

Truman today

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TRUMAN RANKED IN WASHINGTON MONTHLY

The Washington Monthly has ranked Truman among the top institutions in the nation in its 2011 College Rankings included in the September/October issue of the magazine.

Truman is ranked the No. 3 school overall in the Master's Universities category and is the only Missouri university listed in the top 50 of the category. Truman topped the list of the 14 public universities recognized by the magazine.

Washington Monthly calculated its ranking based on three equally-rated factors of service, research and social mobility, which considers graduation rates and percentage of students receiving Pell Grants. Truman was ranked No. 19 for the number of alumni who go on to serve in the Peace Corps. Additionally, the University scored a top 10 ranking, coming in at No. 4 in the number of bachelor's recipients who go on to receive a Ph.D. Both numbers were relative to school size. Truman compiled an overall score of 95 out of a possible 100.

For more information, go online to www.WashingtonMonthly.com/college_guide/.

Truman Grandson to Discuss Book

The Truman State University Press is presenting guest speaker Clifton Truman Daniel at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium.

Daniel is the oldest grandson of former U.S. President Harry S. Truman. He will speak about his famous, but very ordinary, grandparents. His new book, "Dear Harry, Love Bess," published by Truman State University Press, will be available to purchase and for Daniel to sign.

Currently, Daniel serves as the director of public relations for Harry S. Truman College, located in Chicago, Ill. Prior to that, he worked as a feature writer and editor for the Morning Star



Clifton Truman Daniel

and Sunday-Star news in Wilmington, N.C.

Daniel is the honorary chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute in Independence, Mo. In addition to his current book, he also wrote "Growing Up With My Grandfather: Memories of Harry S. Truman."

Truman presented Daniel as commencement speaker during the May 2008 graduation ceremony.

This free event is sponsored by the Truman State University Press in celebration of 25 years of publishing and by the School of Arts and Letters. Contact the Public Relations Office at 785.4016 for more information.

Air Festival Set for Sept. 10-11

The fourth annual Kirksville Regional Air Festival will take place Sept. 10-11 at the Kirksville Regional Airport, located a few miles south of Kirksville on Highway 63. The title sponsor this year is Cape Air.

The Air Show takes place at 2 p.m. Sept. 11. Air Show performances include an A-10 Thunderbolt West Demonstration Team and a North American P-51D Mustang, among others.

Gates open at 9 a.m. Sept. 10 and 8 a.m. Sept. 11. Admission is \$10/person or \$30/carload. Children 5 and under are admitted free. Each person will receive a wristband at the time of admission, which grants access to both days of the festival.

Throughout the weekend there will be airplane,

helicopter and glider rides, as well as tandem skydiving. Both airplane and helicopter rides will cost \$35 and tandem skydiving \$225. A Kids Zone will be provided for children including free all-day play on inflatables. Food vendors will also be available at the festival.

Truman faculty member Randy Smith serves as the Air Festival director and spends much of his summer organizing the event and working with sponsors.

The Kirksville Regional Air Festival is not-for-profit and donates proceeds each year to a local organization.

Tickets are available at Kirksville Chamber of Commerce and at the gate. For more information, visit www.kvairfest.com.

New Student Welcome

5-7 p.m. Sept. 8
Downtown Kirksville

Show a Truman ID for free food

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Merchants Committee and Kirksville businesses are inviting all Truman, A.T. Still University and Moberly Area Community College students downtown for a Kirksville welcome. Businesses, churches and organizations will have tables set up on the courthouse lawn offering coupons, product samples and more. There will be live entertainment and free food. Contact the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce at 660.665.3766 for more information.

NEW STUDENT REC POLICY INCLUDES FAMILY TIME

The Student Recreation Center has created a new access protocol for the children of students, faculty and staff.

Guests age 13 or younger will be allowed free access while those 14 and above will pay \$3 to the Student Recreation Center during "family times." All guests must be accompanied by the Truman student, faculty or staff member.

The family times for all guests under the age of 18 are Fridays after 5 p.m., and any open hours on Saturdays, Sundays, University observed holidays, semester interims and summer semesters.

