Truman Prepares Work for Pathways Demonstration Project

Truman is participating as a Pioneer Institution in the Higher Learning Commission’s Pathways Demonstration Project.

The University’s work in the project examines achievement of three University-wide student learning outcomes (critical thinking, leadership and healthy living) and the role of transformative experiences in that process. The project focuses on ways to enhance the achievement of those three learning goals in measurable ways.

The University will issue a request for proposals that invites individuals and groups to submit plans for pilot projects focusing on one or more of the following outcomes: understanding and articulating well-reasoned arguments (critical thinking); demonstrating leadership (leadership); or living emotionally and physically healthy lives (healthy living).

Members of the task force will host three sessions to provide information about the potential of these pilot projects, the work of each task force and transformative learning in these projects.

The first meeting will take place from 2-3 p.m. Oct. 31 in the Student Union Building Room 3203 and will discuss critical thinking. The second will take place from 1:30-3 p.m. Nov. 1 in the Student Union Building Room 3202 and will discuss wellness. The third will be from 4-5 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Student Union Building 3201 and will discuss leadership.

Those interested are encouraged to read the “Purple Papers” written by members of the task forces. They can be found at provost.truman.edu/resources.asp under links for the 2011 Summer Planning and Assessment.

For more information, contact Royce Kallerud at kallerud@truman.edu for critical thinking task force, Adrien Presley at apresley@truman.edu for leadership task force, Evonne Bird at ebird@truman.edu for healthy living task force and Lou Ann Gilchrist at lcg@truman.edu for transformational experiences.

ROTC Places First Again at Ranger Challenge

Truman’s ROTC Alpha Team took first place at the regional Ranger Challenge competition in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Twenty-two teams from 10 schools competed in this year’s Ranger Challenge. Truman brought their Alpha team and Bravo team of nine men each and a women’s team of five female cadets. Bravo team finished seventh overall, beating four alpha teams from other schools. The female cadets placed third in their category.

The Challenge consisted of 10 events performed Oct. 14-15. Events included were the Army Physical Fitness Test, weapons assembly/disassembly, an obstacle course and a 10K foot march performed in full gear.

The womens’ teams competed in a knot-tying event in lieu of the one-rope bridge.

Alpha team won four events and placed in top three for nine of the 10. Members of the Alpha team are: Captains Zach Hayes and John Heisler, Clayton Hancock, Travis Cain, Kyle Ipperson, Josh Webster, Taylor Hamilton, Alex Fowler and Jared Dietrich. This is the second year in a row that the Alpha team has placed first.
**Public Relations Internship Available**

The Truman Public Relations Office is now accepting résumés for the full-time spring 2012 internship position.

Interns can receive course credit, a stipend and valuable experience in public relations office duties. Interns usually take six hours of class in addition to taking six hours of internship credit.

Applicants should have a strong background in writing and editing. Communication majors are encouraged to apply, with special consideration given to candidates with knowledge of Associated Press Style, experience in desktop publishing and familiarity of InDesign or similar software.

To apply, send a résumé, two writing samples and contact information for two on-campus references to the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202 no later than Nov. 11.

For questions about the internship, contact Travis Miles tmiles@truman.edu.

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**“The Big Week of Giving” Will Center its Efforts Towards Food Disparity Oct. 31-Nov. 5**

The SERVE Center will partner with Greek Life and the Student Recreation Center to host various activities during the annual “Big Week of Giving” taking place Oct. 31-Nov. 5 to give back to food disparity in Kirksville and Adair County.

The donations and canned goods collected will be given to the North Central Missouri Food Bank and dispersed to the needy in Adair County.

On Oct. 31, the campus will dress up and go trick-or-treating for canned goods. On Nov. 2, there will be walking tacos provided on the Quad for donations. Canned good collecting will take place in the Student Union Building all week long.

A volleyball tournament will take place 6-11 p.m. Oct. 31-Nov. 3 in the east court of the main gym in the Student Recreation Center. Playoffs will take place the afternoon of Nov. 5. Women’s and co-ed teams are welcome. Teams may consist of 6-10 players. The cost per team is $20 and will be used in the form of donations. Registration will take place Oct. 24-28 in the Student Union Building. Donations will be collected upon registration. The tournament will be a round one elimination.

