U.S. Rep. Hulshof to Address December Graduates

Congressman Kenny Hulshof will address students as the commencement speaker for the December graduation ceremony. The commencement is at 1:30 p.m., Dec. 20, in Pershing Arena.

Elected to Congress in 1996, Hulshof is currently serving his fourth term as the U.S. Representative for the 25 counties in northeastern and central Missouri, which make up Missouri’s Ninth Congressional District. He has authored and co-authored several pieces of legislation important to the district he represents. One such piece is the legislation leading to the expansion of Education Savings Accounts, which provides families with additional tools to help save for their children’s education.

Hulshof serves on the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee, the House Committee on the Budget, the House Ethics Committee, the House Policy Committee, and the subcommittees of health, environment, resources and agriculture. He also is the Tax Reform Subcommittee chairman for the House Policy Committee.

Hulshof earned his undergraduate degree in Agricultural Economics at the University of Missouri-Columbia and graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1983.

Hulshof and his wife Renee (Howell) Hulshof reside in Columbia, Mo. They have two daughters.

Final Grades to be Available Via Banner Web

Final grades will be available via Banner Web Services beginning at 5 p.m. Dec. 23. Beginning this semester, students will no longer receive a printed grade mailer at their home address. Grades will be accessible only via the Web.

Currently enrolled students can access their final grades by logging in to Campus Pipeline, and then logging in to Banner Web Services. (Detailed log-in instructions are available at http://registrar.truman.edu/) Students should then select the Student and Financial Aid menu, then the Student Records menu, and then “Final Grades.”

All students are strongly encouraged to log in to their Campus Pipeline and Banner Web Services accounts before leaving campus to ensure that their account access is functioning correctly. For technical assistance with either Campus Pipeline or Banner Web, contact the ITS Help Desk at 785.4544 or helpdesk@truman.edu.

All campus offices will close for the winter holiday from Dec. 22-26. Assistance for students who have difficulty accessing their grades will not be available until campus offices reopen on Dec. 29.
Who’s Who Inductees Announced

Sixty-one Truman students will be recognized in the 2003-2004 edition of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” for their academic achievement, character, leadership and service. The following students will be recognized for their achievements at a luncheon from noon-2 p.m., Feb. 21, in the SUB Georgian Room. The keynote speaker will be Rep. Robert J. Behnen, a 1991 Who’s Who alumnus.


Truman Students Selected for Missouri Government Internship

Fourteen Truman State University students will begin legislative internships at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City next semester as part of the Missouri Government Internship Program.

The internship provides an inside look at state government. While in Jefferson City, the interns will be assigned to public officials based on compatibility and interests. The interns work with their legislator and his/her staff on a variety of jobs and tasks. The Truman interns will begin working with state representatives, legislators and in statewide offices with the start of session Jan. 8.

The spring interns are Melissa Blair, senior psychology major from Blue Springs, Mo.; Vanessa Crawford, senior political science major from St. Peters, Mo.; Traci Daffer, senior political science major from Jefferson City, Mo.; Kenton Moorhead, junior political science major from Camdenton, Mo.; Caitlin O’Day, junior communication major from Centralia, Mo.; Damon Thayer, senior business administration major from Hannibal, Mo.; Tripti Upreti, junior economics major from Kathmandu; Rebekah Wedick, senior political science major from Ballwin, Mo.; and Kari Willhite, senior political science major from Jacksonville, Ill.

Truman Nursing Honor Society Accepted Into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

The Truman State University Nursing Honor Society was approved to become a charter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing on Nov. 4 at the 37th Biennial Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Kit Hadwiger, Stephen Hadwiger, Rebecca McClanahan, Sharon McGahan, Stephanie Powelson, and Martha Smith, members of the Truman State University Nursing Honor Society, were in attendance when Kit Hadwiger and Smith formally presented the petition for a charter to the House of Delegates.

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing provides leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people and is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide by increasing the scientific base of nursing practice.

The Board of Officers for the Truman State University Nursing Honor Society is currently planning the chartering ceremony for Truman’s chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International to be held on March 19, 2004.
Notables

Sarah Delaware, assistant professor of nursing, and Rebecca McClanahan, assistant professor of nursing, attended the 81st Biennial Convention of the Missouri Nurses Association in St. Louis, Oct. 3-5. McClanahan served on the resolutions committee for the past biennium. 

