

# Truman today

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## Distinguished Author to Speak at Graduation



Paul L. Gaston, III

Paul L. Gaston, III, Trustee Professor at Kent State University in Ohio, will serve as the May 2013 Commencement speaker.

At Kent State University he teaches graduate seminars in English literature and higher education administration. Gaston is also an influential author and well-known speaker on higher education reform. As one of four authors of "The Degree Qualifications Profile," published by the Lumina Foundation, he has a key role in defining what academic degrees mean in terms of learning outcomes and has worked with more than 50 colleges and universities in adapting

the DQP to their needs.

Gaston's newest book, "Higher Education Accreditation: How It's Changing, Why it Must," will be published in October 2013. His three most recent books are "General Education and Liberal Learning," "The Challenge of Bologna: What U.S. Higher Education Has to Learn from Europe and Why It Matters That We Learn It," and "Revising General Education," with Jerry Gaff.

Gaston earned his Bachelors of Arts degree in English from Southeastern Louisiana University and his advanced degrees in English from the University of Virginia.

Commencement ceremonies are scheduled for 2 p.m. May 11 at Stokes Stadium.

## CAMPUS INVITED TO DIALOGUE ON DQP

Education expert Dr. Peter Ewell will be visiting Truman May 14 for a campus-wide dialogue concerning the Degree Qualifications Profile (DQP).

The event runs from 12-2:30 p.m. in the Student Union and will include lunch, breakout sessions and an open forum with Ewell.

In addition to being a nationally known education expert, Ewell is a former member of the Truman Board of Governors and was a consultant to the University during the mission change in the 1980s.

More information is available at [luminafoundation.org/publications/other\\_pubs.html](http://luminafoundation.org/publications/other_pubs.html).

RSVPs are required by May 6 and can be made at [eventmanager.truman.edu/generallist.asp](http://eventmanager.truman.edu/generallist.asp).

## CSI Recognizes Campus Leaders at Banquet



The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) presented the 2012-2013 Leadership Recognition Program (LRP) Awards April 9. The following awards were given: Verona S. Nichols Award, Jessi Hamilton; Outstanding Residence Leader, Lucas Dille; Gaber Achievement Award, Dillon Bittiker and Alexandra Kuhn; Women of Distinction Faculty, Melissa Holcomb; Women of Distinction Student, Briana Bonner; Women of Distinction Staff, Jane Maxwell; Student Senate Shining Stars, Adam Antor, Delta Sigma Pi; SERVE Center Outstanding Organization for Organization, Eta Sigma Gamma; SERVE Center Outstanding Service Organization, Alpha Sigma Gamma; SERVE Center Service-Learning Award, Enactus; SERVE Center Outstanding Student Volunteer, Zachary Doebler; Athletic Leadership Award, Jerod Simek; Excellence in Diversity Student Award, Brittany Temple and Tekhundra Stephens; Excellence in Diversity Organization Award, Hablantes Unidos; Outstanding President Award, Norma Castro and Bethany Williams; Outstanding Student Worker Award, Drishti Rana, Heather Wikowsky and Kaleigh Gach; Senior Leadership Award, Jaronda Williams, Derek Franklin, Erin Foster and Alexandria Witt; Student Excellence Award, Alexander Eichstadt, Chelsea Rickman, and Alaina Kramer; Outstanding Educational Event, Muslim Students Association for "Taste of Islam-9/11 Aftermath"; Outstanding Entertainment Event, Student Activities Board for B.o.B Concert; Creative Campaign Award, American Marketing Association; Outstanding New Organization, Bulldog Student Investment Fund; Outstanding Small Organization, African Student's Association; Outstanding Large Organization, American Marketing Association; E.M. Violette Outstanding Advisor Award, Datha Martinez.

# SAB

Spring Concert

**Lee Brice**

8:15 p.m. • May 3

Red Barn Park

Doors open at 7:45 p.m.

Admission is free. The rain site for the concert will be Pershing Arena. Tickets are required for the rain site and are available for students, staff and faculty. General admission rain site tickets are sold out for this event. For more information visit [sab.truman.edu](http://sab.truman.edu) or call 660.785.4722.

