Truman alumna Beth Klein is an accomplished lawyer who chooses to dedicate her life and legal skills to end human trafficking. She will return to Truman to give the commencement address during ceremonies at 2 p.m. May 5 at Stokes Stadium.

In 2006, Klein was selected as one of the 500 Leading Plaintiff’s Lawyers in the United States by Lawdragon, and since 2006 she has been voted by more than 13,000 fellow lawyers in the state of Colorado as a Super Lawyer and one of the top 25 women lawyers.

Klein was awarded the 21 Leaders Award from Women’s eNews for being an advocate for the enslaved and for writing effective anti-human trafficking law for many states and nations, pro bono. “More Magazine,” in its May 2011, edition named her as one of the “50 Women That You Want On Your Side” along with Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey and Hillary Clinton. In the fall of 2011 she received the Georgia Imhoff Philanthropy and Activism Award and in 2012 she received the “Woman Who Changed the Heart of the City of Denver” award.

In 2010, she wrote a breakthrough anti-human trafficking law for Colorado, which put her in demand by states and countries to custom design effective law. The following year she contributed to laws passed in Colorado, Texas, Massachusetts and Georgia. She consulted with the Knesset in Israel, Parliament in the U.K. and the nation of Mexico. She has written the first book on the law of human trafficking that details all of the efforts in the U.S. to deal with human trafficking.

Klein served on the 2010 steering committee of Demand Abolition that worked to develop a national strategy to focus legislation and law enforcement on the demand side of human trafficking. She currently chairs the governor of Colorado’s Human Trafficking Research Advisory Committee. Colorado is the first place in the world with a stated end date for this crime of 2013.

Born and raised in Colorado, she graduated second in her class at Truman with summa cum laude honors. She received a Rotary International Scholarship to Ireland where she received Honors, First Class. Klein attended law school at the University of Denver where she was an editor for the Denver Law Review. She is a Fellow of the Colorado Bar Foundation and a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America – both invitation-only societies of accomplished lawyers who have proved their effectiveness and superior ethical standards.

Klein is married to Judge James C. Klein and they are the proud parents of a son, Connor. Her parents, Ralph and Lois Morrison both graduated from Truman, and her grandfather Ray Cooksey and her great-grandfather Ulysses Sherman Cooksey attended Truman.
**Gokhale Recognized by Alpha Sigma Alpha**

Vayujeet Gokhale, assistant professor of physics, is Alpha Sigma Alpha’s Professor of the Month for May and received the newly-initiated Professor Payday Award.

Alpha Sigma Alpha began Professor Payday in January of this semester. Their hope has been to increase on-campus recognition of Truman’s faculty. Every month a different department is represented through one professor that is nominated by the members of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Members must provide fundamental reasoning for every nomination made. This often turns into personal testimonies of the help each professor has provided.

Past recipients include Roberta Donahue, associate professor of health sciences, Donald Krause, associate professor of communication, and David Partenheimer, professor of English.

**China Study Abroad Internship**

Informational Meeting
7 p.m. • April 24 • Violette Hall 2351

Students will teach conversational English in the Wu Hua County Public Schools in rural Guangdong Province. The internship will last from February-May 2013. Participants will earn credit in Chinese 550 and 12 credit hours. For more information, contact Timothy Farley at tfarley@truman.edu.

**FAC Enrollment**

Funds Allotment Council is having open enrollment through the end of the semester. Applications can be found at fac.truman.edu and outside the FAC Office in the Student Union Building 1109 A.

**Grad Week Celebrated Statewide**

During the week of April 21-28, colleges and universities across the state of Missouri will be celebrating Graduate Education Week, designed to promote continuing education.

Truman will host an open house from 1-5 p.m. April 25 at the Career Center in the Student Union Building, where staff members will be available to help prospective students prepare for graduate school.

Truman offers advanced degrees in nine areas of study, including accounting, biology, bioscience informatics, communication disorders, counseling, education, English, leadership and music. More information on each of Truman’s programs is available online at gradstudies.truman.edu.

Currently, Missouri graduate degree programs, like the ones offered at Truman, are preparing more than 60,900 talented students for leadership in their fields. The goal of Graduate Education Week is to enhance public awareness about the impact and outcomes of graduate education. This year, 20 public and private Missouri institutions have joined forces in this unique public information campaign.

