

# Truman *today*

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## PHI MU ALPHA JAZZ FESTIVAL SET FOR FEB. 27

Award-winning music will fill Baldwin Auditorium during Phi Mu Alpha's 42nd Annual Jazz Festival.

Jazz tenor saxophonist Donny McCaslin will perform with the Truman Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. Feb. 27 in Baldwin Auditorium.

McCaslin is one of New York's most in-demand tenor saxophonists. On his latest Arabesque release, "The Way Through," the Brooklyn-based artist continues to defy labels, proving he can unearth musical truth in any medium.

The recording earned critical praise in JAZZTIMES, which called it McCaslin's "most fully realized project to date... McCaslin blends his inside and outside sensibilities into one sumptuous and satisfying package.

"McCaslin stands poised to be one of the flame bearers of jazz in the twenty-first century. A well-equipped, immensely talented musician with seemingly limitless technical expertise, he consistently proves himself to be much more than merely a gifted technician."

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting Michael at 630.303.3537 or mak6447@truman.edu.

## Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence Recipients Announced

Three Truman faculty members, Maria Nagan, John Quinn and Jeffrey Vittengl, have been honored with the Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship. President Darrell W. Krueger, along with Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Troy Paino, surprised the faculty members Feb. 16.

The \$10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship recognizes outstanding faculty members who have greatly contributed to the success of the University and its students.

Maria Nagan began teaching at Truman in the fall of 2000 as a lecturer. The following year she was promoted to assistant professor of chemistry and then associate professor of chemistry in 2006.

She has a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, with specialty areas of biology and physical chemistry. She earned her bachelor's degree from Grinnell College in Iowa. Her research interests include molecular dynamics simulations of RNA and protein-RNA complexes, particularly those containing modified nucleic acid bases.

John Quinn has been at Truman since the fall of 1996. He majored in history and English at St. Vincent College (Latrobe, Pa.) and obtained his master's and Ph.D. in political science from UCLA.

In addition to his time at Truman, Quinn also taught at the University of Ghana-Legion for a semester and spent three years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of Congo. His primary research agenda centers on

the political and economic effects of majority state ownership of industry, mining or oil in Africa.

Quinn is the author of "The Road Oft Traveled: Development Politics and Majority State Ownership of Industry in Africa." He also has published articles in such journals as *International Interactions*, *Party Politics* and *International Politics*.

Jeffrey Vittengl, associate professor of psychology, has been at Truman since 2001. In addition to a bachelor's and master's in psychology, he earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Iowa. His research interests include assessment and psychometrics, social-interpersonal functioning in anxiety and depression and treatment of depression.

Besides teaching courses in abnormal psychology, behavior modification, elementary psychology, experimental psychology, introduction to clinical psychology and personality psychology, Vittengl served as the director of the Student Interview Project from 2004-2009.

He is a member of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Midwestern Psychological Association and Sigma Xi.

Alumni Walker and Doris Allen established the Fellowship nine years ago with one of the largest outright gifts ever made to the Truman State University Foundation.

Walker W. Allen graduated from Truman (then Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College) in 1939 with a bachelor's degree in business education.



Truman President Darrell W. Krueger and Provost Troy Paino present the 2010 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship Awards to Maria Nagan (top), John Quinn (middle) and Jeffrey Vittengl (bottom).

## NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS NOW OFFERS GRANTS

Students can now apply for new grants to help sponsor events on campus. New Student Programs, through these grants, is looking to bolster three specific types of campus programming.

The overall goal of the grants is to increase the quality and quantity of the events in each of the three areas.

One fund will support events that bring together faculty and students.

A second fund will work with programs that celebrate diversity on campus.

The third fund is dedicated to supporting student initiated events that are not being sponsored by a student organization or University office.

These three areas cover a wide range of possible events and activities.

To apply for funding, students need to submit a grant application, which can be found at the New Student Programs website, <http://newstudents.truman.edu>.

The three funds are being administered by teams of New Student Programs academic advisers and Residence Life hall directors. These teams will review the forms on a rolling deadline and get back to students regarding the status of their applications.

New Student Programs serves the academic needs of first-year and transfer students as well as on-campus residents engaged in cocurricular learning. Their services include academic advising, tutoring, study skills development and specialized courses.

