

# Truman *today*

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## MISSOURI GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP INFORMATION MEETING

5:30-7 P.M.  
SEPT. 26

STUDENT UNION BUILDING  
GEORGIAN ROOM

The Missouri Government Internship Program offers a unique opportunity for students to intern at the Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo., with a public official, legislator or state agency during the Spring 2012 semester.

Interns receive a stipend of \$2,500 and up to 15 hours of credit.

Applications are available online at [careertruman.edu/Internships/mogovBrochure.asp](http://careertruman.edu/Internships/mogovBrochure.asp).

Visit McClain 202 to schedule an interview. For more information, contact Heidi Templeton at 785.4016 or [heidi@truman.edu](mailto:heidi@truman.edu), or Candy Young at 785.4650 or [cyoung@truman.edu](mailto:cyoung@truman.edu).

## "Tough Guys Don't Write"

A reading of poetry  
by author  
**Joe Benevento**

7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 21

Student Union Building  
Georgian Room A

This event is sponsored by the  
English and Linguistics Department.

## Khidir Completes Summer Research at Stanford University School of Medicine

Senior biology and anthropology major Hazar Khidir completed biology research at the Stanford University School of Medicine in Stanford, Calif., through the Amgen Scholars Program this summer.

The program provides undergraduate research opportunities to selected students at some of the top-ranked universities in the nation.

Khidir focused her research on genomics, specifically determining the mutations that are responsible for rare Medalian diseases. The research lasted eight weeks spanning from mid-June to mid-August.

After working in a research lab at Truman, Khidir decided to apply to the program.

"I'm really interested in integrating biomedical research into my future career. This program seemed like a really great fit for my interests," Khidir said.

The experiences Khidir had completing

the program helped shape her future career aspirations.

"I learned that there are many career options in science," Khidir said. "From working for a biotechnology company like Amgen, to serving as a professor and head of laboratory, there are many, many options. I also gained a little bit of programming experience through my research project and gained some experience communicating science through a poster and oral presentation at the end of the program."

For students interested in completing summer research, Khidir recommends applying to multiple programs.

"Research is going to be a component of my post-college education, so having the skills I gained from this program will prove invaluable in my future endeavors."

For more information on the Amgen Scholars Program, visit [www.amgenscholars.eu](http://www.amgenscholars.eu).



Hazar Khidir

## United Way Campaign is Under Way

Truman's 2011 United Way Campaign began Sept. 15 with a goal of \$56,000.

All faculty and staff members should have received information about the campaign through campus mail. Individuals who did not receive campaign information, or have questions, may contact co-chairs, Tony Vazzana at [tvazzana@truman.edu](mailto:tvazzana@truman.edu) or Sally Detweiler at [sallydet@truman.edu](mailto:sallydet@truman.edu).

Donations support the United Way of Adair County, with all funds staying in the area. The local United Way has among the lowest overhead in the nation, allowing a greater percentage of contributions to go straight to local programs helping people pursue the goals of education, income and health.

Recent statistics show the United Way touches one out of three individuals in the area.



Pictured are members of the Truman United Way campaign. Left to right: Sally Detweiler, co-chair; University President Troy Paino; and Tony Vazzana, co-chair.



## MOCK INTERVIEWS

The Career Center is hosting mock interviews with employers from all majors on Sept. 29.

Sign up by Sept. 28 on [truman.experience.com](http://truman.experience.com).

Students should dress business casual and are welcome to stop by the Career Center for a resume critique.

The list of employers and majors they will be interviewing include:

### Butler and Associates

Pre-Law, Political Science, History, Justice Systems, Foreign Languages, Classics, Linguistics

### Majors Brands

Business, English, Philosophy & Religion, Sociology, Anthropology

### A.T. Still University

Pre-Med, Health Science, Exercise Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

### Swank Motion Pictures

Business, Accounting

### YMCA

Non-Profit, Education, Music, Health Science, Exercise Science, Athletic Training

### Kemin Industries

Communication, Business, Economics, Psychology

### Missouri

### Healthcare for All

Government, Political Science, Nursing

### Sigma Aldrich

Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Math, Agricultural Science

### J.C. Penney

Business

### Truman State University

Visual Communication, Art, Music, Theatre

# Truman Ranked No. 1 Public University in Midwest Region by U.S. News & World Report

For the 15th year in a row, Truman has been recognized as the No. 1 Public Regional University in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report's 2012 edition of "Best Colleges." They also ranked Truman No. 8 overall in the "Best Regional Universities" category among both private and public institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs.