Masahiro Hara, assistant professor of Japanese, presented a paper titled “Optionality as ‘Demarking’ in an L2 Advanced State” at the 28th Annual Boston University Conference on Language

Percussion Ensemble Places in National Competition

The Truman Percussion Ensemble recently placed second in the nation at the 40th Annual Percussive Arts Society International Convention, held Nov. 19-22 at the Louisville Convention Center in Louisville, Ky. In attendance were approximately 5,000 percussionists from all over the world.

This particular Truman Percussion Ensemble, made up of members of the Gambler Marching Band Cymbal Section, competed against other college/university ensembles from across the country in the Society’s Indoor Marching Percussion Competition.

“It is all the pageantry and precision of competitive marching bands, only without the winds,” Michael Bump, assistant professor of percussion, said. “They have worked very hard developing their skills and talent for this performance, and are every bit deserving of this recognition.”

The Truman Indoor Marching Percussion Ensemble has been competing on a regional and national level for more than 20 years, and has received numerous awards of excellence.

Student Senate Brings USA TODAY, New York Times to Campus Through Readership Pilot Program

The New York Times and USA TODAY will be delivered to campus through the USA TODAY Readership Pilot Program beginning January 2004. Student Senate has worked with USA TODAY to jump-start the Readership Program, which will allow faculty to integrate these newspapers into their curriculum for next semester.

For a four-week trial period, these two national newspapers, along with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, will be delivered to drop-off points in residence halls and to various on-campus newsstands each morning. USA TODAY will manage all recycling, distribution and removal efforts that support the Readership Program. At the end of four weeks, on-campus surveys will be conducted to measure students’ interest and readership habits.

To date, the USA TODAY Readership Pilot Program has been conducted at more than 450 campuses nationwide. In 2002, the Program delivered 4.5 million copies of the newspaper to college students.

For more information, email Student Senate at press@tsusenate.org or visit http://www.usatoday.com/educate/readers/home.htm.

Mohler to be Featured Technology Champion

This week’s featured Technology Champion is Chad Mohler, assistant professor of philosophy and religion.

“My teaching is vastly improved now that it is technology-enhanced,” Mohler said. “Using computer-aided presentations online and in class frees up a lot of class time for interactive discussion, and my students appreciate getting lots of comments back on papers they submit electronically.”

Mohler serves as chairman of the Teaching and Learning Technology Roundtable.

Mohler has several areas of technology knowledge including Blackboard, Dreamweaver, Eudora, UNIX, Palm handheld computers, and presentation software for the classroom. His real passion and expertise are Macintosh computers.

“They’re the ‘Apple’ of my eye,” he said.

New Scholarships, Internships Available

Talbott's Charitable Foundation Scholarships

Deadline: Jan. 15, 2004
Who can apply: college women who will graduate no earlier than May 2005.
Where to get applications: Talbott stores or online at http://www.talbots.com/about/scholar/scholar.asp.

The Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation District Internship

Deadline: Jan. 16, 2004
Who can apply: area residents enrolled for classes next fall. Preference is given to applicants who have farm background or are studying agriculture related field.
Where to get applications: Financial Aid Office
Amnesty International’s Truman chapter is celebrating International Human Rights Day with events on Dec. 9. Holiday gift items will be for sale in the SUB throughout the day. A Teach-in Speakers’ Panel will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the SUB Alumni Room. Contact Narissa Webber at amnesty@truman.edu for more information.

The Anthropology Club has invited anthropologist Pei-Lin Yu, author of “Hungrily Lighting: Notes of a Woman Anthropologist in Venezuela,” to talk at 7 p.m., Dec. 9, in VH 1146. She will discuss her ethnographic experiences among the Pume hunter-gatherers in Venezuela. Contact Amber Johnson at 785.4322 or ajohnson@truman.edu for more information.

Canterbury Club and the Trinity Episcopal Church will be sponsoring the Advent Festival of Lessons and Music at 7 p.m., Dec. 9, at the Trinity Episcopal Church located at 124 N. Mulanix. Contact Amanda Perschall at 785.5669 for more information.

There will be a piano student recital at 8 p.m., Dec. 9, in the OP Performance Hall. For more information, e-mail David McKamie at dmckamie@truman.edu.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet at 9 a.m., Dec. 10, in the University Club. For more information, contact Marc Becker at 785.6036.

