Senior Pizza Party
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Dec. 12
Student Union Building
Georgian Rooms

The Truman Alumni Association and the Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter will host the Senior Picnic on Reading Day. Graduates will receive an alumni T-shirt, gift bag and free lunch.

City of Kirksville to Sponsor Bike Safety Awareness Program

Common confusion over motorist, cyclist and pedestrian road rules and responsibilities is prompting the city of Kirksville to implement new awareness programs that will focus on bicycle/vehicle safety.

As its initial goal, the City will concentrate on reducing, and eventually eliminating, cycling traffic on sidewalks in the downtown area. Emblems will be painted on sidewalks and new signs will be posted around the downtown area to remind all of those who use public walkways that bicycles may only be ridden in permitted areas.

Kirksville Police Department (KPD) intends to promote an ongoing education campaign in the hopes that voluntary compliance with city ordinances will resolve safety issues. If safety concerns persist, KPD intends to begin enforcing the bicycle ordinances more stringently.

Studies strongly suggest that riding a bicycle on the sidewalk, under most circumstances, actually puts a cyclist more at risk than the roadway. Cyclists should also consider the following: vehicles stopped at intersections expect pedestrians to enter the crosswalks, not someone on a speeding bicycle; bicycles, which are notoriously quiet, can collide with pedestrians or frighten them as they pass by; bicycles zipping down sidewalks are no match for a business door that opens suddenly in their path.

Future program objectives will focus on addressing aggressive drivers, bicycles at night without lights, bike registration, drivers who fail to yield to cyclists and cyclists who do not obey the rules of the road. Anyone interested in helping with this project with input on existing or upcoming efforts may contact officer Nick Panos, bicycle community project coordinator, at npanos@kirksvillecity.com or by calling 660.785.6945.

Winter Commencement Ceremonies
11 a.m.
Dec. 15
Pershing Arena

Alumnus and current state Senator Eric S. Schmitt will be the featured commencement speaker.

More information concerning graduation and commencement is located at gradstudies.truman.edu/Graduation%20Information/GraduationInformation.asp.

Blood Drive
11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dec. 13
Student Union Building Down Under
Make an appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org, sponsor code TrumanState.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Dec. 15
Interested volunteers may email Stacy Tucker-Potter at stuckerpotter@truman.edu.
TruScholars Calls for Research Proposals

Undergraduate students interested in facilitating a University-supported, intensive research program during the summer of 2013 may now submit TruScholar Applications to the Office of Student Research (OSR).

The purpose of the TruScholars program is to foster collaborative faculty-student research and creative activities to enhance undergraduate student learning. Projects supported by this program should exhibit the potential for scholarly publication, presentation at a regional or national conference, public performance or a gallery showing. The OSR will fund up to 25 TruScholar applications.

The program will take place during the eight-week summer session—from June 3-July 26. During this time, students should devote full-time effort to their project and faculty mentors should be continuously available for consultation and collaboration.

If student-faculty teams would like to begin their research prior to June 3, they are encouraged to do whatever is best for the project. Participants should keep in mind that intense effort is expected during the eight-week session.

Participants in the program are required to attend all of the following: an orientation during the Spring semester; two professional development workshops scheduled to take place during the eight-week summer session; the Truman Summer Research Symposium on Aug. 24, where projects will be presented to the University community. Faculty mentors are also encouraged to attend the orientation and research symposium, as well as either lead or attend two of the professional development workshops.

Each TruScholars applicant may request up to $5,000 in funds. Funds may cover a stipend for the student (maximum of $3,000) and faculty mentor (maximum of $1,500). Monies for supplies and travel to conduct the research may also be included as long as the total budget does not exceed $5000.

Students are encouraged to identify a faculty mentor before leaving for winter break. This will allow students to work on drafts of their research applications over the break. On Jan. 23 the OSR will conduct a TruScholars Application Workshop, meant to assist students in their drafting process.

More information about the TruScholars program, as well as an application can be found at the OSR website osr.truman.edu/truscholars.

Students to Intern at the State Capital

The Spring 2013 Missouri Government Interns will spend the semester in Jefferson City, Mo., earning up to 15 hours of college credit while working with either a legislator, public official or state agency. Pictured, front row, left to right: Olivia Sandbothe, Victoria Benson, Jessica Petrie, Caitlyn Potter and John Brooks. Middle row: University President Troy Paino, Sara Stubbert, Michael Corey-Yares and Alec Kelley. Back row: Sarah Pauley, Gamuchirai Gandana, Matthew Passini, Kristen Wright and Kelsey Meline. Not pictured: John Carney and Samantha Hall.
Matthew Derezinski, professor of art, will showcase his exhibition entitled “Thoughts of Perceptions” Dec. 7-Jan. 11 at the Kansas City Artist Coalition. For more information on the showcase, visit mderezinski.wordpress.com.

An original musical composition by student Jon Ginder received recognition in the Music Teachers National Association, West Central Division competition. Ginder’s composition, “Large Angry Chickens” for clarinet ensemble, was awarded First Place in the Young Artist category of the MTNA’s Student Composition Competition and now advances to the national competition.