## EQUESTRIAN TEAM MEMBERS ADVANCE TO NATIONALS

After competing in Zone 7 Championships, three members from the Truman Equestrian Team will advance to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championships.

The Zone 7 Championships took place April 6 at West Texas A&M where Caitlin Shaefer, Danielle Witt and Elizabeth Miller all qualified for nationals. Schaefer placed second in the walk-trot equitation, Witt was awarded second place in the novice equitation on the flat and Miller placed second in the open equitation on the flat.

Zone championships are the final step for IHSA champions. From this competition, the top two individuals qualify to move on to nationals. Miller, Schaefer and Witt will travel to Harrisburg, Pa., for the 2013 national competition May 2-5.

### PARTY WITH T-PAIN

Graduating seniors have the opportunity to receive an invitation to "Party with T-Pain" May 6. To receive an invite, seniors can give a gift of \$20 or more to any University fund by May 1.

Students may choose any Foundation fund that is important to them.

For more information, or details concerning the invitation, a donation or the Foundation funds available, visit [alumni.truman.edu/Graduates/2013/PartyWithT-Pain\\_Main.asp](http://alumni.truman.edu/Graduates/2013/PartyWithT-Pain_Main.asp) or call 660.785.4133



## Gooch Honored with Governor's Excellence in Teaching Award

Warren Gooch, professor of music, was given the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching April 3 at a luncheon at the University of Missouri.

Each year, the Governor's Award is presented to one faculty member at each institution of higher education in Missouri. Gooch was the recipient of the 2012 Educator of the Year award at Truman. He was one of 15 recipients across the state that was honored with the award.

The awards, which are not monetary, are based on effective teaching, innovating course design and delivery, effective advising, service to the university community, commitment to high standards of excellence and success in nurturing student achievement.

This year's featured speaker at the luncheon was Jack Magruder, Truman President Emeritus and Professor of Chemistry Emeritus.



Warren Gooch was congratulated by President Paino and Dr. David Russell, Commissioner of Higher Education, when he received his award at the Excellence in Teaching Awards Luncheon April 3 at the University of Missouri.

## City Council Acknowledges Grad Ed Week

Students and faculty members from Truman graduate programs accept a proclamation in recognition of Graduate Education Week from Kirksville Mayor Richard Detweiler during a city council meeting April 15. Universities from around the state celebrated Graduate Education Week April 13-20 in an effort to increase public awareness about the impact and outcomes of graduate education. Currently, graduate degree programs in Missouri are preparing more than 60,900 students for leadership in their fields. Pictured, front row, left to right: graduate students Amy Sanders, Sara Mennemeier and Jourdan Nichols. Back row, left to right: Detweiler; Shelia Garlock, assistant professor of communication disorders; Janet Gooch, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Education; and David Giovagnoli, graduate student.



### LARGE SURPLUS PLANT SALE

9 a.m.-4 p.m. • May 3

University Greenhouse

Sponsored by the Biology Department

Plants for sale include house and tropical plants such as orchids, bromeliads, cacti, succulents, palm trees and many other healthy house plants. Most plants are \$5 or less. Temporary parking permits are available at the Department of Public Safety. All funds used for operational costs of the University greenhouse. The sale is open to the public.

# “Truman Steel” to Perform April 29

“Truman Steel,” will be presenting their first full length spring concert at 8 p.m. April 29 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Michael Bump will be directing the ensemble. The concert will feature a wide variety of traditional Trinidadian calypsos, as well as songs, socas, afro-cuban and jazz-fusion arrangements for the steel band. Admission is free.



## NOTABLES

**Five classics students from Truman, Kathleen Donelson, Madeline Oberman, Callyn Burgess, Hannah Lantz and Claire Drone-Silvers,** assisted in running the Missouri Junior Classical League convention in Columbia, Mo., April 19-20. The convention takes place annually to showcase and celebrate the talents of Missouri's middle and high school-aged scholars of Greek and Latin through academic and creative arts competitions. Drone-Silvers also served as the 2012-13 secretary of the Missouri Senior Classical League. They were accompanied by Truman graduate English student and classics alumnus **David Giovagnoli**, who was elected state co-chair for the 2013-14 academic year, co-leading a committee of Latin teachers from across the state to plan the next convention and other MOJCL activities.