New Student Programs is funded through academic tuition and an annual allocation from Residence Life.

## Sigma Delta Pi Receives National Recognition

On Feb. 1, 2010, Truman's Rho Rho Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, was named co-recipient of this year's Frida Kahlo Award by the Society's Executive Council.

Founded in 2006 and named after a renowned 20th Century Mexican artist, the Frida Kahlo Award is presented annually to a chapter for its outstanding website. Selection is based upon the website's content, navigability, appearance, innovation and current maintenance. There are currently 567 chapters of Sigma Delta Pi.

Truman's achievement comes under the direction of its Sigma Delta Pi chapter adviser, Lucy Lee, professor of Spanish, along with the web design expertise of Becky Jackson.

Established in 1919 at the University of California, Berkeley, Sigma Delta Pi honors those who have completed three years of study

of college-level Spanish, including at least three semester hours of a course in Hispanic literature or Hispanic culture and civilization with a minimal grade point average of 3.0 in all Spanish courses taken.

Candidates must also rank in the upper 35 percent of their class - sophomore, junior, or senior - and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college work. Graduate students can also be elected to membership upon completion of two graduate courses in Spanish with an average which, if continued, will make them eligible for a graduate degree.

With its national office at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., Sigma Delta Pi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies, the nation's only certifying agency for college and university honor societies.

## Motter Scholarship Honors Longtime Teacher

A \$2,500 scholarship commemorating the life of Anna Catherine Brown Motter has been awarded at Truman.

A longtime area schoolteacher and mother of four, Catherine Motter passed away March 19, 2009 at the age of 99. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1934 from the University, then known as Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, at a time when women obtained only about five percent of college degrees awarded.

Motter paid for her own education by working her way through college by teaching in Audrain County Missouri rural schools at a time when a teaching degree was not required.

Many of her years of post degree teaching were in the rural schools of Adair County as well as three years in the Novinger, Mo., elementary school.

Throughout her life, Motter's interests were her family, music, traveling, church, reading and the beauty of nature. Those who knew her remember

her as a positive person who looked for and found the best in people. Motter and her husband, Marion Motter, made sure their four children received college degrees.

In her honor, her four children have awarded the Anna Catherine Brown Motter scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. The scholarship requires the recipient be a fifth-year student at Truman studying in the Master of Arts in Education program. They must also be a Missouri resident with a grade point average of 3.0 or better and have significant financial need.

The Anna Catherine Brown Motter scholarship recently was awarded to Clare Cummings, of Kansas City, Mo. An education and psychology major, Cummings plans to teach elementary education in the future.

During her time as a student at Truman, Cummings has volunteered as a Girl Scout Troop Co-Leader for third grade Brownies and has worked at the Kirksville Day Care Center.



Film

**"Where the Wild Things Are"**

**7 p.m. • Feb. 26  
Baldwin Auditorium**

**3 p.m. • Feb. 27  
Violette Hall 1000**

### Study Abroad in China

May 20-June 29  
Shanghai University

No prior knowledge of the Chinese language is required. Students can earn six to seven Truman credits. Experience Beijing, the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and more. For more information, e-mail Julie Minn at [jminn@truman.edu](mailto:jminn@truman.edu).

### India Study Abroad Information Session

**4 p.m.  
Feb. 24**

**Violette Hall 1146**

Cherian Philip, co-founder and chairman of the International Center for Management and India Studies (ICMIS) in Bangalore will discuss study abroad opportunities in India. For more information e-mail [ciea@truman.edu](mailto:ciea@truman.edu).

# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Truman State University Foundation** scholarship applications for Truman students in the 2010-2011 academic year are now available. Applications are online and are due by midnight March 5. To learn more, go to <https://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/>.

**The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF)**, the nation's leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education, currently is taking applications for the 2010 scholarship. The scholarship is available to permanent residents of the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area defined as Clay, Jackson, Wyandotte and Johnson counties. For more information, visit <http://www.hispanicdevelopmentfund.org> or call

816.701.8308. A limited number of applications are also available in the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103. Applications are due March 1.