**TOMS Event Calls to Shed Shoes**

The National Communication Association Student Club spread awareness of the importance for children to wear shoes on April 10. The TOMS event “One Day Without Shoes” included 200 barefoot participants purchasing T-shirts and donating more than 150 pairs of shoes. Proceeds were donated to the “Shoeman Water Project,” which provides footwear and clean water resources to impoverished communities. For more information, visit wix.com/thecommclub/nasc or shoeman.org.

To purchase a T-shirt or to donate shoes, contact Bethany Williams at btw5342@truman.edu.
TRUMAN'S STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE (SIFE) TEAM WAS NAMED A REGIONAL CHAMPION AT THE SIFE USA REGIONAL COMPETITION APRIL 16 IN CHICAGO. THE EVENT IS ONE OF 11 SIFE USA REGIONAL COMPETITIONS TAKING PLACE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES IN MARCH AND APRIL.

SIFE STUDENTS USE BUSINESS CONCEPTS TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND STANDARD OF LIVING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED. TRUMAN SIFE IS ONE OF NEARLY 600 PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES.

DURING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, THE TRUMAN SIFE TEAM ORGANIZED 13 PROJECTS IN THE KIRKSVILLE AND NORTHEAST MISSOURI AREA. TRUMAN SIFE MEMBERS HAVE DEVOTED MORE THAN 2,800 HOURS TO CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES IN THIS AREA AND ASSISTING THOSE IN NEED.

The culmination of the SIFE program is an annual series of competitions that provide a forum for teams to present the results of their projects and to be evaluated by business leaders serving as judges.

Teams first compete at the regional and national levels, and then progress to the international level when the national champion teams from each country meet at the SIFE World Cup.

“We are extremely pleased and excited to be named a Regional Champion and have the opportunity to compete at the national level,” Cody Hagan, Truman SIFE President, said. “We hope to continue the success that this team has experienced in the past and represent Truman well at the National Competition.”

As a SIFE USA Regional Champion, the Truman team will advance to the SIFE USA National Exposition in Kansas City, Mo., May 22-24.

NOTABLES

The Center for International Education has announced that Teresa Borgmeyer, a student participating in the ISEP program in Murcia, Spain for the 2012-2013 academic year, has been awarded the Rotary Foundation International Scholarship.

Tom Capuano, professor of Spanish, has been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in the Summer Institute "Networks and Knowledge: Synthesis and Innovation in the Muslim-Christian-Jewish Medieval Mediterranean," taking place in Barcelona, Spain from July 2-27.

Members of Truman’s McNair program received recognition at the 34th Annual Missouri-Kansas-Nebraska (MKN) TRiO Conference in Kansas City, Mo., April 5. Current McNair Scholar Kassi Crocker, a biology major, was awarded the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP) Board of Directors Scholarship. McNair alumna Tajanette Sconyers, currently a graduate student at the University of Missouri, received the MKN Rising TRiO Achiever Scholarship. Another Truman McNair alumnus, Jas Sullivan, received the 2012 MKN TRiO Achiever Award. This award recognizes outstanding former TRiO participants for success in their current field. Sullivan graduated from Truman in 1997 with a political science degree. He went on to earn multiple master’s degrees from Southern Illinois University and Indiana University. He earned his Ph.D. in political science from Indiana University in 2005. Currently, he is an assistant professor of political science and African and African-American studies at LSU.

Janet Gooch, professor and dean of the School of Health Sciences and Education, was awarded Honors of the Association at the Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) 2012 Annual Convention in Osage Beach, Mo., April 12-15. This award is the highest honor the Association can give. In addition, Margaret Hilliard, a communication disorders graduate student, was awarded MSHA Outstanding Graduate Student.


MUSIC GROUPS COLLABORATE FOR “THE CREATION” APRIL 28

THE TRUMAN ORCHESTRA, CHORUS AND CANTORIA WILL PERFORM “THE CREATION” BY FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN AT 7:30 P.M. APRIL 28 IN BALDWIN HALL AUDITORIUM.

The performance will be conducted by Sam McClure, professor of music and director of orchestras, and feature vocal soloists Ana Seixas, soprano, Thomas Hueber, tenor and professor of voice, and Ron Witzke, bass and chair of the Department of Music at William Jewell College. Seixas is in residence as a visiting student from the Puccini Conservatory in La Spezia, Italy.

