Truman Among Select Group of Schools Recognized by Colleges of Distinction

Truman is the only Missouri school recognized this year by Colleges of Distinction in the Public Colleges of Distinction eGuidebook.

Being designated as a Public College of Distinction tells students, parents and counselors that a school is recognized as one of the most teaching-centered and engaging public colleges in the country. Schools on the list are typically celebrated for their diversity of majors, large and varied student communities and pocketbook-friendly tuition.

To be selected as a College of Distinction, a school must excel at four distinctions: engaged students; great teaching; vibrant community; and successful outcomes.

According to its website, Colleges of Distinction examines “schools that take a holistic approach to admissions decisions, that consistently excel in providing undergraduate education, and that have a truly national reputation.”

Truman is among only 37 schools nationally to be included in the 2012-2013 eGuidebook, which will be available in January through Amazon, the iBookstore, and Barnes and Noble’s nook bookstore.

Truman Student-Athletes Continue To Lead In NCAA Academic Success

The NCAA has released Division II Academic Success Rate (ASR) data and for the seventh straight year the Truman Athletics program has posted an ASR above 90 percent.

Truman’s ASR rate this year was at 92 percent, while the Division II national average was 72 percent. All 20 of Truman’s intercollegiate sports well exceeded the national average.

The report represents data from first-time freshman, as well as transfers and non-scholarship athletes who entered Truman between 2002 and 2005. The NCAA developed the ASR to more accurately assess the academic success of student-athletes. The rate holds institutions accountable for transfer students, unlike the federal graduation rate. The ASR also accounts for non-scholarship athletes in Division II. The ASR has been calculated the past seven years and for all NCAA championship sports.

Five of Truman’s sports, men’s tennis, women’s cross country/track, women’s golf, softball and women’s swimming, had a perfect 100 percent ASR rate.

Only 14 Division II football programs had an ASR rate above 80 percent with Truman, Simon Fraser (British Columbia), Colorado School of Mines and the University of Minnesota-Duluth being the only public schools on that list.

Volleyball Quarterfinal Match

The Truman volleyball team will host an MIAA Quarterfinal tournament match at 7 p.m. Nov. 13 in Pershing Arena. Tickets are $5 for all ages with children ages 6 and under admitted free. No free passes will be allowed, including student ID for a free ticket, as MIAA tournament regulations will be in effect. For more information, visit TrumanBulldogs.com or call the Athletics Office at 660.785.4236.
Tickets Available for the University Chamber Choir’s 2012 Madrigal Dinner

Tickets are now available to purchase for the University Chamber Choir’s 8th annual Madrigal Dinner. The event will take place Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Tickets are $23 for adults, $17 for students and $7 for children and are available for advance purchase only.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building HUB with the Renaissance Marketplace which features small gifts and artwork by Truman students, games, picture opportunities and complimentary beverages.

Bone Marrow Donor Drive Set for Dec. 5

The President’s Committee for Campus Well Being is sponsoring a bone marrow donor drive from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

During the drive participants will be asked to fill out a consent form and get the inside of their cheeks swabbed for a saliva sample to become a member of the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry. Actual bone marrow donations will not be conducted. The purpose of the drive is to increase the donor pool with volunteers ages 18-44.

Eighty percent of bone marrow donations are of the peripheral blood stem cells (PBSC) type, which is similar to giving blood.

For more information, check out BeTheMatch.org or contact Staci Latham at 660.785.7738 or slatham@truman.edu.

Truman Public Relations Internship Available

The Truman Public Relations Office is now accepting résumés for the full-time spring 2013 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. 14.

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

OSR Accepting Applications for Spring Semester

The Office of Student Research (OSR) is now accepting Grants-In-Aid-of-Scholarship and Research applications for research and creative scholarship to be conducted during the 2013 spring semester.

The purpose of these grants is to promote a culture of research and scholarship at Truman while providing flexibility to accommodate different research styles and requirements.

Projects supported by this program should involve original ideas but may encompass a variety of activities including obtaining preliminary data or information, exploring new topics and continuing ongoing projects.

Students must be current Truman undergraduates or graduate students and be mentored by a Truman faculty member.

Grant applications may request up to $750, which can apply towards student stipends, supplies and travel to conduct the research. Complete guidelines can be found at the OSR website, osr.truman.edu.

All students that wish to be considered for the Spring 2013 funding should submit applications online at secure.truman.edu/osr-s/ by 11:59 p.m. Nov. 29. Email any questions regarding the process to the Office of Student Research programs at osr@truman.edu.
Eight members of the Academic Competition Organization team traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the ACF Fall Quizbowl Tournament. The A team, consisting of Kyle Goff, Kerry Lee, Jared McNett, Jacob O’Rourke and Kevin Robb, finished 1st in Division II, second in the undergraduate division and third overall out of 18 teams. The team finished the day with a record of 9-2, beating teams from schools such as Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. The B team, consisting of Uday Malhotra, Nick Moody and Calley Sivilso also had a strong performance in the tournament.

