Nominations Under Way in Final Year of Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence

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 Fellowship recognizes 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 recognized 27 faculty members with this award. The 2010-2011 academic year is the final year this program will recognize outstanding faculty.

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 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 fax it to 785.7460.

Nominations are due to the Office of the Provost by 5 p.m. Nov. 17. See http://academics.truman.edu/allenFellowship.asp for more information, including the selection criteria and a list of prior recipients.

Presidential Library Seeks Summer Interns

The Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library in Independence, Mo., is seeking two University interns for summer 2011.

All Truman juniors and seniors are eligible for the internship. Interns are expected to possess strong written and verbal communication and organizational skills, the ability to work independently on multiple tasks and basic computer skills. Interns should also be dependable and self-starters.

While the position is unpaid, each intern will receive a scholarship covering in-state tuition for five hours of credit for this eight week, 40-hour position. Up to 10 hours of credit may be earned. After being selected by a University committee and museum and library staff, the intern may work in a variety of areas including, but not limited to: archives, public relations, marketing, educational programming, museum development and visitor services. The intern’s assignment will be based on the their abilities and interests and the library’s needs.

Along with day-to-day duties, interns are required to prepare a paper on their experiences at the museum and library and on a specific study of President Harry S. Truman. The internship schedule will provide time for the intern to conduct research for this project.

The scholarship for this internship has been made possible by an endowment set up by the family of Fred and Ethel Schwengel. For an application to this internship, contact Jeff Gall of the Department of History at 785.7747 or jgall@truman.edu. Applications are due by Dec. 6.
Area Organizations Honored for Service

Nine local organizations were honored for their commitment to service work with Truman at the Community Partner Appreciation Luncheon Oct. 28.

The Adair County Public Library received the 2010 “Community Partner of the Year” award.

The library hosts seven scholarship and work-study students and partners with education classes at the University. It also teams up with student organizations such as Circle K, Phi Sigma Pi, Alpha Sigma Gamma, the National Education Association and Alpha Phi Omega to provide innovative educational programming for more than 500 children.

Additionally, eight nominees were named “Distinguished Community Partners” at the luncheon for the following contributions:

**The RAP gifted program** at Ray Miller Elementary, headed by Truman alumna Lori Pinkston, worked with Teri Heckert’s motivation and emotion course for service-learning projects.

The *Kirksville R-III School District* also contributed to learning by partnering with Sally Cook to develop tutorials for Truman students enrolled in “Teaching English as a Second Language.”

*Kirksville K-Life* utilizes up to 50 Truman volunteers each semester in order to personally, socially and spiritually mentor nearly 200 youth in the area. K-Life also recently started partnering with the Juvenile Justice Center and Preferred Family Healthcare to extend its impact in the community.

**Greg Xander**, through his role as campus minister of the Baptist Student Union, as well as his former position at the Northeast Missouri Community Action Agency, has supervised several service-learning projects and coordinated service projects.

The **Northeast Missouri Community Action Agency** has also worked with Truman through service-learning projects. Rubana Mahjabeen’s economics course focused on the feasibility of starting a micro-credit program in Kirksville.

The agency supplied participants for the study, provided support for students and made it possible for the course to include a service-learning project.

The **La Plata Food Bank**, coordinated by Stephanie Allen, partners with various Truman student organizations to distribute food and toiletries to needy families in the area.

**The Manor Care Center**, through activities director Nancy Price, works with student service organizations, the Big Event, the MLK challenge and the summer Upward Bound program to provide activities for residents and opportunities for students to build community in Kirksville.

Foster Families of Adair County, under the direction of Sheila Jones, partners with the Student Public Health Association and students from A.T. Still University to provide activities for more than 50 foster children in the area and assists with the opening of the new consignment shop.

Award nominees were evaluated according to the following four factors: creating and sustaining opportunities for service for Truman constituents; actively working with Truman to meet community needs; strengthening student learning and development through service; and sustaining the collaboration over time.

Hosted by the Center for Student Involvement, the SERVE Center and the Public Relations Office, the Community Partner Appreciation Luncheon took place to thank those who serve the local community, recognize outstanding community members and agencies that partner with Truman for service and foster discussion and partnerships amongst those in attendance. The event was funded by the Missouri Campus Compact.
Forensics Continues Successful Season

The Speech and Debate Team brought back 12 awards from two individual event tournaments and one Lincoln-Douglas debate tournament in Omaha, Neb., Oct. 22-24.

In debate, the team competed against 14 other schools. With six competitors in varsity and two in junior varsity, the team placed fourth overall. Senior Dylan Clark led the team, making it to semifinals. Of the 43 total varsity competitors, Clark received a ninth place individual speaking award. Freshman Nick Gorman made it to the varsity octofinal elimination round, receiving a fourth place individual speaking award.

In the junior varsity division, Kory Anderson competed against 12 other competitors. Anderson made it to the semi-final round, meaning he was in the top four competitors based on win/loss record.

All three of these debaters are now qualified to compete in the National Forensics Association Championship Tournament in April.

“The competition at Creighton featured some tough teams,” Russ Luce, assistant director of forensics, said. “With such a young squad, it was good to see that we held our own. I think with some work, we will be in a position to do well at the next debate tournament.”

In individual events, the team faced 13 schools in two separate tournaments at Creighton University. Sophomore Jessica Petrie made it to the final rounds in all events in both competitions. Petrie placed first of 16 in extemporaneous speaking, second of 21 in persuasion, and third of 33 in impromptu speaking.