Questions may be directed to the Campus Recreation Office in the Student Recreation Center at 785.7739.

Provost Search

Keep up with the Provost Search Committee by viewing the website provostsearch.truman.edu. Feedback forms for comments from faculty, staff and students regarding the search can be found at the website.

High Street Dancers Tryouts

Clinics

8-10 p.m. Sept. 7
Pershing Building 225

Reviews

8 p.m. Sept. 9
Pershing Building 130

Tryouts

9 a.m. Sept. 10
Pershing Building 225

Contact Melody Jennings at jennings@truman.edu for more information.

Johnson Receives William Jefferson Clinton Scholarship to Study Abroad in Dubai

Senior political science major Jenny Johnson will spend the fall semester studying at the American University in Dubai after being selected as one of 10 recipients of the William Jefferson Clinton Scholarship.

The scholarship is an initiative of the William J. Clinton Foundation, established by the former president. Its goal is to provide American students the opportunity to learn about Middle Eastern culture, politics, economics and language while living in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. The Clinton Foundation covers the cost of tuition and housing for 10 selected students each semester.

Johnson, who plans to obtain an advanced degree in Arabic/Middle Eastern studies after she graduates from Truman in December, came across the scholarship opportunity while

researching academic programs in the Middle East. Eventually, Johnson would like to pursue a career that involves women's empowerment and economic development in the Middle East/North Africa and possibly work on U.S. and Middle East relations.

The William Jefferson Clinton Scholarship at the American University is open to all U.S. citizens enrolled as full-time undergraduates. While an interest in Middle Eastern and Islamic cultural studies is important for the application process, the scholarship favors students who have not previously traveled to or studied in the area. A majority of the classes at the American University are taught in English. For more information on the scholarship, visit www.aud.edu/ExternalRelations/ClintonScholarship.asp.

Massey Named Public Relations Intern

The Truman Public Relations Office has named Lauren Massey, a senior communication major, as intern for the Fall 2011 semester.

Massey is from St. Louis, Mo., and a 2008 graduate from Parkway South High School. She is the daughter of Colleen and Stuart Massey and the oldest of three children.

As intern for the Public Relations Office, Massey will help write, produce and distribute the University newsletter, Truman Today on campus and online.

She will also help with 2011 Family Day, write press releases and fulfill various office tasks.

Massey currently serves as assistant panhellenic delegate for Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority and is vice president of external communication of Order of Omega, the National Greek Honors Society. She is also a member of Lambda Pi Eta

National Communication Honors Society.

Massey hopes to pursue a career in public relations and is looking forward to the hands-on experience she will gain this coming semester.



Lauren Massey

University Choirs Prepare For Upcoming Year

This January, Truman's Cantoria will sing an invited performance at the 74th Missouri Music Educators Association Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort.

"It is a great honor to be chosen to perform. I am thankful for the dedication and talents of our students and faculty members, who helped make this possible," said Mark Jennings, associate professor of music and director of the choir.

The group, which was chosen for the conference through a blind application process, is an auditioned choir of 60 singers that meets Monday through Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Truman's Chamber Choir, led by incoming

graduate students Christopher Thomas and Mark Woodcock, will prepare and present the seventh annual Madrigal Dinner Dec. 2-3. The Chamber Choir is an auditioned ensemble of about 26 singers.

The University Chorus, Truman's large, non-auditioned ensemble, will perform Vivaldi's "Gloria," Eric Whitacre's "Five Hebrew Love Songs" and works by Menachem Wiesenberg and André Thomas. In the spring, the choir will present a concert with the University Orchestra.

Students interested in participating in any of the choirs can contact Jennings at mdj@truman.edu or 785.4443.

Trumpet Professor Works Abroad



Gregory Jones, Truman's trumpet teacher and conductor of the brass choir, spent July visiting Albania, Italy and Montenegro where he performed, conducted and taught a variety of master classes. In Saranda, Albania, Jones served as chief of the faculty jury and also conducted the faculty brass ensemble (pictured left) and the faculty wind ensemble. His interviews appeared on three television channels and in two newspaper articles as he discussed implementing new ideas for music student education and training into local curricula. His visit to the region continues ongoing work with professors and students throughout the Balkans, especially with Albanian trumpet professor Sokol Saraci who spent six months at Truman recently as a visiting Fulbright Scholar.

