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Best Regional Schools

Rank	School name (State)	Academic Excellence	Faculty Resources	Student Selectivity	Financial Resources	Graduation Rate	Performance	Alumni-Giving Rate
1	Creighton University (NE)	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
2	Valparaiso University (IN)	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
3	Brake University (VA)	85	85	85	85	85	85	85
4	University of Dayton (OH)	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
5	John Carroll University (OH)	75	75	75	75	75	75	75
6	Bradley University (IL)	70	70	70	70	70	70	70
7	Butler University (IN)	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
8	Xavier University (OH)	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
9	University of St. Thomas (MN)	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
10	Robinson-Walton College (OH)	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
11	Catholic College (MD)	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
12	Truman State University (MO)	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
13	University of Southern Indiana (IN)	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
14	Bryce College (WV)	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
15	Rochester College (OH)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25

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12. Truman State University (MO)
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14. Bryce College (WV)
15. Rochester College (OH)

Top Regional Public Schools

1. Truman State University (MO)
2. University of Northern Iowa
3. Univ. of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
4. Univ. of Wisconsin-Whitewater
5. University of Michigan-Dearborn
6. Univ. of Wisconsin-La Crosse
7. Central Michigan University
8. South Dakota State University

The Fiske Guide to Colleges 1999 Edition
 "It's hard to miss all the changes taking place at Truman State University these days. The school has been transformed from a regional comprehensive university into the state's flagship liberal arts institution."

The Princeton Review: The Best 311 Colleges
 1999 Edition

"Affordable high-quality academics has become the key reason to attend Truman State University. ... Truman is among the next in line among public universities joining the ranks of highly selective."

America's 100 Best College Buys 1999 Edition
 "Truman State University offers a truly uncommon educational experience. ... [Truman] has evolved into one of the nation's leading public liberal arts and sciences universities."

The latest report from U.S. News & World Report on America's best colleges named Truman State University as number one on the list of Top Regional Public Universities in the Midwest.

Truman also ranked 11th in the overall category for Best Regional Universities in the Midwest. The report measures a combination of factors including academic reputa-

tion, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance, and alumni-giving rate.

Truman has also been recognized this past year by *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*, *The Princeton Review: The Best 311 Colleges*, *America's 100 Best College Buys*, and *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine*.

In addition, *Bottom Line/Personal Newsletter* listed Truman in a recent article titled "Excellent Education For Much, Much Less." Other schools mentioned included the University of California-Berkeley, Rutgers University, and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.



Campus Facts

Kirksville Population: 17,000

Undergraduate Enrollment:
appr. 6,000

Graduate Enrollment: appr. 250

In-state/Out-of-state Enrollment: 72%/28%

International Enrollment:
appr. 200 students from 50 different countries

Male/Female Ratio: 42:58

Student/Faculty Ratio: 16:1

Average Class Size: 22 students

Average GPA of Incoming Students: 3.7/4.0 scale

Percentage of Freshman Courses Taught by Full-time Faculty: 95%

Percentage of Full-time Faculty with Ph.D.s: 81.2%

Placement After Graduation: 97%

Percentage of Graduates Attending Professional/Graduate School: 38%

Academic Year: Two 15-week semesters late August-mid-December; early January-early May; summer sessions also available

Size of Campus: 140 acres

Truman: Missouri's Success Story

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

TRUMAN'S INSTITUTIONAL VALUES

◆ Student Learning

The primary point of convergence for the efforts of the university as a whole.

◆ Academic Excellence and Intellectual Challenge

A challenging and supportive environment that prepares students for their next step.

◆ Affordability

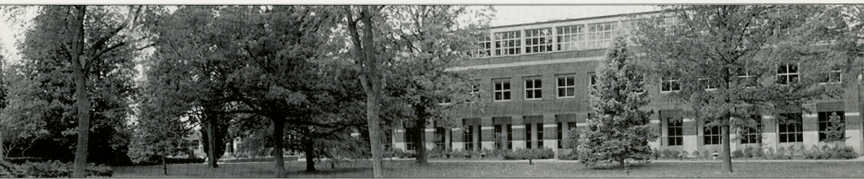
An exceptional education for students who might not otherwise have financial access to such a program.