Representatives from Wolfiner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped will present a workshop at 1 p.m., Dec. 10, in Pickler Memorial Library, Room 103. Wolfiner Library staff will present information and demonstrate their new online public access catalog. The Wolfiner Library is a free library service to anyone unable to use standard print materials due to a visual or physical disability. For more information, call Wolfiner Library at 1.800.392.2614.

The Filmmakers are holding their End of the Semester Premiere at 3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m., Dec. 10, in VH 1000. The premiere of the movie “975 AM” is free. For more information, contact Rachel Stratman at 785.4730.

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) will perform a reading of “Jane,” a play about the roots of reproductive freedom, at 5 p.m., Dec. 10, in the SUB Down Under. Contact Molly Thacker at 665-5201 for more information.

The Chariton Valley Audubon Society will sponsor the Kirksville Christmas Bird Count Dec. 13. Participants count all of the birds within seven and a half miles of downtown Kirksville. All are welcome to participate. Contact Pete Goldman at 785.4632 for more information.

The University League invites faculty and staff to the annual Family Holiday Party from 3-5 p.m., Dec. 13, in the SUB Alumni Room. Faculty and staff may bring their family and friends. There will be crafts for the kids and a special appearance by Santa Claus. Admission is a plate of treats to share and a canned good to be donated to the Kirksville Food Pantry.

Faculty and staff from the Student Affairs Office and the Residential College Program will be caroling beginning at 6 p.m. Dec. 15. If you would like them to stop by your house within city limits, contact Mike Lueder at mlueder@truman.edu.

Public Safety is offering a shuttle to the LaPlata train station at 9 a.m., Dec. 17, at the Public Safety Building. Cost is $5. Call Joyce Burnett at 785.4177 to make a reservation.

The Annual Faculty/Staff Blood Drive will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Dec. 17, in the SUB Activities Room. The public is invited to attend.

Interested in teaching in France as a teaching assistant in a public school next year? Applications and information are available at http://www.frenchculture.org/education/support/assistant/2004-05.html. For more information, e-mail Gregg Sievert at gsiewert@truman.edu.

Applications for summer 2004 internships at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library will be accepted until Jan. 15. Junior and seniors are encouraged to apply. This full-time internship in Independence, Mo., offers a $1,000 stipend and up to 10 hours of credit. For applications, contact Jeff Gall at 785.4867.

The Martin Luther King Luncheon will be at 11:45 a.m., Jan. 20, in the SUB Georgian Room.

The Truman chapter of Phi Kappa Phi invites its student members who are planning on enrolling in graduate or professional-level programs in Fall 2004 to apply for a Phi Kappa Phi graduate fellowship. Sixty fellowships will be awarded nationwide in the amount of $5,000 each. Applications are due to Terry Olson, division of social science, by Feb. 2, 2004.

Applications are available at http://www.phikappaphi.org by clicking on “Scholarships and Awards.”

Proposals for Summer 2004 Undergraduate Research Stipends/Faculty Addendum are now being accepted. Up to 44 Stipends of $2,000 each will be awarded to students. Faculty mentors are also eligible to receive up to $1,000. Interested students need to work with a faculty mentor in developing a brief research proposal. Proposals must be submitted to the division head of the faculty mentor’s division by Feb. 6, 2004.

Interdisciplinary proposals should be submitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs by Feb. 6. Application packets with more information are available in division offices or online at http://vpaa.truman.edu/URSGuidelines2004.pdf.

9 TUESDAY
7-9 p.m.-International Human Rights Day, SUB Alumni Room; see Notes

10 WEDNESDAY
Reading Day
9 a.m.-AAUP meeting, University Club; see Notes

11 THURSDAY
Final examinations begin

12 FRIDAY
Final examinations continue

13 SATURDAY
1:30 p.m.-Women’s basketball vs. Lincoln, Pershing Arena

Final Exams/End of Semester Hours

Final Exams will be as scheduled in the Student Handbook. The University Calendar is available at http://truman.edu/calendar.

Pickler Memorial Library
Dec. 9-11 – 7:30 a.m.-2 a.m.
Dec. 12 – 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Dec. 13 – noon-10 p.m.
Dec. 14 – noon-2 a.m.
Dec. 15 – 7:30 a.m.-2 a.m.
Dec. 16 – 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Student Recreation Center
Dec. 10-11 – 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Dec. 12 – 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Dec. 13-16 – 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Dec. 17-19 – 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dec. 20-28 – closed
Dec 29-31 – 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Jan. 1-4 – closed
Jan. 5-10 – 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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