**Two classics students from Truman, Jordan Dillon and Hannah Lantz,** travelled to Wake Forest University from April 5-7 to attend

the 85th Annual Eta Sigma Phi convention as national officers of that organization, the national collegiate classics honorary society. Elected at the previous convention, Dillon served as the megas hyparchos (Grand Vice-President) and Lantz served as the megale crysophylax (Grand Treasurer). This was the first time that two national officers have been from the same university since the early days of the organization, and this was the third year that Truman has had national officers. In addition to their magisterial duties, the two were part of the winning certamen (quiz bowl) team.

**Jerrold Hirsch, professor of history,** is acting as a consultant to an exhibit being organized by the Frazier History Museum, Louisville, entitled “American Eye/Kentucky Hand: The Index of American Design in Kentucky.” The exhibition is scheduled to open in early 2015. He attended a planning meeting at the Museum, April 9.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**The Press Club of Metropolitan St. Louis** is inviting eligible media communication and journalism students to apply for scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic year. Students of journalism or related fields who are residents of the St. Louis metropolitan area are eligible to receive these scholarships. Applications are available online at [stlpresclub.org/scholarships.html](http://stlpresclub.org/scholarships.html). Deadline for applications is May 3.

**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 [studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm](http://studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm). Questions can also be sent to [awards@studentawardsearch.com](mailto:awards@studentawardsearch.com). Deadline to apply is May 27.

**MyBookbuyer.com** is continuing to conduct their ongoing scholarship essay contest. It is a 750-1,250 word essay submission. There will be one grand prize of \$1,250 and one runner-up prize of \$250 to the winning students. The application deadline is May 10. To learn more about this scholarship opportunity go to [www.mybookbuyer.com/textbooks-for-a-year-scholarship.htm](http://www.mybookbuyer.com/textbooks-for-a-year-scholarship.htm).

**DAZ 3D** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to 3D Graphic Design Students seeking financial aid for tuition, books and education related costs. For more information go to [www.daz3d.com/3d-graphic-design-scholarship](http://www.daz3d.com/3d-graphic-design-scholarship). Submission deadline is June 1.

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. Entries should be submitted by sending an email to [tmiles@truman.edu](mailto:tmiles@truman.edu) or by completing a Truman Today form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202. The form may also be accessed online at [trumantodaytruman.edu/submissionform.pdf](http://trumantodaytruman.edu/submissionform.pdf). **All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style.** Truman Today • Vol. 17 No. 30 • April 29, 2013

## FORENSICS TEAM FINISHES SEASON WITH NATIONAL HONORS

The Truman Forensic Union earned top debate honors at the National Forensic Association's national championship tournament hosted by Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., April 18-22.

Myra Milam, a junior communication disorders major, was awarded the first place speaker award in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Division, topping 67 qualifying speakers from around the country. Milam also reached the final round of single-elimination competition, taking second. This marks the first time that a Truman student has won the first place speaker award or competed in the final debate of the tournament.

Maddie Ebert, sophomore political science major and Milam's teammate, reached the octafinal or “sweet sixteen” round of the tournament. Nick Gorman, junior economics major, reached the double-octafinal round. Gorman was also ranked the 10th best speaker in the tournament. The team placed third overall in the nation in sweepstakes competition, a cumulative measure of performance among all Lincoln-Douglas competitors.

Qualifiers for the national tournament contributing to these team awards, in addition to Milam, Ebert and Gorman, include: Mackenzie Barnes, Alex Bisges, Blake Bixler, Codi Caton, David Cook, Alex Gregor, Max Highsmith, Dillon Laaker, Arielle Long-Seabra and Sarah Muir.

This concludes the competitive season for the Forensic Union.