Jerrold Hirsch, professor of history, presented a paper, “Studs Terkel and the Popular Front: Perspectives from the late 1930s,” at the annual meeting of the Oral History Association in Cleveland, Ohio.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Foreclosure.com 2012 Scholarship Program is available to currently enrolled undergraduate students. Students may go to foreclosure.com/scholarship to find out how to be entered to win one of five scholarships by writing an essay on stimulating the U.S. housing market. Top prize is $5,000, second through fifth place will receive $1,000 each. Deadline is Dec. 1.

CustomMade will be awarding two $1,000 scholarships to two deserving students. CustomMade is a marketplace that allows users to commission custom projects from more than 3,000 independent makers. CustomMade would like to know what students think the benefits are of buying custom products from local artisans. To find out how to apply for these scholarships, go to custommade.com/scholarships. Deadline for submission is Dec. 15.

MedicareSupplementalInsurance.com is offering scholarships in support of disability awareness. Every year, a prospective or current college student will be selected to receive a $1,000 scholarship. Qualified applicants are welcome to submit an essay of 500-1,000 words detailing what they hope to achieve throughout their time in a therapy-related career. Students currently enrolled in a therapy-related educational program are eligible to apply. For more information, go to medicare.com/scholarships. Deadline for application is Dec. 15.

Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarships are now available at hy-vee.com under company info. Forty $1,000 scholarships will be given to college students for the 2013-2014 academic year. Applicants: must have been employed at a Hy-Vee location after June 1, 2012; must be classified as a full-time student in their freshman, sophomore or junior year during time of application process; must be classified as a full-time sophomore, junior or senior at the time funds are disbursed. Deadline for application is Feb. 10, 2013.

Comcast is offering a $1,000 scholarship opportunity to one deserving student. To apply, students must write at least a 750-word essay on the topic “Why is reality television so popular, and how has it impacted the viewing public?” Go to comcast.com/scholarship.html for more information.

The CEO of Tomorrow Scholarship is offering a $2,500 scholarship to students interested in business leadership and/or entrepreneurship. Applicants must answer a short online survey and submit a 500-1,000 word essay on “the CEO of tomorrow.” Possible topics could include (but are not limited to) company structure, company culture or utilization of technology. For more information, or to apply, go to ceo.com. Deadline is July 1, 2013.
The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the University Club House, 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 660.785.6036 for more information.

Classics Club will be hosting the Homer-a-thon Nov. 14 and 15 from 10:30-4:30 p.m. on the Quad. Read a paragraph of Homer’s “Iliad” and receive a free brownie.

The Physics Colloquium continues at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in Magruder Hall 1000. Ralf Wessel from Washington University in St. Louis will present “Circuits of Vision: Dynamics of Seeing.” A continued installment of the colloquium will take place from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 28 in Magruder Hall 1000. This presentation will feature speaker Sriram Sundararajan, of Iowa State University, and will focus on the investigation of interfacial phenomena at the micro/nanoscale to enhance the engineering of surfaces.

Join the Association of Black Collegians at Kokology from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Student Union Building Alumni Room. This event will feature a series of fun activities that act to explore and discover a person’s innermost desires.

SAB will host Comic Book/Sci-fi/Fantasy Trivia at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. Free food will be provided, as well as prizes for the first place team.

French students will perform the medieval comedy “La Farce de Maître Pathelin” at 8 p.m. Nov. 14-15 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. English “sidetitles” will be provided. For more information, contact Patrick Lobert at plobert@truman.edu.

Wind Symphony II will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

The Global Issues Colloquium continues at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 in Magruder Hall 2001 with “All That We Share: The Rediscovery of the Commons as a New Tool for Creating a Greener, More Equitable and Happier World” by Jay Walljasper.

Beta Theta Pi will host its annual charity pageant Beta Rose from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 15 in Baldwin Auditorium. All proceeds will go towards the Adair County Food Bank. For more information, email Jacob Ohlhausen at jao2871@truman.edu.

Final submissions of prose, poetry and artwork are due to Windfall by Nov. 15. Windfall is Truman’s only student-run campus literary magazine. For more information, visit windfall.truman.edu/submissions/.

The Quincy Symphony Chorus will perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at Salem Church in Quincy, Ill. Admission is free with a Truman ID.

The Sigma Alpha Iota Chamber Musicale will take place at 6 p.m. Nov. 26 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

SAB will host an open mic night from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 27 in the Student Union Building Down Under. Acts are limited to 10 minutes and are open to any talent. Sign up outside the SAB Office or on the SAB Facebook page.

A Jazz Combo Concert sponsored by the Music Department will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 28 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Freshmen members of the Theatre program will perform “An Adult Evening of Shel Silverstein” at 8 p.m. Nov. 27 in the James G. Severs Theatre located in the Ophelia Parrish Building. This is a one-night-only event and is not considered suitable for children. Email theatreboxoffice@truman.edu for more information.

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