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All students and student groups are invited to volunteer at one or more sites in the Kirksville area and all tasks are safe and do not require the use of power tools. The SERVE Center coordinates the materials with the host, so volunteers need not bring any.

Participants will be able to buy T-shirts or donate directly to Big Event. Their support allows the SERVE Center to continue serving the community through the annual Big Event.

Likewise, all community members and organizations are able to register to host a volunteer project through the SERVE Center.

Student registration is open now through March 2. For registration and waiver form, visit www.serve.truman.edu/bigevent/, email serve@truman.edu or call the SERVE Center at 785.7222.

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For more information, visit bap.truman.edu or email Lucas Dille at lmd6224@truman.edu.

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FAFSA Applications Available Now

The 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available at www.fafsa.gov. It is important to apply before April 1 to be considered for all available funding.

The government allows filing with estimates in order to meet early state or institutional deadlines. The FAFSA is also required for Parent (PLUS) Loans.

Contact the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103, or call 785.4130 with any questions.

Truman Foundation Scholarships Open

Truman State University Foundation Scholarship applications are now available.

Approximately $250,000 will be awarded to current Truman students for the 2012-2013 academic year. Applications are available online and are due by midnight March 14.

To learn more, go to truman.edu and click on Student Life/Money/ Foundation Scholarships or visit secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/.

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Weekly Lunch-n-Learn Series Designed to Bring New Technology to Faculty

Lunch-n-Learn, a weekly lunchtime technology workshop designed for faculty to incorporate new technology in the classroom, begins Feb. 22. The Learning Technologies Team will sponsor sessions from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in Pickler Memorial Library 103. To register to attend any or all of the sessions, visit eventmanager.truman.edu.

Session one will focus on Skype Feb. 22 and how it can be used in education to bring guest lecturers into the classroom and for online courses.

Session two, Feb. 29, will focus on the use of VoiceThread to take online discussions to a new level of interactivity.

Session three, on March 14, will discuss the use of Panopto in online, blended and face-to-face classes. Discover how adding brief introductory videos can enhance learning and build trust with students online.

Session four will focus on GoogleApps March 28. In particular, it will discuss the two GoogleApps used at Truman: Google Docs and Google Sites. Learn how wikis like Google Docs can be used to facilitate deeper learning. Spend time creating a website using Google Sites that can be shared with students.

Session five, April 4, will educate on a variety of free resources used to engage students, such as TED Lectures, Merlot, Connexions, Ning, MIT OpenCourseWare and more.

Session six will focus on Films on Demand April 11. Films on Demand is a service offered by the library with digital video selections that can enhance coursework.

Session seven, April 18, will discuss social media in the classroom. Learn more about how others are effectively using social media to create learning opportunities “where they live.”

Session eight will discuss fun and free tools for use in education April 25. It will focus on Prezi to amp up presentations, Digg and Delicious to keep websites organized and StumbleUpon to stay abreast on favorite topics.

International Student Affairs Jobs Available

The International Student Affairs Office is now hiring for the 2012-2013 academic year. Available positions include cultural integration leader coordinator, cultural integration leaders, academic success mentors and office assistants.

The cultural integration leader coordinator helps facilitate International Student Orientation, plans and executes cultural and social events, staff training and evaluation, and weekly meetings to keep communication open between the professional staff and cultural integration leaders.

Cultural integration leaders are student workers who live in the residence halls and use their scholarship or work-study hours to assist international students adjust to an American university and culture.

Academic success mentors assist international students in adjusting to the academic rigors of Truman by meeting individually with students on a weekly basis.

Office assistants provide effective support in the daily operations of the International Student Affairs Office through receptionist duties, answering questions and providing welcoming service to all international students.

Details on each position can be found on TruPositions. Applications are available in Kirk.

Truman Hosts State Debate Competition

“Y Ahora Aquí en el Norte” (“And Now Here in the North”) 7 p.m. • Feb. 23
Violette Hall 1000
Axel Fuentes, field organizer; Center for New Community
Mock Trial Team Excels at Tournament

Two squads from Truman’s Mock Trial Team competed at the 2012 Kansas City Regional Tournament hosted by UMKC as part of the American Mock Trial Association Feb. 11-12.