The week will end with the final canned goods count at Fireside Friday on Nov. 4 beginning at 3 p.m.

For more information regarding “The Big Week of Giving” contact The SERVE Center at serve@truman.edu.

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**Blue Key and Cardinal Key Members Help with Relief Efforts in Joplin Over Fall Break**

Twelve members of Blue Key and Cardinal Key service organizations participated in a project in Joplin, Mo., over midterm break Oct. 12-15.

The group, serving through AmeriCorp, helped a woman move into her Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailer after they discovered the house needed to be gutted and reset on its foundation. The students also planted six trees in the yard of the woman’s neighborhood. On their second day, they volunteered at a warehouse collecting and distributing supplies to people in need. They assembled 1,100 packages to be delivered to families still occupying FEMA trailers.

The group spent their last day organizing books to send out to teachers in affected areas.

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**Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Offers Essay Contest**

The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity is sponsoring an essay contest with awards granted up to $5,000.

This annual competition challenges college students to submit essays on the urgent ethical issues that confront them in today’s world.

Since 1989, the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics essay contest has encouraged students to write thought-provoking personal essays that raise questions, single out issues and develop rational arguments for ethical action.

Full-time juniors and seniors are eligible to enter the contest. Students can create an account and submit their application, complete with essay and required entry information online. Deadline for entry is Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. PST. Contest guidelines can be found at www.ethicsprize.org. More information about the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity is available at www.eliewieselfoundation.org.
Global Issues Looks at Photojournalistic Narratives of Culture and Economy

The Global Issues Committee will host Peter Menzel and Faith D’Aluisio and their lecture, “Calories and Culture: A Worldwide Photographic Journey!” at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 in Baldwin Hall Little Theatre.

Menzel is a photojournalist known for his coverage of international feature stories on science and the environment. D’Aluisio is a former award-winning television news producer. Since 1996, they have collaborated on a series on documentary books. Two of their most recent books, “Hungry Planet: What the World Eats” and “What I Eat: Around the World in 80 Diets,” have won several awards.

“Hungry Planet” details one family in each chapter and their weekly food purchases from 24 different countries. The narrative received Book of the Year from the Harry Chapin World in 2005 and won the coveted James Beard Best Book Award in 2006. “What I Eat” is a photographic journey across 30 different countries that exhibits what 80 people eat in a typical day. It won the International Association of Culinary Professionals (IACP) 2011 Jane Grigson Award.

Menzel and D’Aluisio will lecture and feature images from their award-winning books “Hungry Planet: What the World Eats” and “Man Eating Bugs: The Art and Science of Eating Insects.”

For more information about Menzel and D’Aluisio’s work, visit at www.menzelphoto.com.

Johnson Donates Lewis Binford Collection to University Library’s Special Collections

Amber Johnson, associate professor of anthropology and chair of the Department of Society and Environment, recently donated the personal papers of noted archaeologist Lewis Binford to the Special Collections and University Archives Department of Pickler Memorial Library.

Binford was one of the most influential archaeologists of the century. A dedicated scholar, he first became interested in cultural study upon joining the military. This led him to explore the cultures in France, Africa, Australia and Arctic. Binford created new methodologies for archaeological and anthropological studies and has had a profound impact on the way those fields are studied today.

The Binford Collection consists of more than 100 linear feet of material, including original manuscript files, field notes, photographs, maps, drawings, artifacts and other results of years of cultural study. The collection will soon be available for public use.

NOTABLES

Rebecca Harrison, professor of classics, had her post-classical Latin website, available at www2.truman.edu/~rharriso/, featured in the September newsletter of the Medieval Latin Studies Group, a sub-group of the American Philological Association. The APA is the major national organization for classics. Harrison’s website focuses on significant non-fiction works and is designed for Latin students and teachers, scholars and students in other disciplines who want to look at the texts in the original language and as a source of texts and materials for colleagues in medieval Latin.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now available for Foundation scholarships that have not yet been awarded for 2011-2012. They are online at secure.truman.edu/support-s/ and are due by midnight Nov. 1. To learn more, go to truman.edu and click on “Student Life/Money/Foundation Scholarships.”