◆ Assessment

A self-reflective culture which seeks and promotes continuous improvement.

Benchmarks of Successful Change

Fiscal Years	1985/86	1998/99
Number of Programs Offered		
Undergraduate	140	43
Graduate	38	9
Total Enrollment	6,515	6,439
Enrollment in Foreign Language Classes	427	2,420
Geographic Origin of the Student Body		
Missouri Enrollment, # of Counties	80	104
Out-of-State Enrollment, # of States	35	45
Undergraduates Involved in Research	96	691
Total Full-time Faculty	265	351
Student/Faculty Ratio	21:1	16:1
Entering ACT Scores/First-time Freshmen	22.2	27.2
High School Rank in Top 40%	79%	96%
Total Enrollment of Students of Color	209	431
Degrees Granted		
Undergraduate	1,092	1,177
Graduate	312	107
Freshman Bright Flight Scholars	67	314



Indicators of Success: 1997-2002

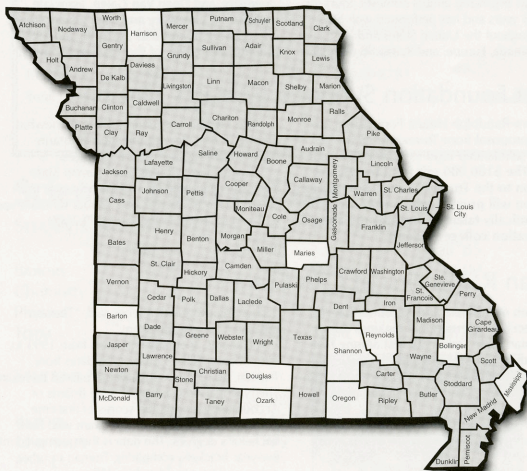
- ❖ Increase freshman-to-sophomore retention from 83.7 percent to 90 percent.
- ❖ Increase six-year graduation rate from 59.2 percent to 64 percent by 2002; ultimately, to increase rate to 75 percent.
- ❖ Increase percentage of students attending graduate or professional schools from 35.7 percent to approximately 47 percent.
- ❖ Increase percentage of students studying foreign languages, statistics, and ethics or philosophy to 100 percent.
- ❖ Increase percentage of students achieving advanced competence in general computer usage to 100 percent.
- ❖ Increase the mean scaled scores and related percentiles on value-added testing in the liberal arts (currently the CAAP examination) from a current average percentile of 62 to an average percentile of 80.
- ❖ Increase percentage of students scoring above the 50th percentile on nationally recognized examinations in their major field from 66.5 percent to 80 percent.
- ❖ Increase percentage of graduating students who have been involved in significant student/faculty collaborative scholarship to 100 percent.

Indicators of Success as adopted for approved Mission Enhancement Proposal



Truman students serving internships at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City this semester include, front row (l-r): Karen Callanan, Maria Carrasco, Susan Henderson, Erin Williams, Amy Steacy, Haley Smith, Kelly Anthony, Julia Kitsmiller. Back row (l-r): Darryl Record, Jennifer Church, Kelly Waterman, Adam Vaught, Michael Bokermann, Brian Hey, Peter Lyskowski, Joy Wenger and Ken Hussey. Also pictured is President Jack Magruder. Not pictured, Valerie Hopkins, Melanie Knies and Jeri Munsterman.

Truman Attracts Students from Across Missouri Fall 1998





Missouri Students Benefit From Sears Scholarships



Jim Sears ('82)

The legacy of the late Jim Sears' leadership lives on through the Jim Sears Leadership Scholars at Truman State University. Funded by the General Assembly in 1997, the scholarship is awarded to entering Truman freshmen from throughout Missouri's

congressional districts who have shown a strong record of leadership or community service.

Sears, who was re-elected as the uncontested Democratic incumbent in 1996,

was killed in a car accident on Nov. 17, 1996. He received his bachelor's degree from Truman in 1982.