**The Missouri Travel Council** will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to currently enrolled sophomores, juniors or seniors in an accredited college or university in the state of Missouri. Applicants must be pursuing a hospitality-related major such as hotel/restaurant management, parks and recreation, etc., must be a current resident of Missouri and must have a grade point average of at least 3.0. For more information, visit <http://www.missouritravel.com>. The deadline for applications is March 2.

## GLOBAL ISSUES COLLOQUIUM CONTINUES FEB. 25

The next event in the Center for Teaching and Learning's Global Issues Colloquium will take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 in Magruder Hall 2001.

Sylvia Macauley, associate professor of history, will present "No Justice, No Peace: the Elusive Search for Justice and Reconciliation in Post-Conflict Sierra Leone."

Macauley will examine and assess the wisdom behind the government of Sierra Leone's establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in 2000 and the Special Court in 2002 to help end the fighting and consolidate the peace after years of civil war.

Macauley will also discuss the efficacy of these two mechanisms of transitional justice in the context of past and present realities in Sierra Leone.

## "Science on Saturday" Brings Together Truman Students and Local Children

Area grade school children will have the opportunity for some interactive learning at Truman during the "Science on Saturday" program Feb. 27.

"Science on Saturday" is a free program targeted to children in grades 2-5 with the goal of expanding their knowledge at a young age by providing fun ways to learn.

Students participating in "Science on Saturday" will get the opportunity to participate in interactive learning environments that explore the

different facets of science.

Members of Truman's national biological honor society Beta Beta Beta will be conducting two sessions in Magruder Hall: one from 9-11:30 a.m., for second and third grade students; followed by another session from 1-4 p.m., for fourth and fifth grade students. To participate, students must have signed permission slips from their parents. Permission slips have been distributed in local schools. To request additional permission slips e-mail [cpl4241@truman.edu](mailto:cpl4241@truman.edu).

### Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant

A total of 45 grants will be awarded nationwide, each worth \$1,000. Applicants need not be members of Phi Kappa Phi and can be any major, with at least a 3.5 GPA and at least 30 credits, but no more than 90 credits.

Eligible Study Abroad Programs must begin between May 1, 2010 and June 31, 2011.

Applications are due **Feb. 24**.

Visit <http://phikappaphi.org> or e-mail [studyabroad@phikappaphi.org](mailto:studyabroad@phikappaphi.org) for more information.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

#### Jazz Festival

8 p.m. • Feb. 27  
Ophelia Parrish  
Performance Hall

#### Sights and Sounds of Africa

5 p.m. • Feb. 27

#### Student Union Building Down Under

Experience a showcase of talent, dance, music, fashion, drama and tributes straight from Africa. Also enjoy a free African buffet.

Sponsored by African Students Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kohlenberg Lyceum Series, Multicultural Affairs Center, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Residence Life.

### YouTube Video Making Contest

Help Truman boost international student recruitment: make a YouTube video that promotes the University to potential international students.

The video that receives the most views in a two-week period of time wins \$400 with second and third place winning \$200 and \$100, respectively. All videos must be submitted to [iso01@truman.edu](mailto:iso01@truman.edu) by **March 19**. E-mail Wilson Zhang at [zz8224@truman.edu](mailto:zz8224@truman.edu) for guidelines or with questions.

### The Department of Public Safety will be providing **A SHUTTLE SERVICE**

to the LaPlata Amtrak station for students riding the train to Chicago.

Depart:  
**9 a.m. • March 6**  
from Public Safety Building to LaPlata Amtrak Station

Return:  
**7 p.m. • March 14**  
from LaPlata Amtrak Station to Truman

Cost is \$5 for the shuttle reservation and money is due no later than March 4.

For reservations or questions, contact Joyce at [joycecook@truman.edu](mailto:joycecook@truman.edu) or call 785.4177.

## Economy got you down? Go to Career Expo 2010



### Spring Career Expo

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Feb. 24

Student Union Building

### Networking Brunch

9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Feb. 24

Student Union Building  
Down Under

Both events are free. Sign up at <http://career.truman.edu/CareerExpo/home.asp>. Be prepared to find some great opportunities at Expo!

## FREE Tax Return Preparation

Beta Alpha Psi is sponsoring a volunteer income tax assistance program. IRS certified volunteers will be available during the times listed below to help students and members of the community file their income tax returns for FREE.