“The Creation” ranks among Haydn’s greatest accomplishments and is one of the most frequently performed of all oratorios. It will be performed in English and last approximately two hours.

SUB ACQUIRES STUDENT PAINTINGS

THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING RECENTLY PURCHASED TWO STUDENT PAINTINGS FROM THE ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW FEB. 28 IN THE OPHELIA PARRISH ART GALLERY.

The two pieces are “Badlands Triptych” by Antonia Brister, a junior studio art – painting major from Clinton, Mo., and “Kitty in an Abstract World” by Emma Howard, a junior English major and art minor from St. Charles, Mo. These paintings will become part of the Student Union’s permanent student art collection.
NOTES

The Office of Public Safety, in cooperation with the MODOT Northeast District, would like to remind everyone that April 23-27 is Work Zone Awareness Week. Check out modot.org/operationorange for more information.

Now through May 3 during regular store hours, the Truman Bookstore is offering huge savings on a large selection of caps, children's wear, assorted giftware, greeting cards and Truman logo flip-flops.

Psychology majors will present their capstone research from 2-4 p.m. April 24 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. Anyone from the University community is welcome to view poster presentations and speak with the researchers. For more information, contact Karen Vittengl at ksmith@truman.edu.

Environmental author, philosopher and mountaineer, Jack Turner, will give a talk entitled “The Wild” at 7 p.m. April 24 in Violette Hall 1010.

The last Faculty Lunch-n-Learn series will take place from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 25 in Pickler Memorial Library 103. This presentation will focus on fun, free tools for use in education.

The Career Center will host a graduate school open house from 1-5 p.m. April 25 where staff members will be available to help prospective students prepare for graduate school. The open house is in celebration of Graduate Education Week.

The retirement reception of Pete Kendall has been postponed. Details on re-scheduling are to be announced. The reception was to originally take place from 2:30-4:30 p.m. April 25.

James D’Agostino and Joe Benevento from the English Department will give presentations about the connection between poetry and music at the American Choral Directors Association Poetry and Music Seminar from 4:30-5:30 p.m. April 25 in Ophelia Parrish 2350.

Second City’s IMPROV ALL STARS will perform at 8 p.m. April 25 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium. No tickets required. Sponsored by Student Activities Board.

The Theatre Department’s New Works Festival will feature one-act plays directed by senior theatre students at 8 p.m. April 25-28 in the James G. Severs Theatre. Admission is free but reservations are recommended.

Senior Send-Off will take place from 3-5 p.m. April 27 on the Quad. There will be food, fun, games and prizes to celebrate the graduating class of 2012. Sponsored by Greek Life.

SAB’s Final Blowout will celebrate the end of the year from 12-7 p.m. April 28 on the Quad. The event includes many activities including: barbecue, games, prizes, T-shirt making, inflatables, photo booth, henna tattoos, carnival performers and bongo ball. Attendees must have a valid student I.D. and $5 general admission for food. Sara Bareillas concert to immediately follow.

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

Applications for the MATH Pioneers Fellowship in Merrimack Valley, Mass., are available now at matchschool.org/matchcorps/pioneers.htm and are due June 25. Fellows will be tutoring high school algebra and geometry.

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“The Of the Month” Award Winners

National Residence Hall Honorary is an organization that recognizes excellence in the Truman community by nominating both individuals and organizations on campus for “Of the Month” awards across 15 categories. March’s winners include:

Shawnah Stephens
Executive Board Member

Donald Krause
Faculty/Staff

Tavonna Johnson
Student

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Pickler Memorial Library
Seeking Book Sale Donations

The library is seeking donations for its annual book sale this fall. Donate gently used books, DVDs, VHS tapes, audio cassettes, audio books, puzzles, games, etc. The library relies on donations to make the sale possible. To make donations, contact Pickler Memorial Library at booksale@truman.edu or 785.4038.

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Retirement Reception
2 p.m. • May 18
Student Union Building
Alumni Room

Master Sergeant James Allen Grove, senior military science instructor, is retiring after 26 years of service in the United States Army.

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Every Friday is Purple Friday.
SHOW YOUR TRUMAN SPIRIT BY WEARING PURPLE.