Peter Bruntrager, senior mathematics major, won the individual award for Outstanding Attorney.

Nasra Aaden, a sophomore justice systems major; Samantha Simms, a junior business administration major; and Ann Frydrych, a junior justice systems major, won individual awards for Outstanding Witness.

One squad placed 6th out of 24 teams and is invited to compete at the opening round of the National Championships in St. Louis in March.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Joshua Pond Law Scholarship is now available. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident, must presently have a cumulative 2.5 GPA or higher and must be currently enrolled at an accredited two- or four-year college, trade school or university. Visit joshuapondlaw.com/scholarship to find out more information. Deadline for application is Feb. 29.

Scholarships are available through Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc., for the 2012-2013 academic year. Last year they awarded more than $13,000 in scholarships. Two students selected by the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri will be submitted to Central Region as an applicant and to National Gardens Club Inc., as a Missouri applicant and will compete for a Central Region and National Scholarship. The application is available at www.gardenclub.org/Youth/Scholarships.aspx. The deadline to apply is March 1.

The J. R. Popalisky Scholarship Fund of the Missouri Section of the American Water Works Association is now available. This $1,000 scholarship is to encourage enrollment in educational studies related to career fields associated with water supply. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103. Deadline for submission is March 21.

U.S. Bank is awarding 40 scholarships in the amount of $1,000 through a random drawing process. Undergraduate students attending an eligible four-year college or university participating in the U.S. Bank Student Loan Program are eligible to apply. More information about this scholarship opportunity can be found at usbank.com/studentloans. Deadline to apply is March 31.

The Missouri Insurance Education Foundation is awarding 40 scholarships in the amount of $2,500, is to be awarded to a junior or senior Missouri resident majoring in insurance or a related area of study. In addition to the Leggett Scholarship, the foundation has made an additional scholarship available in the amount of $2,000. Application forms are available on their website at www.mief.org and are due by March 31.
NOTES

The observatory will host an open house from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 21 at the University Farm. The alternate date for poor weather is Feb. 22. For more information visit observatory.truman.edu.

National Recreational Sports and Fitness Day, sponsored by the Student Recreation Center, will be 12-3 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Student Union Building Hub. Free Freshens smoothie samples, massages, BMI testing and health and wellness information will be available.

Wind Symphony I will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The Spring Global Issues Colloquium continues with “Y Ahora Aquí en el Norte” (“And Now Here in the North”) at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 in Violette Hall 1000. The Colloquium will feature Axel Fuentes, field organizer at the Center for New Community.

Wind Symphony II and Concert Band will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 29 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host its monthly meeting at 12 p.m. March 1 in Student Union Building 3201. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

The University Orchestra concert will take place at 8 p.m. March 1 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Pickler Memorial Library

Resource to know…

Social Explorer provides easy access to demographic information about the United States from 1790 to present. It allows users to create interactive thematic maps using census data on a variety of subjects such as education, housing, race and religious affiliation. Visit www.socialexplorer.com for more information.

On-Campus Athletics

Women's Basketball vs. Lincoln University

5:30 p.m.
Feb. 22

Men's Basketball vs. Lincoln University

7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22

Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

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All information, rules and registration requirements are online at recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467. Captains’ Meeting is at 4:30 p.m. in the SRC Conference Room.

A D M I S S I O N S  T E L E C O U N S E L O R

• Telecounselors call prospective students Monday through Thursday evenings to inform them about the Truman experience and answer questions about the admission process.

• Scholarship, institutional, volunteer and work-study positions are available for the 2012-2013 school year.

• Applications are available online at telecounseling.truman.edu, by emailing a request to Kara Humphrey at karah@truman.edu or by picking up a paper copy at the front desk in the Office of Admission (Ruth W. Towne Museum & Visitors Center on the corner of Franklin St. and Normal Ave.).

• Applications are due at 5 p.m. Feb. 24.


Nominations for the Leadership Recognition Program are open now through March 14.

The Center for Student Involvement is sponsoring this program to honor Truman students, advisors and organizations for their dedication to their peers, campus and Kirksville community through various leadership roles during the year.

Nomination information can be obtained online at csi.truman.edu/lrp/. For more information on this event, contact the CSI by phone at 785.4222 or by email at csilrp@gmail.com.