**8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Feb. 27**

**March 27**

**Violette Hall 1424**

For more information, call 785.4268 or visit <http://bap.truman.edu>.

## Leadership Recognition Program 2010

Students, faculty and staff can nominate exceptional student leaders, advisers, organizations and events on campus today.

Nomination forms are due by **5 p.m. March 17** in the CSI Office in the Student Union Building.

Contact the CSI at 785.4222 or [csilrp@truman.edu](mailto:csilrp@truman.edu) for more information.

## NOTES

**The Weekly Lunch Series continues** at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. James Guffey will present different techniques for keeping students focused in class in his presentation "Keep Your Eye on the Ball."

**The Center for Student Involvement presents** "Pizza and Publicity" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in the CSI complex to review the University posting policy and discuss publicity ideas and available CSI resources for publicity. There will also be free pizza and door prizes.

**The next Global Issues Colloquium is scheduled for** 7 p.m. Feb. 25 in Magruder 2001. Sylvia Macauley, associate professor of history, will present "No Justice, No Peace: the Elusive Search for Justice and Reconciliation in Post-Conflict Sierra Leone."

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is hosting** "Operation Save Haiti" Variety Show at 8:20 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Enjoy performances by True Men, Minor Detail and more. Cost for the show is \$1 with proceeds going to the American Red Cross for Haiti relief funds.

**The Residence Hall Association will host** "Closing the Circle," an interactive program about diversity and self awareness at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Missouri Hall Sheridan Room.

**An Honors Scholar Program informational reception will take place** at 4:30 p.m. March 1 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Students can learn more about the program, previously General Honors, and speak with current Honors Scholar students about their experiences.

**The Career Center will present** "Job Searching" at 6 p.m. March 3 in the Career Center. Find out how to conduct a successful job search by utilizing traditional forms as well as maximizing social networking. Register at <http://pdi.truman.edu>.

**Register today to volunteer with "The Big Event"** starting at 9 a.m. March 20. Registration is open to students, faculty and staff until March 5. Register at <http://serve.truman.edu/bigevent/index.html>.

**May 2010 graduates can begin ordering** graduation items at <http://www1.herffjones.com/college/graduation/index.cfm> or stop by the Truman Bookstore for details. Orders are due March 5. Mark your calendars for the graduation fair April 20-21 in the Student Union Building.

**Funds Allotment Council funding applications for fall 2010 are now available** outside the FAC Office in Student Union Building 1116 or at <http://fac.truman.edu>. Applications are due at 4 p.m. March 17.

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid

All students are encouraged to file the 2010-2011 FAFSA located at <http://www.fafsa.gov>. It is important to apply before April 1 to be considered for all available funding. Questions should be directed to the Financial Aid Office, McClain Hall 103, 785.4130.

## Apply for The Sue Shear Institute - 21st Century Leadership Academy

May 23-28 • University of Missouri-St. Louis

The 21st Century Leadership Academy is focused on women's public policy leadership and encourages students to consider careers in public policy. It also provides leadership skills training to help them be successful. Truman will select up to four students to participate and will cover the cost of participation. Students may be any major, must have demonstrated leadership skill, and have expressed interest in women's public policy leadership. Applications are due **March 19**. Contact Julie Lochbaum with questions at 785.4477 or [lochbaum@truman.edu](mailto:lochbaum@truman.edu). The application is available at <http://registrar.truman.edu/other/shear.asp>.

**New Student Programs and the School of Business are recruiting ...**

## Academic Peer Mentors

Academic peer mentors support the professional and faculty advising staff by providing an academic outreach program to first- and second- year pre-accounting and pre-business majors, or those considering these majors. Applicants must be junior or senior accounting or business administration majors by the fall semester. The listing is posted on Tru-Positions. Applications are available in the Business Academic Advising Center, Violette Hall 2413, and are due by March 22.



## My Reading History

See what you have checked out in the past using your library account and keep your own personal record of all items you borrow from Pickler Memorial Library.

Go to <http://library.truman.edu>, sign in to "My Library Account," select "My Reading History," click on "Opt In."

You can delete individual titles or click "Opt Out" to deactivate the service. Once set up, your Reading History will begin for future check out items.