Donna Rhinesmith, professor of education, published the article, “Stakeholders’ Viewpoints on Potentially Controversial Children’s Literature” in the fall issue of The Dragon Lode, the journal of the International Reading Association’s Children’s Literature and Reading Special Interest Group. This article is based on the study Rhinesmith conducted during her sabbatical, in which she compared the thoughts of parents, administrators and graduate students on controversial children’s books. This sabbatical research also led to the development of her JINS course on controversial children’s literature.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 to help with costs associated with attending school. 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 medicaresupplementalinsurance.com. Deadline for application is Dec. 15.

Everest Nutrition will be awarding two “Krill Oil – Educate your Heart Scholarships” in the amount of $1,000 to students who meet the following criteria: currently enrolled at any college, university, trade or technical school in the U.S. or Canada; at least a 3.0 GPA; at least 16 years old, and a Canadian or American citizen or hold a valid student visa. For further information, visit krilloil.com/krill-oil-scholarship/. Deadline to apply is Dec. 31.

Federaed Garden Clubs of Missouri has scholarships available for the 2012-2013 academic year. Last year more than $10,000 was awarded to Missouri students. Winners in Missouri are also eligible for the Central Region and National scholarships. Missouri students have received these prestigious awards the last three years. For more information and applications, go to www.gardenclub.org/scholarships. Deadline for receiving applications is March 1.

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 www.ceo.com. Deadline is July 1, 2013.

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants will be awarding up to $1,000 each year to a scholarship winner. To apply students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of their website at abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm.

MyBookbuyer.com is sponsoring an essay contest for students to earn a $1,250 grand prize scholarship or a $250 runner up scholarship. For more information, go to mybookbuyer.com/textbooks-for-a-year-scholarship.htm.

The creators of the “Student Award Search Aid” website are renewing the B. Davis scholarship for 2013. For more information on this $1,000 scholarship, visit studentawardssearch.com/scholarships.htm. Questions can also be sent to awards@studentawardsearch.com. Deadline to apply is May 27.


Truman Today is a weekly publication of Truman State University for students, faculty and staff. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Monday's publication. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style. Truman Today • Vol. 17 No. 15 • Dec. 10
CARE for AIDS will be hosting a book drive in the Student Union Building during finals week with donations contributing to the funding of care centers in Kenya. Book donations can be made in the Student Union Building from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Each donation will go directly toward further funding one of the care centers. Donate three books and get a free t-shirt.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the University Club House, 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

True Men will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 in Baldwin Hall.

The Military Science Department will host a campus appreciation day for fellowship and food from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 12 in Barnett Hall 2217.

SAB will host Cookie Creations from 2-4 p.m. Dec. 12 in Ryle Hall main lounge. Students will be able to decorate holiday-themed cookies. Competitions include a cookie cake eating contest as well as a cookie decorating contest. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Enrollment sessions for Truman’s cultural and religious study abroad course “East Meets West,” will take place at 4 p.m. Dec. 12 in McClain Hall 208 and at 6 p.m. Jan. 15 in McClain Hall 209.

The University Bookstore will host a faculty and staff appreciation event from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 17-18. The bookstore will offer a 25 percent discount on select items purchased throughout the duration of the event. In addition, holiday refreshments will be provided to those in attendance.

Pickler Memorial Library and Information Technology Services will co-sponsor a copyright workshop for faculty and staff from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 10 in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

SAB Entertainment Survey
Interested in choosing the artists, comedians, bands, speakers and other entertainers that come to Truman next semester? Elect your entertainment. Every vote is needed. Vote from Dec. 3-17 online at sab.truman.edu/survey.

$5 Spirit Shirts Available
Looking for a simple Holiday gift with purple pride?
Stop by and purchase a spirit shirt in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. Sizes are limited to small and medium.

Student Union Building Finals Week Hours
Regular Hours
Dec. 10-13
7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec. 14
8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dec. 15

Mainstreet Market Finals Week Hours
Regular Hours
Dec. 10-13
7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dec. 14
Closed
Dec. 15

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 660.785.4467. Captains’ Meeting is at 5 p.m. in Magruder Hall Room 2001.

Group Exercise and High Intensity Interval Training Certifications

| Group Exercise Certification | 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Jan. 26 |
| Workshops Fee: $299 |

*Earlybird fee if registered before Dec. 27: $249

Potential and current fitness instructors will learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise. No college, science or teaching background required. Workshop registration includes a full-day review, written exam and 2-year certification.

H.I.I.T. High Intensity Interval Training 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 27
Workshop fee: $109

H.I.I.T. exercises are very popular in the industry right now. Learn how to properly apply H.I.I.T. techniques to both your classes and your clients. Some of the topics include energy systems, EPOC, and appropriate application of methodology.

This is a nationally recognized certification and the course and workshop are open to all students, staff, faculty and community members that would like to register.

The National Exercise Trainers Association (NETA), a non-profit fitness professional association, and the Campus Recreation Center will co-sponsor the workshops.

To register, visit netafit.org. Contact Staci Latham at slatham@truman.edu with any additional questions.

Pickler Memorial Library
Enjoy your winter break!

Check out the new titles in our popular reading section or choose an audiobook for your trip home. The library has more than 1,200 audiobook titles to choose from that are renewable online.