In the second competition, Petrie placed first in persuasion, second in extemporaneous speaking, and third in impromptu speaking. Junior Mel Kapitan also made it to the semifinal round in impromptu speaking on the second day.

For more information about Truman Forensics, contact Kristi Scholten, director of forensics, at kscholten@truman.edu.

NOTABLES

Emilee Barnard, a senior art major, had her work juried into the third annual “Cup Show: Form and Function,” sponsored by the Gulf Coast Community College department of art in Panama City, Fla.

Huping Ling, professor of history, received a contract by Stanford University Press for her book “Chinese Chicago: Race, Transnational Migration, and Community Since 1870,” which will be released in 2011. Her article “Chinese Chicago: Transnational Migration and Businesses, 1890s-1930s” has also been published in “Journal of Chinese Overseas,” Vol. 6.


Glenn Wehner, professor of animal science, was selected as the Sigma Alpha professional agriculture sorority’s advisor of the year at the organization’s recent national convention.

Wayne Wilbur, associate professor of art in ceramics, has been invited to participate in two shows of contemporary ceramic work. The first is an online gallery that will be a regular part of the website for “Ceramics: Art and Perception,” a magazine that has recently moved its headquarters from Australia to the United States. The second show will be a display of functional ware by five potters from around the country. Sponsored by Imagine Gallery in Skaneateles, N.Y., the show, “A Sip,” will include a set of drinking vessels and an accompanying pouring piece that complements the theme from each artist.

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

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All information, rules and registration requirements are online at http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467. Captains’ Meetings will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the SRC Conference Room. *Must register through the Advancement Office, McClain Hall 205.

Truman Today is a weekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday’s publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an e-mail to tmiles@truman.edu or by completing a Truman Today form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. The form may also be accessed online at http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style. Truman Today • Vol. 15 No. 11 • November 9, 2010
NOTES

A faculty forum entitled “Overconfident CEOs—Can you trust the numbers?” will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 in Magruder Hall 1000.

The Stargazers Astronomy Club will host an Observatory Open House from 7-10 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Observatory at the University Farm.

Service Board grant applications are due by noon Nov. 10. Applications are available online at http://serviceboard.truman.edu and must be submitted to Baillie Cloyd in the Student Union Building Room 1111.

The Advertising and Public Relations Organization and Career Center will sponsor Suzanne Berry at 5 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. A Truman alumna who has appeared on various national media outlets, Berry will speak about her career in design and public relations at Hallmark.

College of Bellewode, a student group devoted to historical re-creation of the middle ages, will host a bake sale and Toys for Tots collection from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 12 on the quad. Cash donations for Toys for Tots will be accepted. A medieval dancing demonstration will occur at noon.

University Counseling Services will offer Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention training at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B as part of the Mental Health Awareness Week events organized by the student organization Active Minds. QPR trains people how to recognize warning signs for suicide and intervene to prevent suicide. The QPR approach is to “question” a person about suicide, “persuade” the person to get help and “refer” them to the appropriate resource. For more information, contact Becky Brandsberg-Herrera brandsberg@truman.edu.

Safe Zone Training for faculty and staff will take place at 1 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A. The goal of this program is to educate members of the Truman community about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) issues. Visit http://hr.truman.edu/register to sign up for the training.

SSAS will host Asia Fest at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room C. The event will feature informational booths, snacks, bubble tea and games.

Minor Detail will perform at 9 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Student Union Building Down Under.

Alpha Phi Omega will host “Pie-a-President” from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Student Union Building. Donate money to see a student organization president get pied in the face.

The Society of Urban and Ethnic Dance Excellence (SUEDE) will host showcases at 3 p.m. Nov. 14 and 7 p.m. Nov. 15 in the Student Union Building Down Under. Admission is free. The showcase encompasses many forms of urban and ethnic dance, including hip hop, poi, krump, pop and breakdancing. Parental discretion is advised for explicit lyrics and content.

Tau Lambda Sigma will sponsor a trivia night at 6 p.m. Nov. 15 in Magruder Hall 2001. The cost is $2 per person, with half of all proceeds going to the winner’s charity of choice and the rest going to the American Cancer Society.

Phi Sigma Pi will sponsor the Giving Tree from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 17-18 and Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in the Student Union Building. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to take ornaments and purchase items for children who may not otherwise receive gifts this holiday season. Ornaments are also available by contacting jcr3482@truman.edu.

Phi Sigma Pi’s first annual “Dance ‘til You Drop for TFA” dance marathon raised more than $250 for the organization’s philanthropy, Teach for America. The four-hour event featured performances by True Men, Sweet Nothings, the University Swagger, Illusion Dance Team and TSODA. Twelve teams of dancers competed for prizes donated by local businesses, with a grand prize iPod Shuffle being given away at the end of the night. Teams earned tickets for the drawings by staying on the floor, showing enthusiasm, competing in a dance-off and sporting costumes.

Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program

• Program for overseas intensive summer language institutes in 13 critical need foreign languages
• Provides fully-funded group-based language instruction and structured 7-10 week cultural enrichment experiences to U.S. citizen undergraduate and graduate students
• Participants are expected to continue language study beyond the program, applying critical language skills to future careers
• Deadline is Nov. 15
• Application and more information available at http://clscholarship.org or e-mail cls@caorc.org

“America’s Historical Newspapers” Offers Help for Historical Research

This database contains full-text of more than 1,000 newspapers published between 1690 and 1922, allowing a firsthand look of the United States during the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries.

The database is available at http://infoweb.newsbank.com/db=EANX.

It can also be found by searching the library’s “Databases A-Z” list.