miller to Head Professional Development

Dr. Patricia Miller has been named head of the Division of Professional Development. Miller succeeds Dr. David Bethel, who will resume his former teaching duties within the Division of Education. Miller joined the University in 1993 as head of the Division of Education.

Dr. John Hoffmann, associate professor of education, will continue as acting head of the Division of Education, a position he has held for the past year during Miller's

administrative leave. A search committee for a permanent division head for Education has been formed.

"I appreciate Dr. Miller's willingness to take on this new challenge," said Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs. "I believe that her knowledge of statewide constituencies and the positive relationships she has created with state leaders in education will serve her well in heading up Professional Development."

Notes

Volunteers are needed for "Truman Day" at the NEMO Fair on Thursday, July 22.

Volunteers will work three-hour shifts at the front gate. Shifts begin at 6 a.m.; the last shift begins at 9 p.m. Volunteers will receive a free fair pass for the day and a T-shirt. To sign up, call the Public Relations Office at 785.4016.

The 1999 Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament is coming to Kirksville on Aug. 7 and 8.

Team applications are available at the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, 304 S. Franklin. Volunteers are needed Aug. 6, 7 and 8; for more information, contact the Chamber at 665.3766.

A Beginning Access Workshop will be held July 23.

The workshop, which will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. in Violette Hall 1304, will cover the basic applications of Microsoft Access. RSVP to Human Resources at 785.4031.

The Writing Center, McClain Hall 303, is open Monday through Friday this summer. Call 785.4484 for hours.

Student Union summer hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. Requests to extend Student Union hours for special events will be accommodated. Reservation forms for any events that extend past 7 p.m. should be submitted to the Student Union Administrative Office as soon as possible (preferably at least two weeks in advance) so that staffing arrangements can be made.

The Mainstreet Market summer hours: Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. **The Truman State University Bookstore** will be open this summer Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A group facilitator is needed for weekly, two-hour basic living skills group for adolescents in foster care. Facilitators must be 21 years of age with some group facilitation experience or other employment/volunteer experience working with high risk youth. For more information, call Kim Stevenson at 573.633.2550.

Truman Today is published weekly on Tuesdays. Deadline for entries is 3 p.m., the Thursday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted on the *Truman Today* forms available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. Activities listed in *Truman Today* are open to the public.

Notables

Jim Barnes, writer-in-residence and professor of comparative literature, has a translation from the French of William Cliff's poem "Benares" in the current issue of *Rattle*, a Los Angeles magazine. In addition, he has had two translations of poems by Dagmar Nick, "Catastrophe in Code" and "Time Shift," accepted for publication in *Spillway*, a literary magazine in Los Angeles. Also, he has a translation of her poem "Blue Butterflies" accepted for publication by *New Letters*, a literary magazine in Kansas City.

Carolyn Cox, assistant professor of health sciences, has been awarded fellowship status in the International Association for Worksite Health Promotion (AWHP). AWHP Fellows are recognized by their service, scholarship and continuous achievement and contribution to the health promotion profession. The mission of AWHP is to advance health promotion throughout the world by enhancing the personal and organizational health and well-being of employees and their families. Cox will be recognized at an awards ceremony during the 1999 AWHP International Conference to be held Sept. 15-18 in Nashville, Tenn.

Betty L. McLane-Iles, professor of French, presented a study on two major Polish immigrant women writers of Québec at the annual Congrès mondial du Conseil international des études francophones, held this year in Lafayette, La., in late May. The study was titled "Alice Parizeau et Régine Robin: deux écrivaines migrantes de l'avant-garde." Elizabeth Dahab of California State University, formerly assistant professor of French at Truman, also presented a study on Canadian writers of Arab descent titled "De la réception des écrivains canadiens d'origine arabe par l'institution littéraire canadienne."

Judge Mary Rhodes Russell, a 1980 Truman graduate and former member of the University's Board of Governors, became the chief judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District on July 1. She is the youngest person in the court's history to hold that position. Russell was elected chief judge by the other 13 members of the court for a one-year term. She will serve as the chief administrative officer and spokesperson for the court.

On Campus

16 FRIDAY
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **Picnic on the Mall**, sponsored by Sodexo Marriott; rain site is Mainstreet Market

22 THURSDAY
6 a.m.-9 p.m. **Truman Day at the NEMO Fair**; volunteers are needed to work at the front gate. See Notes

23 FRIDAY
9-11 a.m. **Beginning Access Workshop**, Violette Hall 1304; see Notes

Host Families Needed

During the month of July, Truman will host 44 female students and three faculty members from Zen Del Technical and Commercial High School in Taiwan. The Center for International Education Abroad is seeking host families for single or paired students for the weekend of July 23-25.

Responsibilities of the host family would include meeting the students at a reception on campus the afternoon of July 23, including them in typical family activities throughout the weekend, and accompanying their return to campus for a dinner reception on July 25.

For more information or to volunteer as a host family, call the Center for International Education Abroad at 785.4076.