New Music Festival

7:30 p.m. • Oct. 27
1:30 p.m. • Oct. 28
Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall

Both concerts will feature new music from Christopher Biggs, the winner of the 2011 Truman State-MACRO Composition Competition, Truman composers and other contemporary composers. The first concert will also feature the University’s Wind Symphony’s performance of Biggs new piece, “Object Metamorphosis II.”

This event is sponsored by Truman’s Music Department, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota and the Mostly Live Composers Society.

The festival is free of admission and open to the public.

Haunted Corn Maze

Oct. 27- 7-10 p.m.  
Oct. 28- 8 p.m.-12 a.m.
Oct. 29- 8 p.m.-12 a.m.
University Farm

$3 for students
$5 general admission
Sponsored by Sigma Alpha

Admissions Office Internship

The Admissions Office is now offering a Bulldog College Access Program Intern position for the spring semester.

Duties include:
• Assisting the Program Coordinator with all aspects of program administration
• Coordinating Bulldog College Access Mentors’ travel schedule
• Managing promotional materials for the program (newsletter, website and press releases)

Graduate students and seniors interested in applying can visit trupositions.truman.edu through Nov. 4.

Contact Matt Magruder at mmagruder@truman.edu for more information.
Theatre Department Presents “Next Fall”

This year’s fall lab show, “Next Fall,” directed by senior Roxxy Duda, will be performed at 8 p.m. Oct. 26-29 in the Black Box Theatre on the 2nd floor of Ophelia Parrish.

“Next Fall” by Geoffrey Nauffts takes a witty and provocative look at faith, commitment and unconditional love. While the play’s central story focuses on the five-year relationship between Adam and Luke, it goes beyond a typical love story. This timely and compelling new American play forces us all to examine what it means to believe and what it might cost us not to.

NOTES

Psi Chi, the Psychology Honors Fraternity, is hosting a Graduate School Expo from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 25 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B.

The deadline to submit applications for traveling funds to participate in the National Conference of Undergraduate Research is 4 p.m. Oct. 26. Applications can be found online at osr.truman.edu/ncur. Students must submit their applications along with their abstracts to Magruder Hall 3132.

Up ‘til Dawn Letter Writing Campaign will take place from 6 p.m.-2 a.m. Oct. 28 in the Student Recreation Center.

Purple Friday prize patrol days will be Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11. Prizes will also be given out at the women’s volleyball game at 7 p.m. Oct. 28.

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is hosting their annual food drive for the Kirksville Community. An upcoming drop off will be during the women’s soccer game from 12:30-2 p.m. Oct. 29.

Zombie Zumbathon will take place from 1-3 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. The event will be taught by a certified Zumba instructor and will feature a costume contest. Prices are $3 for students and $5 for adults.

The Student Recreation Center will host Zumba Spooktacular from 4-5 p.m. Oct. 31 on the Quad. Attendees may wear their Halloween costumes and win a prize.

Trick-or-treating through the residence halls will take place from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31. Faculty, staff and community members can bring their children. This event is free and sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

The deadline to submit McNair Program applications is Nov. 1. They are available online at mcnair.truman.edu. Contact Sarah Hass, program coordinator at 785.5393 for additional information.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will hold its monthly meeting at 12 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Student Union Building 3201. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) will host their Fall Drive-In showing “Captain America” beginning at 7 p.m. and “The Help” at 9:30 p.m. Nov. 5 in Pershing Building Arena. This event is of no cost and open to all. Free popcorn, soda and ice cream will be available.

Alpha Phi Omega’s national fundraiser, Ugly Man on Campus, will take place from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 10 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium. Tickets will be $2 in advance and $3 at the door. They may be purchased from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Oct. 31-Nov. 4 and Nov. 7-10 in the Student Union Building, McClain Hall and Violette Hall. Penny Wars will be hosted in the same locations.