Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence Recipients Announced

President Barbara Dixon, Vice President for Academic Affairs Garry Gordon and Vice President for University Advancement Mark Gambiana presented three faculty members with the $10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship March 19 and 20.

Diane Janick-Buckner, professor of biology; Teresa Heckert, associate professor of psychology; and Jason Miller, associate professor of mathematics; each received a 2007 Fellowship.

The Fellowships were presented in front of each faculty member’s class, surprising the faculty member and their students.

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Truman Students Clinch International Mathematical Award by Beating 943 Teams

Two teams of Truman students recently received honors in the Mathematical Contest in Modeling, an international problem-solving competition held by the Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications.

The team of Bach Ha, a senior computer science and mathematics double major from Hanoi, Vietnam; Dan Matheny, a senior mathematics major from Columbia, Mo.; and Spencer Tipping, a sophomore computer science major from New Boston, Mo.; won the contest.

They were designated “Outstanding Winners,” beating 943 teams, tying with five others, including teams from Harvard and MIT, and losing to no one. Their solution was also selected as the Mathematical Association of America Prize winner, meaning it will be published in an upcoming issue of the journal, *Undergraduate Mathematics and its Applications*.

The second team included Adam Gouge, a senior mathematics and physics double major from Seneca, Mo.; Kristofer (Kip) Raske, a junior mathematics major from St. Louis; and Matt Sealy, a senior mathematics and physics double major from Joliet, Ill. They captured an “Honorable Mention,” beating 558 teams and placing in the top 27 percent.

Both teams have been asked to present their results at the Fourth Midwest Undergraduate Mathematics Symposium March 30-31 at Simpson College in Iowa.

The teams were advised by Steven Smith, professor of mathematics.

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City Council Candidates Forum
People will be able to learn about Kirksville’s proposed smoking ordinance and hear opinions from candidates in the upcoming elections.

6-8 p.m. • March 27
Violette Hall 1000
Contact Lisa Khan at ljk402@truman.edu or at 314.603.5505 for more information.

20th Annual Student Research Conference
A day of Universitywide celebration of undergraduate and graduate research, scholarship and creative achievement.

April 3
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Daytime classes are canceled.
For a complete schedule of presentations and discussions, see http://src.truman.edu.

Plenary Address
The Numbers Behind NUMB3RS: The real mathematical story that inspired the hit television series
11 a.m. • April 3 • VH 1000
Keith Devlin, executive director and senior researcher at the Center for the Study of Language and Information, and will deliver the address. He is also “the Math Guy” on National Public Radio.

Folkslore Colloquium
Passover Folklore Around the World
Learn about passover traditions from around the world.

6-7:45 p.m. • March 28
McClain Hall 306
Student Publications Win National Honors

Both Detours and the Index and won the Best in Show Apple Award in their respective categories at the College Media Adviser’s National College Media Convention held March 15-17 in New York City. This is the second consecutive year that Detours, Truman’s regional travel magazine, has won the Apple Award in the general interest category. The competition pitted the publication against more than 30 student publications from across the United States, including colleges of every size.

The publication entered its latest issue, Winter 2007, in the competition. Copies of this issue can be picked up outside the Center for Student Involvement.

Detours is published twice a year, once in the summer and once in the winter. Erin Clark, a senior communication and English double major from Lincoln, Ill., is the editor in chief and Evangeline McMullen, a senior English major has received this honor, beating out newspapers from across the country. Judges looked at various criteria when determining the winner including news judgment, journalistic quality, quality of writing, variety and diversity of news, photography and layout and design.

Sara DeGonia, a senior communication and English double major from Liberty, Mo., is the editor in chief of the Index and Whitney McFerron, a senior communication and English double major from Advance, Mo., is the managing editor. Steve Stepanek, assistant professor of communication, is the newspaper’s adviser.

Nonprofit Directors to Visit Campus

The Career Center is hosting “Lending a Hand for a Living” March 28.

