Allen Fellowship Nominations Now Under Way For Eligible Faculty Members

The Office of the Provost is now accepting nominations for the Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence. The Allens established the Fellowship in 2000 with a $250,000 contribution, one of the largest gifts ever made to the Truman State University Foundation.

The $10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowships recognize outstanding faculty members who have made exemplary contributions to the success of the University and its students. Up to three faculty members are selected each year. The Fellowships are open to all tenured or tenure-track faculty who have completed at least four years of full-time service at Truman. Eligible faculty may be nominated for the Fellowship by Truman faculty colleagues or academic departments. Previous recipients are not eligible.

To date, the program has completed seven years of a scheduled eight-year program, with 21 faculty members being recognized with awards. Due to favorable investment returns, the fellowships are expected to continue until at least 2011.

To nominate an eligible faculty member, send a letter of nomination to the Office of the Provost addressed to the Allen Fellowship Selection Committee. The letter of nomination should be no longer than one page and should address how you believe the faculty member fulfills the selection criteria.

Please deliver a signed hardcopy of the letter to McClain Hall 203, send it through campus mail, or by fax to 785.7460. Visit http://www.truman.edu/pages/131.asp for details. Nominations are due by Oct. 1.

Voter Registration Available At Activities Fair

Staff members from the Adair County Clerk’s Office will be at the Student Activities Fair from 12-4 p.m. Sept. 4. Truman students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to register to vote in Adair County or give a change of address if needed. Those wanting to register to vote in Adair County will need to bring some form of ID. It takes about two minutes to get registered. For those who are registering for the first time, you will receive a card from the clerk’s office with your voting location a few weeks after registering.

If you are registered to vote in your hometown and would like to vote in your home district, you must request an absentee ballot from your hometown clerk. They will send you a ballot and then you must send a notarized ballot back to your home clerk.

The business office in McClain Hall can notarize ballots for students. If you are not sure where you are registered to vote, you can call the Adair County Clerk’s Office as they have the ability to look up all Missouri voters through a statewide registry. If you have moved since you last voted in Adair County you need to update your address so they can let you know your new polling location. The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 4 election is Oct. 8. The clerk’s office is located downtown on the second floor of the courthouse. Their hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and they are closed for lunch from 12 - 1 p.m.

Anyone with questions about voter registration or where they are to vote can call 665.3350.
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Please feel free to contact Brad Chambers in Advancement at 785.4124, Debra Kerby, professor of accounting, at 785.4363, or Nancy Pennington at the United Way of Adair County office at 665.1924 with any questions or to request a pledge form.

Truman's goal for this year's fund drive is $56,000.
NOTABLES

Communication faculty members produced a customized COMM 170 public speaking text for this academic year. Barry Poyner, professor of communication, served as editor/compiler, and was assisted by students Nathan Vickers, a communication major from El Dorado Springs, Mo., and Jackie Ross a nursing major from Gladstone, Mo., as well as Kevin Minch, associate professor of communications, and James Cianciola, assistant professor of communication.

Megan Dowdy, a junior visual communications major from Wildwood, Mo., is being honored by the national publication “Creative Quarterly” for her work in graphic design. Dowdy was named a bronze winner for work created during her sophomore year at Truman. Assistant professor of art Matthew Derezenski submitted Dowdy’s work earlier this year, and winners were listed in the July issue of the publication. Her work will be included in the next issue of “Creative Quarterly” scheduled for release in September.

Warren Gooch, professor of music, has two original musical compositions that have been selected for performance in the 2008 Christian Fellowship of Art Music Composers National Conference Oct. 9-10 at Indiana Wesleyan University. “Fanfare and Alleluia” for antiphonal brass choir and “Let the Nations Tremble” for SATB choir and piano, will be performed at the festival by students of the host university and surrounding colleges.

Andrew Green, a senior agricultural science major from Kansas City, Mo., spent the summer at Montana State University working with Dr. Luther Talbert, the spring wheat breeder for the state of Montana. Talbert develops new varieties of spring wheat by using molecular genetics and traditional breeding to solve problems such as disease and insects. Green worked in the field and in the laboratory.

Julie Lochbaum, director of faculty development and the Center for Teaching and Learning, and Diane Richmond, instructional designer for the Center for Teaching and Learning, co-presented “Podcasting: Why and How to Get Faculty to Use This Pedagogical Tool,” at the fifth annual EduComm conference in June in Las Vegas. The conference was sponsored by the magazine “University Business,” which also mentioned the presentation in its August publication.

Barry Poyner, professor of communication, edited the book, “This Is My Story: Sharing the Gospel,” this summer. He also wrote two devotional articles for the quarterly magazine Power for Today. His review, “Precious Memories: The Rhetoric of Southern Gospel Music,” appeared in the “Journal of Communication and Religion.” Poyner also provides voiceovers, commercials and segments for the television show “One Another Christianity,” which appears at 8 a.m., Sundays, on KYOU.

Antonio Scuderi, associate professor of Italian, will have two more of his essays included in “Contemporary Literary Criticism.” “Unmasking the Holy Jester Dario Fo,” originally published in “Theatre Journal,” and “Updating Antiquity” from the book “Dario Fo: Stage, Text and Tradition.”