Truman received a No. 3 ranking in the Midwest Region for "Strong Commitment to Teaching" which is based on surveys that identify schools where the faculty have an unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching.

The Undergraduate Research Program was also highlighted in the section titled "A Strong Focus on Student Success" which lists schools that are recognized for outstanding programs aimed at enriching the experience.

Truman was included as the No. 5 school in the Midwest Region on the list of "The 2012 Up-and-Comers" for making "the most promising and

innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus or facilities." Truman is the only Missouri school listed.

The University is listed at No. 7 in the Midwest Region on the list of "Great Schools, Great Prices." This best value ranking takes into account a school's academic quality based on its U.S. News ranking and the 2010-2011 net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of need-based financial aid.

U.S. News & World Report bases its regional rankings on peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. Complete listings are available at [www.usnews.com/colleges](http://www.usnews.com/colleges). Truman was recently ranked by the Washington Monthly as 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.

## Truman Nursing Students Visit Philippines

Eight nursing students from Truman traveled to the Philippines May 20-June 12 to gain clinical experience with patients from a transcultural perspective.

Through classes about cultural immersion and communicable diseases last spring, students prepared for their trip. The experience was divided into two parts. The first was a week-long stay in Manila, where students participated in maternal and nursery care at the non-profit government facility, José Reyes Memorial Medical Center. Here students were exposed to caring for mothers

and infants who generally could not afford health care. They developed competencies in the assessment of birthing mothers and newborns and in cross-cultural communication. Four students completed 24-hour shifts in the delivery room. Students also had the opportunity to observe and assist with patient care in units of their choice, including the operating room, PICU, burn unit, ER and pediatric ward.

From Manila, they traveled south to the central

province of Iloilo City where the students enrolled in the 12th Transcultural Nursing Program at West Visayas State University.

Clinical experiences in Iloilo included Asilo de Molo (the sole nursing home in Iloilo), home visits to Barangay Napnud, social hygiene clinic and a leprosarium, as well as hospital rotations in the medical, pediatric and surgical wards of WVSU medical center. Communication and cultural accommodation were facilitated for the students during clinical experiences by nursing students, buddies, from West

Visayas State University.

The senior nursing students who participated were Kayla Aydelott, Emily Berenz, Sarah Brown, Allison Harper, Lauren Lampe, Andrea Russell, Molly Wersching and Amy Wiley.

These nursing students will present a program, "Transcultural Nursing in the Philippines" at 7 p.m., Oct. 4 in the Student Building Alumni Room. The public is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.



Truman nursing students with their nursing buddies from West Visayas State University in Iloilo City, Philippines.

# Oxandale Wins Internship Photo Contest

Junior nursing major Courtney Oxandale was chosen the winner of the "Sweet Internship Photo Contest" hosted by the Career Center this past summer.

Students interested were asked to submit a photo and a written statement of their internship experience.

Oxandale was voted the winner by Career Center staff and the deans of different schools.

She spent eight weeks in Kenya, Africa, where she worked as a student nurse and teacher. She spent her mornings helping with tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, prenatal, maternal



Courtney Oxandale's winning photo shows her posing with her students.

and wound care in a local clinic. In the afternoons, she worked as a fifth grade science and math teacher at a school of 243 students. She lived with a local Kenyan family and commuted to work everyday.

Courtney found her internship through an online organization, "A Broader View."

To learn about the other contest entries, sign up to receive the Career Finder newsletter at [career.truman.edu](http://career.truman.edu).

# McNair Program Offers Nnadozie Scholarship

The Dr. Emmanuel Nnadozie McNair Endowed Scholarship is being awarded for the first time this year.

The scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Emmanuel Nnadozie, the first director of the McNair Program at Truman. The fund has received many gifts from staff and faculty. It is an endowment and is open to additional gifts. The goal of the scholarship is to assist individuals who are first generation college students and also come from low-income family background.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must be participants in the McNair program. Students

who will be applying to the program this fall are also eligible for the scholarship, pending acceptance.

Applications are available online from Oct. 1-Nov. 1 at [secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/scholarships.asp](http://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/scholarships.asp).

The McNair program's mission is to increase Ph.D. degrees achieved by underrepresented segments of society. Since receiving its first grant in 1992, the program has produced: 28 alumni with Ph.Ds., 39 currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program, 145 alumni with master's degrees and 31 currently enrolled in a master's program.



## GRAD SCHOOL PREP: PERSONAL STATEMENT WORKSHOPS

The Career Center is hosting nationally known author and lecturer Donald Asher to conduct a personal statement workshop. Students will have the opportunity to complete writing exercises and leave with a rough draft of their statement.

Sessions will take place on:

**3-6 p.m. • Sept. 27**  
**2:30-5:30 p.m. • Sept. 28**

To attend, a student must be nominated by a faculty or staff member. To nominate a student, submit the following information to [ucc4@truman.edu](mailto:ucc4@truman.edu): student name, student email and which workshop they can attend. Asher will also conduct the following workshops:

### How to Attend Graduate School for Free or Minimum Cost

**6:30-7:30 p.m. • Sept. 27**  
Student Union Building  
Activities Room

### The Hidden Job Market

**6-7:30 p.m. • Sept. 28**  
Student Union Building  
Activities Room

## Multicultural Affairs Center Events

### David Lee Bonner

*"Charting Your Future in Politics and/or Law: How to thrive in law school and guarantee success in challenging economic times"*

6:30-7:30 p.m. • Sept. 23  
Violette Hall 1408

### Anthony Butler

*"Charting Your Future at Business or Law"*

6:30-7:30 p.m. • Sept. 29  
Violette Hall 1408

*Both speakers are former Truman graduates who will be speaking of their pre-professional preparation at Truman, law school experiences and what it is like to be a practicing attorney.*

## Detours Photo Contest

Detours Magazine is accepting entries for their biannual photo competition themed "Energy and Motion" that is open to all amateur photographers.

Students can submit their photos along with their name and contact information, location of the photo and a short caption.

Submissions may be sent to [photos@detoursmagazine.com](mailto:photos@detoursmagazine.com) by Sept. 30.

Two winners will be featured in the Winter 2011 issue and will be notified in October.

## PICKLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The 6th Annual Pickler Memorial Library Book Sale will take place Sept. 27 from 5-8 p.m. and Sept. 28 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

The evening of Sept. 27 is Truman Night (you must have a Truman ID to enter). There will be live music by the Truman Jazz combo, refreshments and lots of good books at bargain prices.

For more information, visit [library.truman.edu/about-us/book-sale.asp](http://library.truman.edu/about-us/book-sale.asp).

## Truman Renewable Energy Summit

Sept. 30

### Morning Session

Discussion About the Future of Missouri's Energy Led by Representative Zach Wyatt  
9-11:30 a.m.

Student Union Building  
Alumni Room

### Afternoon Session

Information tables provided by representatives from a variety of energy companies, including information on the Truman Sustainability committee.

1-3 p.m.

Student Union Building  
Activities Room

All are invited to attend the summit, but reservations are requested by calling 785.4016.

# NOTES

**Anthony Blades, blindness skills specialist,** will hold a workshop, "The Expanded Core Curriculum for Students With Visual Impairments," from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 6 in Violette Hall 1312. This workshop is free of cost. Blades will hold another free workshop, "An Introduction to the Nemeth Code," from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 13 in Violette Hall 1312. For more information, contact Blades at [ablades@truman.edu](mailto:ablades@truman.edu).

**An informational meeting for the Truman-China EFL Internship Program** will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 in Violette Hall 2351. The program provides opportunities for students to teach conversational English in Guangdong Province, Peoples' Republic of China in the Spring semester for 12 credit hours. For more information, contact Timothy Farley at [tfarley@truman.edu](mailto:tfarley@truman.edu).