Directors from nonprofit organizations including the YMCA, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army, Preferred Family, Chamber of Commerce, Arts Association and the United Way will be sitting on a panel from 5-6 p.m. in the Student Union Building Conference Room.

Discussion topics will include experiences as employees in the nonprofit sector and suggestions and answers for students who are interested in similar career paths.

The Career Center has created informational posters and handouts on other nonprofits. The posters will be on display following the panel from 6-9 p.m. in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

Stop by this informal expo to enjoy some refreshments and learn more about nonprofit organizations.

Now Accepting Applications for the 2007 Scholarship of Assessment Grants

Truman is now accepting applications for the 2007 Scholarship of Assessment Grants. These grants are directed toward two basic goals: 1) to improve the quality of student learning and development at Truman, and 2) to enhance the culture of assessment through faculty and staff participation in assessment research and scholarship. All competitive grant proposals will focus on the use of assessment data to answer questions of importance to the University community.

Priority will be given to those grant proposals that make connections between assessment of student learning outcomes at the classroom, program, and University levels, including the selection or development of appropriate discipline-level senior tests.

Please see http://assessment.truman.edu/grants/index.htm for complete information, the Grant guidelines, and application form. The application deadline is April 10.
Scott Ellis, dean of science and professor of biology, will be inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa Dr. Jack Magruder Faculty Hall of Fame at the Leadership Recognition Program 7 p.m. April 11 in the Student Union Building Lounge.

Warren Gooch, professor of music, will serve as Composer-in-Residence with the Hastings Symphony Orchestra April 19-22. Gooch will participate in orchestra rehearsals and will speak through it efforts of strengthening a multicultural understanding of the Americas. The organization provides volunteer opportunities for young people and supports hundreds of communities in the Americas.

Sponsoring organizations include Hablantes Unidos, Residence Life, Spanish Club, Spanish faculty and Casa Hispánica.

Contact Amy Bockelman, Centennial Hall student adviser, at aeb973@truman.edu for more information.

The Journalism Foundation of Metropolitan St. Louis will be awarding journalism scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year. Students of journalism or related fields who are residents of the St. Louis metropolitan area are eligible to receive the awards. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of aptitude and interest in pursuing a career in journalism or communication. Academic achievement and financial need will also be taken into account. Applications are available in the Truman State University Financial Aid office and are due to the Journalism Foundation by April 2.

Alpha Delta Kappa, the Sigma chapter of Burlington, Iowa, is offering one $750 scholarship to a Des Moines county undergraduate who is majoring in education. Applicants must have graduated from a Des Moines county, Iowa high school, show qualities of leadership, demonstrate success in academics and be involved in extracurricular and/or community activities. Financial need will be considered but is not a primary qualification. Visit the Financial Aid office for an application. They are due April 10.

The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis is a nonprofit organization that provides access to higher education to St. Louis area students through interest free loans. The program assists students with financial need. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0, demonstrate good character and must be a permanent resident of St. Louis City, St. Louis county, the Missouri counties of Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles or Warren or the Illinois counties of Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe or St. Clair for at least two years prior to application. Applications for interest free loans are due April 15. Call 314.725.7990 or e-mail info@sfstl.org for more information. Application packets are available in the Financial Aid office.

The Voluntary Service Organization at Columbia Regional Hospital awards scholarships to several students each year. To qualify, applicants must have been accepted into an accredited clinical or professional health care program leading to a state licensed examination. Applicants are not required to be currently employed by the Columbia Regional Hospital. Stop by the Financial Aid office in McClain Hall 103 for further information about this scholarship. Applications are due at noon April 16.
The 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available online at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov. Apply soon to be considered for all available federal and state funds. Visit the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103 or call 785.4130 for more information. The SERVE Center is hiring for scholarship and work study positions for fall 2007. Applications are available in the Center for Student Involvement office. Completed applications are due to the CSI by 5 p.m. March 28.

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