Faculty Honored at Accolades Banquet

Brent Buckner, geneticist and professor of biology, was awarded Educator of the Year for Truman State University at the Accolades of Academics banquet hosted by the Student Government April 11.

Buckner teaches Introductory genetics, molecular genetics, introductory biology, genetics of human disorders, cancer biology and the influence of the gene. Buckner’s research focuses on studying maize genomics, which is the study of gene interactions and their effects on an organism. Buckner has published his research in 19 articles during his near 15 years as a member of Truman’s faculty.

Bucker has mentored countless students throughout their independent research projects and is a prior recipient of the Outstanding Research Mentor of the Year.

Buckner received his doctorate in botany and master’s in botany from the University of Vermont, and his bachelor’s degree from Lock Haven State College.

In addition to Buckner, finalists for the prestigious Educator of the Year award included Robert Matthews, Teresa Heckert, Hena Ahmad and Eric Patterson.

Fredric Shaffer, professor of psychology, was awarded Most Outstanding Research Mentor of the Year at the Accolades of Academics. The Accounting Department’s faculty includes Alan Davis, Keith Harrison, Darla Honn, Kristen Irwin, Kathy Otero and Cathy Poyner. Retired faculty teaching part-time includes Sandra Fleak, Scott Fouch and Sandy Weber.

The Accounting Department is part of the School of Business AACSB accreditation. In addition, the department is also accredited by the AASCB, one of 178 institutions worldwide holding this designation. The CPA Exam pass rate for alumni of the department has been in the top 25 for schools in the United States for many years. In 2011, the Accounting Department was ranked number four in the nation.

In addition to the Accounting Department, the Theatre Department and Health and Exercise Sciences Department were recognized as finalists for the Accolades of Academics Department of the Year award.

Accolades of Academics is a new, annual banquet hosted by Student Government each spring. Students have the opportunity to nominate candidates for the previously mentioned awards each year at senate.truman.edu.

EwEll to Discuss DQP

12-2:30 p.m. • May 14 • Student Union Building

Dr. Peter Ewell will be visiting Truman for a campus-wide dialogue concerning the Degree Qualifications Profile (DQP). The event will include lunch, a breakout session and an open forum with Ewell. A reservation is required and can be made at eventmanager.truman.edu/germanlist.asp no later than May 6.

More information about the DQP is available at luminafoundation.org/publications/other_pubs.html.
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Student Presents Research on Capitol Hill
Bridget Waller presented the results of her undergraduate research in Washington, D.C., on April 24 during the 17th annual Posters on the Hill program sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Research.

Waller, a senior biology major, joined 60 undergraduates nationwide in presenting their research to legislators during an evening poster session in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill. Waller was the only participant from the state of Missouri.

Waller’s research project titled “Impact of Alcohol on Embryonic Development using a Nematode Model Organism” was conducted in the lab of Timothy Walston, assistant professor of biology.

This project contributes to efforts to establish the nematode Caenorhabditis elegans as a model for human neural tube defects.

As part of the program, Waller toured the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center and attended congressional appointments. Waller met with Sen. Roy Blunt and Rep. Sam Graves, and spoke with staffers in the offices of Sen. Claire McCaskill and Rep. Ann Wagner to promote undergraduate research and support for higher education.

Waller’s participation in the event was sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research.

Truman Places Third in National Competition
A team of health and exercise students placed third in national competition April 26 in Charlotte, N.C., at the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance National Convention.

The team, comprised of students Justin Ryckman, McKenzie Tate, Vanessa Shaw and alternate Emma Hosman, participated in the American Association of Health Education Case Study competition and was judged on the ability to utilize the Seven Areas of Responsibility for Certified Health Education Specialists (assess, plan, implement, evaluate, administer, serve as a resource and communicate and advocate for health education) to deal with the Alzheimer’s disease.

Janice Clark, associate professor of health science, is the sponsor for the group. Additionally, Ryckman, Tate, Shaw and Hosman assisted Clark in her presentation, “Is Your Health Curriculum CHES-Aligned?”

These students applied for the positions on the case study team. To finance the trip, they applied for grant funding from MO-PIP, the Student Senate and the Student Public Health Association.

President Paino Awards Prizes

President Paino awards prizes for the faculty and staff campaign. Pictured from top left: Jana Morton; Leslie Motter; Pete Kelly; Kristin Flannigan; Gayla McHenry and Lena Reardon; Kathy Bolen and Joyce Schmitz; and Wanda Cagle.
Students Receive Academic Honors Awards

The Annual Academic Honor Awards Assembly, which recognizes outstanding students who have dedicated time, energy and talent to their academic achievement, will take place at 5 p.m. May 10 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Alumna DeAnn Malone ('93) will be the guest speaker. Malone is an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service and the Executive Program Officer for Leadership Programs and Coach Training at the Treasury Executive Institute in Washington, D.C.

Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting: Xiaojing (Mercury) Bai
Outstanding Graduate Student in Business Administration: Finance: Viktor Jankov
Outstanding Graduate Student in Business Administration: Management: Patrick Fink
Outstanding Graduate Student in Business Administration: Marketing: Marianne Emery
Outstanding Graduate Student in International Business: Julianne Meyer
Outstanding Graduate Student in Chemistry: Katelyn Brewer
Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication: Journalism: Jonathan Moeller
Outstanding Graduate Student in Public Communication: Wesley Harbison
Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Studies: Kelsey Spalding
Outstanding Graduate Student in English: Shawn Bodden
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Outstanding Graduate Student in English: Jeremy Denight
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Outstanding Graduate Student in Economics: Miguel Fernandez Flores
Outstanding Graduate Student in English: Amy Burbee
Outstanding Graduate Student in English: Joshua Wilson
Outstanding Graduate Student in English: Amanda Shetler
Outstanding Graduate Student in Computer Science: Benjamin Batzer
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Outstanding Graduate Student in Computer Science: Zachary Peters
Outstanding Graduate Student in Computer Science: Elizabeth Murray
Outstanding Graduate Student in Computer Science: Olivia Wilke
Outstanding Graduate Student in Computer Science: David Schoonover
Outstanding Graduate Student in Creative Writing: Kailey Tyler
Outstanding Graduate Student in Creative Writing: Jeffrey Denight
Outstanding Graduate Student in Creative Writing: Kun Zhang
Outstanding Graduate Student in English: Stephen Elford
Outstanding Graduate Student in English: Bethany Hockzema
Outstanding Graduate Student in English: Holly Fling
Outstanding Graduate Student in English: Rachel Spillars
Outstanding Graduate Student in English: Bradley Schaefer
Outstanding Graduate Student in Exercise Science: Thomas Faust
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Outstanding Graduate Student in Exercise Science: Nicholas Hooper

Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, Truman State University certifies that it has a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program in operation that is accessible to any officer, employee or student. Pursuant to this program, Truman will distribute to all students, faculty and staff information concerning drug and alcohol abuse and the school’s prevention program. All of the information included can be found in the Student Handbook at conduct.truman.edu/docs/Student_Handbook_2012-2013_with_New_Board_Policies.pdf

While reviewing the policies mentioned above, please note any questions or comments regarding the Student Handbook. The Handbook will be edited and we are always looking for ways to improve this online publication. Please share your comments with Beth Kral, assistant dean of Student Affairs at bkral@truman.edu.

2012 Homecoming Apparel Sale

The 2013 Homecoming Committee is having a blowout sale of apparel from last year. Bring cash or check to their tables 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday in the SUB.

The prices are as follows:
- T-shirt: $3
- Long-sleeved T-shirt: $5
- Hoodie: $10
- 1/4 zip pullovers: $15
- Bundles: T-shirt and long-sleeved T-shirt: $7
- Hoodie and 1/4 zip pullover and long-sleeved T-shirt: $17
- Hoodie and 1/4 zip pullover: $22

Next Issue
The next issue of the Truman Today will be available May 20.
Janice Clark, associate professor of health science, attended the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) national convention in Charlotte, N.C., during the week of April 22-27. While there, she made three presentations and was also a session presider. The presentations were: “Is Your Health Curriculum CHES-Aligned?”; “CHES/MCHES Report, Results and Curricula Alignment”; and “Get the Big Picture: Concept Mapping in Health Education.” Additionally, Clark was the sponsor for the health science students selected to represent Truman in the American Association of Health Education Case Study competition.

Jerrold Hirsch, professor of history, published “Theorizing Regionalism and Folklore From the Left: B.A Botkin, the Oklahoma Years, 1921-1939, in Regionalists on the Left: Radical Voices from the American West.

Daniel Mandell, professor of history, has published “‘Turned Their Minds to Religion’: Oquaga and the First Iroquois Church, 1748-1776," in Early American Studies.

Rachel Patterman, student president of Truman State University’s Rho Rho Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, received the prestigious Gabriela Mistral Award for her academic achievements in Spanish and her noteworthy leadership and initiative in her chapter. The Gabriela Mistral Award is granted by Sigma Delta Pi’s national Executive Committee and may be presented to only one person per chapter; the honor is reserved for outstanding graduate or undergraduate students of Spanish who are active members of Sigman Delta Pi. For past honorees see sigmadeltapi.org/SAR.Premio.Gabriela.Mistral.html.

John Quinn, professor of political science, and Mike Rudy, assistant professor of political science, presented their paper “Hierarchies, Foreign Aid and Conflict Among Major Powers,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago April 11-14. Quinn also presented a paper with former colleague Marijke Breuning entitled “Aid, Development, and Foreign Policy Under the Meles Regime.” Quinn also served as discussant at this latter panel.

John Quinn, professor of political science, and Mike Rudy, assistant professor of political science, presented their research at the 21st annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science in Normal, Ill., April 12. Damian Chavez presented his paper entitled “The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: An Analysis of the Formulation of the 2009 Stimulus.” Wyatt Hoffman presented and his paper “Cultures of War,” while Robert Markie presented his work “Masters of Misdirection: Diversionary Conflict and Contested Rivals.” Markie won a “Best Paper Award” for his presentation his paper will be published in the journal Critique and he will receive a $200 monetary award. Chavez also served as discussant for the panel on United States Public Policy, while Markie served as a discussant on the panel U.S. Intergovernmental Relations.

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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 and West Campus Suites.