Current Sears Scholars include Christopher Alford of Joplin, Sara Bessinger of Raytown, Elizabeth Bradhurst of Kansas City, Kayce Davis of Lee's Summit, Jason Drinen of Herculaneum, Amanda Gifford of Thompson, Zachary Lechner of Springfield, Thomas O'Brien of Florissant, Daniel Pettit of Crestwood, Zachary Phillips of Windsor, Vanessa Pierson of Clinton, Mitchell Prather of Memphis, Cormac Smith of Valles Mines, Renee Smith of Rolla, and Jaclyn York of Lancaster.

Truman Selected for Performance Outcomes Study

Truman State University was one of six institutions to be chosen nationwide for a site visit as part of the performance indicators study organized by the American Productivity and Quality Center (APQC).

Representatives of institutions from California to New York, and points in between, visited campus to learn how Truman uses the results of its assessment program to foster improvement in its educational programs.

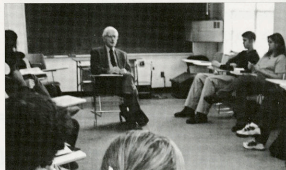
APQC is a nationally known nonprofit organization with the mission to foster improved productivity and quality in both private and public sectors. Recently, APQC established the institute for Education Best Practices to help education organizations restructure administrative and academic practices.

Program Adds To Academic Life

Ralph McNerny, the Michael P. Grace Professor of Medieval Studies at the University of Notre Dame and Truman State University's first Distinguished Visiting Scholar, spent last week meeting with and talking to Truman's students and faculty.

An internationally recognized Thomistic scholar, McNerny has written numerous books and articles on St. Thomas Aquinas. He is also founder and publisher of *Catholic Dossier* magazine and cofounder of *Crisis* magazine. In each of these areas he is well recognized by his peers. However, he may be best known to the general public as a novelist. His Father Dowling mysteries were the basis of a three-year television series. He will return for a second visit in March.

The Distinguished Visiting Scholar Program is a new initiative contained in Truman's University Master Plan, one endorsed by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education and subsequently funded as a part of Truman's Mission Enhancement Proposal.



Each year, the program will bring speakers, artists, musicians, researchers, etc., who will interact with our academic community and add to the intellectual life of the University. The theme chosen for spring 1999, "Connecting and Interconnecting Perspectives," will focus attention on the potential for interdisciplinary thinking and multiple cultural perspectives and highlight the connections among the "modes of inquiry" that span and expand upon the traditional liberal arts and sciences curriculum.

Science Hall Renovation & Addition

The renovation and expansion of Science Hall is integral to the University's future. Since Truman was designated as Missouri's liberal arts and sciences university, the Science Division has experienced some of the most dramatic enrollment growth on campus. This growth reflects the important role this division plays in the University's curriculum and its new mission.

To offer an appropriate experiential learning environment for the sciences, Truman will provide greater sophistication in undergraduate laboratory work; increase opportunities for student/faculty scholarship; and enhance safety measures. These efforts require not only increased space to the original 1955 building and 1968 addition, but safer and qualitatively improved space as well.

To meet the growing demand and achieve the full potential of our science program, Truman State University respectfully requests state funding to enhance our present facility, as well as provide approximately 32,500 square feet of additional instructional and support space.

Governor's Funding Recommendations: FY 2000

Operating Budget

Base	\$41,323,574
Mission Enhancement: Year Two	\$ 1,440,000

Total Operating Budget Recommended **\$42,763,574**

Capital Budget Recommended

Mission Enhancement: For Science Hall Addition & Renovation	<u>\$20,504,753</u>
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Summary of Total Mission Enhancement Funding Proposal

Operating Budget

Liberal Arts Curriculum Initiatives	\$2,850,000	
Student/Faculty Initiatives	\$1,027,000	
Instructional Support	\$1,515,000	
Total		<u>\$5,392,000</u>

Capital Budget

Science Hall Addition and Renovation		
FY 1999 Appropriation	\$1,500,000	
Local Share	\$2,444,972	
FY 2000 Recommendation	\$20,504,753	
Total Project Cost		<u>\$24,449,725</u>

Science: Then & Now

STUDENTS IN SCIENCE COURSES

	Fall '85	Fall '98
Biology	1,391	1,930
Chemistry	752	1,313
Physics	301	753
TOTAL	2,444	3,996

FTE FACULTY

	Fall '85	Fall '98
Biology	14.00	27.62
Chemistry	10.00	19.00
Physics	4.00	10.01
TOTAL	28.00	56.63

STUDENT MAJORS

	Fall '85	Fall '98
Biology	358	615
Chemistry	70	195
Physics	21	73
TOTAL	449	883



Truman State University Professor Named Missouri's Professor of the Year

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching named R. Paul Crabb, associate professor of music, the 1998 Missouri Professor of the Year.