Thomas Trimborn, professor of music, will have images from his book “Encounters With Lincoln” featured in a video to be shown in the new Center for Education and Leadership in Washington, D.C., which focuses on the life and legacy of President Lincoln. The Center will be part of the newly renovated Ford’s Theatre, scheduled for completion by February 2009.

Taylor Named New Public Relations Intern

The Public Relations Office has announced Kanna Taylor, a senior public communication major, as its intern for the fall semester.

Taylor is from St. Peters, Mo., and is a 2005 graduate of Fort Zumwalt South High School. She is the daughter of Bob Taylor and Naomi Yoon and has a younger sibling, Kayla, who is a high school senior.

As the intern, she will assist in the writing, producing and distributing of the University newsletter, Truman Today, as well as posting it online. She will also be responsible for writing press releases and performing various office duties.

Taylor currently serves as the Vice President of co-ed honor fraternity Phi Sigma Pi and is a member of communication honor society Lambda Pi Eta, Student Ambassadors and the Advertising and Public Relations Organization.

Taylor’s interest in obtaining experience and skills in various communication outlets has led her to this position.

Wellness Program Targets Truman Faculty and Staff

Truman faculty and staff members can use the new school year as an opportunity to change their health and activity habits by signing up for the Fall 2008 TruFit MOVE IT, LOSE IT Wellness program.

TruFit MOVE IT, LOSE IT is a 12-week education and physical activity program focused on teaching group members the skills needed to empower lifetime health behavior changes.

There will be an informational meeting Sept. 8 at 5:15 p.m. in Pershing (room to be determined). Regular meetings will begin Sept. 15 and continue through Dec. 1.

For more information or to sign up, contact Jennifer Hurst at 665.4464 or jhurst@truman.edu.
The Tel Alumni campaign is now hiring students to work during the fall semester. Students need to have an outgoing personality with good communication skills on and off the phone. A reliable and dependable work ethic and a willingness to ask parents and alumni for financial support are also needed. No experience is necessary, and Tel Alumni offers paid training. In addition to institutional wages, Tel Alumni has nightly incentives, including prizes and food. Tel Alumni also allows students to choose the nights they want to work. Students can select a minimum of two of the following shifts: Sunday from 3-7 p.m.; Monday 6-9 p.m.; Tuesday 6-9 p.m.; Wednesday 6-9 p.m.; or Thursday 6-9 p.m. For more information contact Robyn Kollar at 785.4133 or rkollar@truman.edu, or stop by the Office of Advancement located at 100 McClain Hall. The application deadline is Sept. 8.

The Next STEP office is looking for highly-motivated science, mathematics and computer science students to work as paid tutors. Tutors will receive formal training that will lead to national certification. For more information go to http://step.truman.edu/tutortraining.

P.A.T.C.H. will host its first informational meeting at 8 p.m. Sept. 3 in Pershing Building 234. P.A.T.C.H. acts as a support group/network for all persons with incurable illness. For more information e-mail patchtsu@gmail.com.

The Center for Teaching and Learning is sponsoring the Faculty Weekly Lunch Series beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 3 in the Student Union Spanish Room. For more information contact Linda Davenport at 785.4301 or lindadav@truman.edu.

Ceilidh Club is sponsoring an Irish Dance at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 3 in Baldwin Hall 303.

Students are invited to attend the Activities Fair from noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 4 on the Quad. Approximately 150 chartered student organizations, along with various departments and outside vendors, will display the services they have to offer to students. In addition to entertainment, lots of free items will be given away to students. Contact the Center for Student Involvement at 785.4222 for more information.

Alpha Chi Sigma will host a public tie-dye at 6 p.m. Sept. 4 in Magruder Hall 1025. Cost is $5 to dye a shirt and $10 to buy and dye a shirt. Other 100% cotton items can be dyed with prices depending on size of the item.

Bullets Rugby will have an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 4 in Baldwin Hall 314.

Illusion Danz Team will host a clinic at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 5 in the Student Recreation Center Dance Studio. The clinic is required for those men and women considering trying out for Illusion Danz Team in order to learn a routine. Tryouts will take place at 11 a.m. Sept. 6 in the Student Recreation Center Aerobic Room. No previous dance experience is required, and all are welcome.

The Equestrian Team will host an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 8 in Magruder Hall 1000.

The Delta Sigma Pi Cocktail Party will take place at 6 p.m. Sept. 8 in Georgian Room A in the Student Union Building.

High Street Dancers will host tryout clinics starting Sept. 8 in the small gym, located at Pershing Building 150. Students who enjoy jazz, hip-hop and lyrical dancing can come to the clinics Sept. 8 and 11, to learn the combinations for the 2008-2009 tryouts. A review will take place Sept. 12 from 7:30-9 p.m., and tryouts will take place Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. There is a $3 tryout fee. High Street Dancers perform at many campus and local events. For more information contact Melody Jennings at 785.7259 or jennings@truman.edu.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is sponsoring Truman Survival at 5 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Down Under of the Student Union Building to help students navigate the ups and downs of college life. For more information e-mail Danielle Tolson at dstzetazeta@truman.edu.

Women’s a cappella group Minor Detail will conduct auditions at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 in Ophelia Parish 2117. Those auditioning should prepare a one-minute song, or portion of a song, that shows off their voice. Vocal percussion interest is welcome. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the door of Centennial Hall 212. For more information go to http://minordetail.truman.edu, or e-mail joworcester@gmail.com.