NOTABLES

Jeffrey Gall, professor of history and social science education, was inducted into the inaugural class of the Van Horn High School Hall of Honor Aug. 26. The nine inductees were selected by the Van Horn High School Alumni Association.

Michael Goggin, professor of physics, and collaborators at the University of Queensland had their paper, "Two-photon quantum walks in an elliptical direct-write waveguide array," published in the July 2011 issue of the *New Journal of Physics* (iopscience.iop.org/1367-2630/13/7/075003/). The paper is a result of work done on a research trip to the University of Queensland during the summer of 2010. The trip was funded by the Australian Research Council and the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity of the U.S. Army. Goggin also had a letter to the editor published in the July 29 issue of the *Journal Science*.

Angelica McCreary, a justice systems student, has recently had her review of "Extreme Killing: Understanding Serial and Mass Murder" published by the *Internet Journal of Criminology* (an international publication based in the United Kingdom). This book provides an analysis of the sociological and psychological factors associated with serial, mass and spree killings and is published by Sage, Inc., 2012.

McCreary's article can be found at www.internetjournalofcriminology.com.

Jason Miller, professor of mathematics, received a grant with Richard Porter of Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., to organize and run the annual meeting of principle investigators for NSF PRISM programs. The meeting took place Aug. 12-13 in Washington, D.C., at the Carriage House of the Mathematical Association of America. **Barbara Kramer, associate professor of chemistry**, attended to represent Truman's PRISM program.

Kyung-Chun (Andrew) Mun, professor of finance, recently had his solely-authored paper, "The Joint Response of Stock and Foreign Exchange Markets to Macroeconomic Surprises: Using U.S. and Japanese Data," accepted for publication in the *Journal of Banking and Finance*. The publication is a prestigious academic journal in the area of finance with 2010 ISI impact factor of 2.731. In addition, Kyung-Chun Mun and **Sandra K. Fleak, professor of accounting**, had their co-authored paper, "Stock Market Adjustment to Earnings Announcement in the Presence of Accounting Irregularity Allegations," accepted for publication in the *Quarterly Journal of Finance and Accounting*, the journal published by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

COMMUNICATION LAB NOW OPEN

The Department of Communication has opened the Communication Lab for the Fall 2011 semester. The lab, located in Barnett Hall 1215, is run by Jay Self and staffed by several student workers with experience in debate and public speaking. Students needing assistance with any type of oral presentation are encouraged to come to the lab for help. Students may get help with any presentation, not just COMM 170 speeches. Lab assistants are trained to aid students at any part of the speechwriting process; from narrowing a topic to practicing the speech. The lab is open this semester Monday through Thursday from 1:30-7 p.m. Students are welcome to walk in during these hours or email comm1lab@truman.edu to set up an appointment. For more information, contact Self at 785.6044 or selfjw@truman.edu.



Accounting Interviews

Companies will be interviewing accounting students for full-time and internship positions. Apply on truman.experience.com.

Fall Global Issues Colloquium Events

Stephanie A. Malin
"Uranium Communities and Nuclear Renaissance: Energy and Environmental Justice on the Colorado Plateau"
7 p.m. Oct. 20
Magruder 2001

Marc Rice
"The Revolution will be YouTube"
7 p.m. Nov. 27
Magruder 2001

Visit globalissues.truman.edu for more information.

CHILD CARE SURVEY

The Center for Applied Statistics and Evaluation (CASE) is seeking feedback for a childcare survey to gather data on the state of childcare in the Adair County area.

Take the online survey at case.truman.edu/childcare.asp.

Truman Microsoft Home Use Program

Truman faculty and staff members are eligible to participate in the Microsoft Home Use Program. This program enables employees to purchase a copy of most Microsoft Office applications to install and use on their home computer at a significant discount. Employees may use this software as long as they are actively employed at Truman.