Crabb joined the music faculty at Truman in 1991. His students recognized Crabb's teaching through his selection as Truman's 1997 Educator of the Year. Hallmarks of his teaching philosophy are enthusiasm, commitment and responsibility. He believes each professor must demonstrate his/her own deep belief in the subject matter by teaching in a contagiously enthusiastic manner. In addition, professors must show commitment to the discipline, as well as commitment to the education of each student. Finally, a professor must model a responsibility to the discipline and communicate this to each student. Teachers must then inspire student responsibility to the discipline to ensure true learning. Only when the students realize and acknowledge their active part in the teaching-learning process can they achieve to their potential.

The quality of his choral work has been recognized by his colleagues throughout the state, who extend numerous invitations to have his select choir, CANTORIA, perform at the prestigious state convention of the Missouri Music Educators Association.

Crabb has organized annual domestic tours for the past 13 years and has performed with his choirs throughout the United States and in Mexico, Canada, Europe, and Russia. In 1994 and



Gov. Mel Carnahan congratulates Paul Crabb on receiving a 1997 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

1995, he was the assistant conductor of the Russian/American Choral Symposium held at the Moscow Conservatory of Music in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1996, he was invited to be the sole American conductor at this same event.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) established the Professor of the Year program in 1981 and works in cooperation with the Carnegie Foundation and various higher education associations in its administration.

Truman's Yinfa Ma, associate professor of chemistry, and Dean Van Galen, associate professor of chemistry and chief advancement officer, were honored as the 1996 and 1991 Missouri Professors of the Year, respectively.

Truman Students Lead Study Abroad Numbers

Missouri was represented in *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* most recent report on U.S. institutions with the largest numbers of students studying abroad. **Truman State University is number 10 in the country in the master's category (highest degree offered).** Nearly five percent of Truman's total enrollment participates in study abroad programs.

Health Science Program Best in Nation, Again

For the second consecutive year, Truman's health science program has been selected as the Professional Preparation Award recipient for an undergraduate program by the Association for Worksite Health Promotion.

Truman was evaluated for its undergraduate program by several criteria: length of time students and/or faculty have been assigned to the curriculum; number of students graduating from the program annually; curriculum, including organization and administrative skill development, facility operations/management, training in health promotion program development, program delivery and program evaluation, health promotion and fitness research, and financial management; credentials of faculty/staff; practical experience, including a log of experiences, special projects and systematic plan of program evaluation; and finally, curriculum and program syllabus.

Hearst Foundation Supports Truman's Mission

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation has funded a proposal from Truman to create an endowed scholarship fund to support Truman students. **The \$100,000 gift from the Hearst Foundation to the Truman State University Foundation will provide scholarship support for academically talented, low-income and/or first-generation college students.**

The Hearst Foundation gift is somewhat unique in that the organization primarily supports private liberal arts colleges.

Established in 1980, the Truman State University Foundation will award more than \$230,000 in endowed and annual scholarships to Truman students for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Truman Ranks First in CPA Exam

The Division of Business and Accountancy recently received international rankings that place Truman State University first among first-time CPA exam test-takers from Missouri colleges and universities. The latest assessment of scores place Truman above No. 2 Washington University in St. Louis.

Sandra Weber, professor of accounting, credits Truman students' motivation as the key to high CPA scores.

"We have good students and a strong

accounting program," Weber said. "They are motivated to pass the exam."

The scores, spanning five years from 1993 to 1997, comprise 235 exam candidates from Truman, 30.63 percent of whom passed the exam. The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy reports the scores of first-time candidates sitting for the CPA exam who have bachelor's degrees. The data is then compiled into five-year brackets, comparing Truman to other public and private schools in Missouri.