# NOTES

Many Truman faculty, staff and students are involved in helping raise money and gathering canned food for multiple local organizations. One of those organizations is the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri at [sharefoodbringhope.org](http://sharefoodbringhope.org). Walmart is splitting \$3 million to 100 different food banks across the county and the decision on who gets that money is based upon the number of votes each one gets through April 30. A person can vote every day. To vote, go to [wm8.walmart.com/Hunger](http://wm8.walmart.com/Hunger).

The Staff Council BBQ will take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May 3 at the University Club for

all University staff. The menu includes grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, fresh fruit and vegetables. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert to share and to remember to sign up for door prizes when they arrive. RSVP via email to [cdavis@truman.edu](mailto:cdavis@truman.edu). An RSVP is not required but greatly appreciated.

The Truman in Washington Program is looking for any students who will be interning in Washington, D.C., this summer. If you will be in D.C., or know a student who will be, please contact Jay Self, Truman in Washington Program director, at [selfjw@truman.edu](mailto:selfjw@truman.edu).

## ATHLETICS TRIVIA NIGHT/SILENT AUCTION

7 p.m. • May 4  
(6:30 p.m. pre-game social)

The event will feature a social prior to 10 rounds of trivia and will have many auctions and door prizes. The event is open for individuals or teams up to eight people. Truman Faculty/Staff Discounts are available. For more information or to register by May 1, call Jeri Speak at 660.785.4235 or visit [TrumanBulldogs.com](http://TrumanBulldogs.com).

## COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE

Looking for a paying job for next year and have a passion for higher education and helping others? Apply on TruPositions to be the BULLDOG College Access Program Intern. This position will work with local high schools and education partners to help make college a reality for the students of Northeast Missouri. All majors and disciplines are welcome to apply. For more information contact Matt in the Admissions Office at 660.785.4114 or [mmagruder@truman.edu](mailto:mmagruder@truman.edu)

## Central Steam System Shutdown

This year's annual steam system shut-down for maintenance and inspection is scheduled for May 14-16.

The steam system will be shut down May 14. Except for buildings with their own boilers\*, the campus will be without steam for building heat and hot water throughout the shutdown period. The steam system should be back on-line by the evening of May 16.

\*Buildings with boilers: Barnett Hall • Campbell Apartments • Ryle Hall  
• Student Recreation Center • West Campus Suites

## Department of Public Safety

May Interim Hours

May 10.....	7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
May 11.....	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
May 12.....	Closed
May 13-17.....	7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
May 18-19.....	Closed
May 20-24.....	7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
May 25-27.....	Closed
May 28-31.....	7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
June 1-2.....	Closed

In case of an emergency call 9-1-1. To contact an officer for a non-emergency call 660.665.5621.

## Student Recreation Center

May Interim Hours

May 6-8.....	9 a.m.-11 p.m.
May 9-10.....	9 a.m.-7 p.m.
May 11-12.....	Closed
May 13-17.....	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 18-19.....	Closed
May 20-24.....	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 25-27.....	Closed
May 28-31.....	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
June 1-2.....	Closed

Specific areas may be closed for periods of time without advance notice for cleaning or contractor projects.

## PICKLER

## MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Extended Hours

Pickler Memorial Library will be open until 2 a.m. Sundays –Thursdays through May 9.

The library will provide free coffee and hot chocolate starting at 11 p.m. for those late night study sessions. Don't forget to bring your travel mug. Compliments of the Library Book Sale Fund and Sodexo.

## Summer Orientation Dates

June 3 • June 7  
June 12 • June 17  
June 20 • June 24  
June 28 • August 16

## ASSESSMENT AT TRUMAN

*How Does Truman Measure Up?*

### Satisfaction on Campus

While incoming students may have very high expectations for Truman, it appears that overall their expectations are being met by the time they graduate.

In 2012, 88.1 percent of first-year students surveyed reported that "academic experiences... will be the most important part of college." At the same time, 90.7 percent of senior "students evaluated their entire educational experience at Truman as good or excellent," and 84.5 percent of seniors reported they "would probably choose Truman again if they started over." You can access this data, as well as other interesting facts about how Truman is doing via the Assessment Almanac, at [assessment.truman.edu/almanac/index.asp](http://assessment.truman.edu/almanac/index.asp).