Nineteen Graduates Named Valedictorians

Nineteen graduates received top honors at Truman’s spring 2002 commencement exercises held May 18 at Stokes Stadium. Each valedictorian had a perfect 4.0 GPA for all subjects. Pictured from left to right are Katherine Krueger, Anne Wood, Natalie Melrose, Erica Poeschel, Angela Ingraham, Heather Siegele, Andrea Snobl, Stephanie Merritt, Christine Gould, Sean O’Brien, Nathaniel Curl, Jeremy Youse, Lance Dorsey, Shanee Perkins, Lauren Rider, Daniel Chavez, Melissa Forbes, Gregory Knese and Aaron Dean.

General Honors Medals Awarded to 10

Truman faculty from a wide variety of disciplines awarded General Honors medals to 10 Truman graduates during the General Honors Program Medal Ceremony held May 17 in the SUB Georgian Room. The medals signify superior achievement in rigorous courses within the liberal arts and sciences, but outside the major field. They hang from purple and white ribbons and feature the University seal on the front with an image of Kirk Memorial on the back. Those receiving General Honors were (left to right) Andrea Lammon, Catherine Schmidt, Jacklyn Lock, Shawn Gilmore, Sarah Spader, Les Horton, Stephanie Klaus, Sarah Davenport and Ellen Axmear. Not pictured is Timothy Horan.

Santa Ana Named Presser Scholar

Alfredo Santa Ana, junior composition major of Mexico City, Mexico, has been named a Presser Scholar for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The Presser Scholarship is given to an outstanding music major at the end of his or her junior year. The foundation’s grant of $4,200 was awarded to Santa Ana at the spring Fine Arts award ceremony in April.

Santa Ana won the composition portion of the Gold Medal Awards and had his piece performed in concert by the Truman Symphony Orchestra during his sophomore year. This year he won first place in the state MTNA Student Composition Competition, first place in the Regional MTNA Student Composition competition and third place in the National Student Composition Competition.
Students Present Research on Capitol Hill

Two Truman students recently presented the results of their undergraduate research in Washington, D.C., as part of the “Posters on the Hill” program sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Research.

Tiffany Lucas, junior biology major from Springfield, Ill., and Catherine Schmidt, senior chemistry major from Albuquerque, N.M., joined 57 undergraduates from around the country to present their research to legislators and other guests. Lucas and Schmidt were the only participants from the State of Missouri.

The students also visited offices of several Missouri legislators as part of the program. Faculty mentors for Lucas and Schmidt were Laura Fielden, assistant professor of biology, and James McCormick, assistant professor of chemistry, respectively. Lucas’ project was Evaluation of Infection by Beauvaria bassiana and other Naturally Occurring Entomopathogenic Fungi on the Tick Dermacentor variabilis. Schmidt’s project was Coordination Geometry of Heavy P-Block Metals.

“The Physical Plant and You” will be presented from 9:30-11 a.m., June 20, in the SUB Alumni Room. For this program, R.S.V.P. to Human Resources at 785.4031 by June 14.

Notes

Two different programs are being offered by the Staff Development Committee. Faculty and staff of agricultural science will discuss “The Role of Agriculture in a Liberal Arts and Sciences Education” from 4-5 p.m., May 30, at the University Farm.