**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 Center for International Study Abroad** is holding an informational meeting with Gregory Lewis, representative from Missouri-London program at CAPA London Center from 4-5 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Student Union Building 3201.

**There will be a physics colloquium** at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 21 in Magruder 1000. Kenneth F. Kelton from the department of physics of Washington University, St. Louis will be presenting "Getting the Hot Structures: Containerless Studies of High Temperature Liquids." Snacks will be provided. For more information, visit [physics.truman.edu/colloquia/mainstage.asp](http://physics.truman.edu/colloquia/mainstage.asp).

**The Lutheran Student Fellowship and Tau Lambda Sigma will host a 5K CROP Hunger Walk/Run** at 9 a.m. Sept. 24. Registration is \$5 with 25 percent of the proceeds going to local

charities and 75 percent going abroad. There will be registration on the Quad from Sept. 19-23. The 5K will begin on Franklin Street by the Student Union Building. Participants should arrive by 8:30 a.m.

**Yoga on the Quad** will take place from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sept. 24. Visit [recreation.truman.edu](http://recreation.truman.edu) for more details. This event is sponsored by the Student Recreation Center's Fitness/Wellness Program.

**President Paino will host a "Coffee with the President"** from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 27 in the Student Union Building Conference Room. The regularly scheduled "Coffee with the President" events are part of Truman's effort to keep the lines of communication open between the president and the campus. Sessions are intended to provide an opportunity for individuals to ask questions about issues facing the University. Visit [president.truman.edu/Coffee%20with%20the%20President.asp](http://president.truman.edu/Coffee%20with%20the%20President.asp) for more information.

**The McNair Program** will hold an informational meeting at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 29 in the Student Union Building 3200. Students are also invited to visit [mcnair.truman.edu](http://mcnair.truman.edu) or contact Sarah Hass, program coordinator, at 785.5393 for additional information. The deadline to submit McNair applications is Nov. 1.

**The Center for International Study Abroad** will host speaker, Phoebe Mayer, to talk about studying abroad in Austria from 4-5 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Student Union Building 3204.

**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/](http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CV64NP3DT/) for registration and submissions. The deadline for registration is Sept. 30 and for submission, Oct. 7.

## THEATRE DEPARTMENT INTRODUCES FIRST PRODUCTION OF THE 2011-2012 SEASON

The Truman theatre department is presenting the first production of the 2011-2012 season, "Melancholy Play," by Sarah Ruhl, at 8 p.m. Oct. 5-8 in Ophelia Parrish James G. Severns Theatre.

The play is a surreal farce about a young girl named Tilly whose melancholy appears irresistible to others. One day she turns happy and all goes unexpected.

Admission is free. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Box Office at 785.4515.



**UNIVERSITY SPEAKER  
AND COMEDIAN:  
AASIF MANDVI**  
FROM THE DAILY SHOW WITH  
JON STEWART

**"Behind the Scenes of  
the Real Fake News"**

7 p.m. • Oct. 1  
Baldwin Hall Auditorium  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are free for Truman students, staff and faculty and \$5 for general admission. They may be picked up at the SAB Office in the lower level of the Student Union Building.

## 2011 HOMECOMING APPAREL

Homecoming apparel orders are available online until Sept. 23. Go to [homecoming.truman.edu](http://homecoming.truman.edu) and click on apparel. Apparel will be sold in the Student Union Building starting Sept. 26 at the Homecoming apparel table from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information contact the CSI at 785.4222.

## CONDUCT BOARD NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT MEMBERS

The Office of Citizenship and Community Standards (OCCS) is seeking motivated students to serve as student affiliates on the University Conduct Board. The University Conduct Board hears cases of alleged misconduct to determine whether a student or student organization's behavior violates the Student Conduct Code, and if a violation is found, the imposition of sanctions. The board is comprised of faculty, staff and student members. Student members would be expected to serve on the board for various hearings each semester as well as participating in various social justice and civic projects on campus. This is a great opportunity for students to serve the University and improve a resume. The application to serve as a student member may be found at [conduct.truman.edu](http://conduct.truman.edu). Applications are due Sept. 30, by 5 p.m. in the Student Affairs Office located in the Student Union Building 1110.