Visit its.truman.edu/policies/mshup/MSHUPass for more information.

Staff Members Teach Mental Health First Aid

Twenty-nine Truman academic advisors, Residence Life and Student Affairs staff members completed a 12-hour Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) course Aug. 2-5.

The course was taught by certified MHFA instructors: Lou Ann Gilchrist, dean of students; Brenda Higgins, director of student health



Completing the course from New Student Programs and Student Affairs pictured top to bottom: Andrea Maag, Marcy Graham, Wynona Murphy, Mark Weidner, Jack Holdcomb, Sue Limestall, Jennifer Marcus, Rachelle Williams, Brenna (Cook) Poe, Erin Shaw, Bertha Thomas, Marianna Giovannin and Beth Kral.

and university counseling; and Joe Hamilton, assistant director of University Counseling Services.

The MHFA course trains individuals how to assist someone who may be in a mental health crisis or in the early stages of developing a mental health problem.



Completing the course from Residence Life pictured top to bottom: Heather Slawson, Drew Donahoo, Talar Lutz, William Nelsen, Emily Gentemann, Lorin Bartony, Madeline Nash, Catie Duckett, Zac Burden, Lucas Dille, Tyler George, Allie Esperanza, John Gardner, Dylan Neel, Ryan Brinkman and Nicol Corcoran.

NOTES

TruMarketing, Truman's chapter of the American Marketing Association will begin their 2011 recruitment with information nights at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 and Sept. 8 in Violette Hall 1408. Students will have chance to meet the chapter at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 and Sept. 13 in Violette Hall 1408. Contact Jen Cleary at jnc8152@truman.edu for more information.

McNair Research Presentations will take place Sept. 7 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. For a complete presentation schedule, go to trumanoday.truman.edu/pdf/McNairResearch2011.pdf.

Anthony Blades, blindness skills specialist, will present "The Role of the Paraprofessional in a Program for Students with Visual Impairments" workshop from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 8 in Violette Hall 1312. Workshop is free of cost. Visit truman.edu to register. For more information, contact Blades at ablades@truman.edu.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet at 5 p.m. Sept. 8 at the University Club House, located at 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

Dr. Michael Houts, nuclear research manager for NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., will present "Evolution is

Religion, Not Science" at 7 p.m. Sept. 12 in Student Union Building Georgian Room C. Houts has a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from the Massachusetts Institution of Technology.

A Mathematics/Mathbio Colloquium will feature guest speaker Jianguo Sun, professor of biostatistics from the University of Missouri, at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in Violette Hall 1236.

Johnnie LeMaster, former shortstop for the San Francisco Giants, will be speaking at 5 p.m. Sept. 18 on the mall.

An international graduate school consortium is coming to campus at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A. The session will feature several universities and provide information to students about their graduate degrees and careers in international affairs.

The third Annual Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Symposium will take place at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Connell Information Technologies Center at A.T. Still University. The event is focused on faculty-mentored student research in biomedical science. Students are encouraged to register and submit an abstract. Visit www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CV64NP3DT/ for registration and submissions. The deadline for registration is Sept. 30 and for submission, Oct. 7.

FAMILY DAY EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17
Women's Tennis Hosts Truman Invitational
9 a.m.

Truman Tennis Courts

Truman Baseball Scrimmage
10 a.m.

Truman Baseball Field

Library Tours
10 a.m.-Noon

Pickler Memorial Library

Women's Volleyball vs. Emporia State University
1 p.m.

Pershing Arena

Annual Festival Centennial
1-4 p.m.

Centennial Hall Courtyard

SAB Presents: Jeff Civillico Juggler and Comedian*
4 p.m.

Baldwin Auditorium

Barbecue*
5-6:30 p.m.
Student Union Mall
(Rain site: Student Union Building)

Bulldog Football vs. Pittsburg State*
7 p.m.
Stokes Stadium

EXTRAS

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9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Downtown

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18
Truman Softball Scrimmage
1 p.m.

Truman Softball Field

*For ticket information, go to truman.edu/familyday.asp.