Talent to Deliver Commencement Address

U.S. Senator Jim Talent will deliver the Truman commencement address at 2 p.m., May 14, in Stokes Stadium. At the ceremonies, 926 students are expected to receive their undergraduate degrees and 70 students expected to receive their graduate degrees. A reception will follow at Red Barn Park.

Talent was elected to serve the state in the U.S. Senate in 2002.

While in the Senate, he is a member of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee; the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; and the Senate Aging Committee.

As a freshman senator, he holds numerous Senate leadership positions. Talent is the chairman of the Armed Services Seapower Subcommittee and the chairman of the Agriculture Committee’s Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection and Product Promotion. In addition, he is a member of President Bush’s Export Council and he was selected to serve as a deputy whip.


Talent was born and raised in Des Peres, Mo. He graduated from Kirkwood High School in 1973 and attended Washington University in St. Louis, where he received the Arnold J. Lien Prize as the most outstanding undergraduate in political science. He graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Chicago Law School in 1981 and clerked for Judge Richard Posner of the United States Court of Appeals from 1982 through 1983.

Talent and his wife, Brenda, have three children Michael, Kate and Chrissy. The family lives in Chesterfield, Mo.

Truman Birthday Celebration and Senior Picnic Planned

The University and Sodexho will host the annual Harry S. Truman birthday celebration picnic from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., May 11, on the Mall. This year’s picnic occurs on the 10th anniversary of the Missouri Legislature approving Senate Bill 340, which changed the name of Northeast Missouri State University to Truman State University. Graduating seniors will be treated to lunch sponsored by the Truman Alumni Association, TRUE (Student Alumni Council) and the Office of Advancement.

The picnic will include freshly grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecued chicken, veggie burgers, various salads, condiments, cookies, birthday cake, ice cream and drinks. The lunch will be available to students, faculty and staff for $5 with advance reservations and $6 at the event. Students graduating in May eat for free with their student ID.

Non-graduating students, faculty and staff must may make their advance reservations by noon on May 10. Graduating seniors do not need to make reservations. To R.S.V.P., e-mail heidi@truman.edu or call the Public Relations Office at 785.4016. The rain site for the barbecue is the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

For more information about the picnic, call 785.4016.
Faculty and Staff to be Honored at Annual Recognition Banquet for Service to the University

Members of the Truman faculty and staff who are celebrating their retirement, fifth, tenth, fifteenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, thirtieth, thirty-fifth, and fortieth anniversary of service to Truman will be honored. They will be recognized at the Service Recognition Banquet at 6:30 p.m., May 9, in the Student Union Building Georgian Room. Tickets for the banquet are available for $10 each in the Human Resources Office until May 2. The following is a list of faculty and staff to be recognized this year:

Retirees
David Bethel, Education
Karen Cokerin, Math and Computer Science
Robert Cummings, Social Science
John Erhart, Math and Computer Science
Mary Giovannini, Business and Accountancy
Deanna Gonnerman, Physical Plant
Joan Hunter, Language and Literature
Larry Hunter, Physical Plant
Regina Lindhorst, Health and Exercise Sciences
Fontaine Piper, Human Potential and Performance
Kathy Rieck, Advancement/Admission
President's Office
John Sapko, Academic Affairs/Industrial Science
Judie Sapko, Library
Kenneth Straun, Physical Plant
Robert Tobia, Language and Literature
JoAnn Wkelkey, Health and Exercise Sciences
Fortieth Anniversary
Ronald Knight, Math and Computer Science
Thirty-fifth Anniversary
Lanny Morley, Math and Computer Science
Thirtieth Anniversary
Sal Costa, Social Science
Jerry Mayhew, Health and Exercise Sciences
Rebecca McClanahan, Nursing
Fred Shaffer, Social Science
Douglas Winicker, Campus Planning
Twenty-fifth Anniversary
Wayne Bailey, Math and Computer Science
Michele Breault, Social Science
Ramona Davis, Education
Elaine Dejovin, Admission
Dana Delaware, Science
Vinita Dew, Science
Scott Ellis, Science
Deborah Frye, Physical Plant
Garry Gordon, Academic Affairs
Connie Jacobs, Library
Karen McClaskey, Library
Charles Parks, Information Technology Services
Seymour Patterson, Social Science
Gwen Perrachione, Information Technology Services
David Robbins, Physical Plant
Susan Shoaf-Ballanger, Fine Arts
Candy Young, Social Science
Twentieth Anniversary
Von Abbott, Public Safety
Joyce Brown, President's Office
Joyce Burnett, Public Safety
Melody Chambers, Admission
Susan Gauffey, Science
James Harmon, Fine Arts
Robert Kelsey, Physical Plant
Ralph Miller, Physical Plant
Scott Olsen, Education
Linda Phillips, Business Office
Stephen Pollard, Social Science
Joy Pugh, Justice Systems
Dana Safley, Admission
Mustafa Sawani, Social Science
Fifteenth Anniversary
Alcidean Arias, Center for International Education
John Bohac, Fine Arts
Brent Buckner, Science
Marsha Cook, Library
Cynthia Cooper, Science
Tim Farley, Language and Literature
Suren Fernando, Math and Computer Science
David Gillette, Social Science
Randy Hagerty, Social Science
Keith Harrison, Business and Accountancy
Brenda Higgins, Student Health Center
Carroll Hills, Physical Plant
John Ishiyama, McNair Program/Social Science
Diane Janick-Buckner, Science
Anne Moody, Science
Terry Olson, Social Science
Silvia Pites, Language and Literature
Kevin Potter, Physical Plant
Barry Poyner, Language and Literature
Catherine Poyner, Business and Accountancy
Irene Richardson, Business Office
David Robinson, Social Science
Peter Rolnick, Science
Mohammad Samiullah, Science
David Schutter, Athletics
Rodney Taylor, Language and Literature
Kimberly Titus, Registrar's Office
Tenth Anniversary
Tim Barcus, Public Relations
Evonne Bird, Health and Exercise Sciences
Michael Bird, Health and Exercise Sciences
Elizabeth Bradley, Public Relations
Marijke Brinko, Social Science
Jaye Bulen, Fine Arts
Sally Cook, Language and Literature
Richard Coughlin, Library
Douglas Davenport, Justice Systems
Julia DeLancey, Fine Arts
Sheila Garlock, Communication Disorders
Janet Gooch, Communication Disorders
Elisabeth Hooper, Science
Melody Jennings, Health and Exercise Sciences
Brenda Killen, Business Office
Christopher Lantz, Health and Exercise Sciences
Debbie Maize, Physical Plant
Meredith McCannon, Nursing
Michael McManis, Planning and Institutional Development/President's Office
Brenda Moore, Science
Priscilla Riggle, Language and Literature
Larry Rogers, Physical Plant
Sharon Russell, Registrar's Office
John Sloop, Athletics
Eduardo Velasco, Science
Warren Wells, General Counsel's Office
Sally West, Social Science
Kathy Williams, Physical Plant
Linda Yager, Student Union
Fifth Anniversary
Scott Alberts, Math and Computer Science
Randall Bame, Fine Arts
Matthew Beaky, Science
Dale Blesz, Education
Kelly Bryant, Physical Plant
Michael Bump, Fine Arts
Julie Burns, Financial Aid
Michael (Scott) Burt, Science
Crista Chappell, Graduate Office
Steven Chappell, Language and Literature
Donna Comb, Physical Plant
Derek Daschke, Social Science
Tim Deidrick, Athletics
Danion Domon, Language and Literature
Lana Dowell, Business and Accountancy
Charles Dromey, Physical Plant
Tanel Edis, Science
Deborah Engen, Justice Systems
Vicki Falls, Physical Plant
Marne Fauser, Athletics
Pamela Gardner, Nursing
David Garth, Math and Computer Science
Kenny Gates, Physical Plant
Jill Graves, Admission
Vern Hall, Physical Plant
David Hudnall, Physical Plant
Charles Hunser, Advancement Office
H. Martin Jayne, Justice Systems
Jennifer Jesse, Social Science
Phil Jorn, University Counseling Services
Priya Kambl, Fine Arts
Peter Kelly, Education
Glen Ketterlinus, Publications
Hyun-Joo Kim, Math and Computer Science
Michelle Kleine, Language and Literature
Andrew Klyukovski, Language and Literature
Alexander Koch, Health and Exercise Sciences
Upendra Kulkarni, Math and Computer Science
Joaoquin Maldonado-Class, Language and Literature
Marjorie McFarland, Physical Plant
Sam Minner, Education
Sarah Mollier, Language and Literature
Lana Morton, Academic Affairs
Colleen Murphy, Athletics
Andrea O'Brien, Residential Living
Marie Orton, Language and Literature
Donna Patterson, Physical Plant
Toby Peavler, Physical Plant
Steven Peeler, Physical Plant
Kathleen Powell, Academic Affairs
Lena Reardon, Library
Pamela Ryan, Math and Computer Science
Lawrence Scully, Athletics
Denise Smith, Advancement Office
Tom Tegtmeier, Math and Computer Science
Alex Tetlax, Language and Literature
Scott Thatcher, Math and Computer Science
Juan Valencia, Language and Literature
Brenda Wheeler, Nursing
Howard Worcester, Physical Plant
Stephen Wynn, Library
Notables

Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science; Joseph Bredehoft, junior political science major from Winfield, Kan.; and Eugene Walton, senior political science major and McNair scholar from Florissant, Mo.; have been notified that their article, “Promise and Performance: An Evaluation of Journals in International Relations,” has been accepted for publication in the November issue of International Studies Perspectives, a peer-reviewed journal published by the International Studies Association.

Dereck Daschke, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, gave an invited talk titled “The Appeal of New Religious Movements” April 4, at Ole Miss University.

Education Professor Presents Original Math Textbook Research

Janice Grow-Maienza, professor of education, organized and spoke in a symposium titled “Developing Procedures with Conceptual Understanding in Asian textbooks” for the research pre-session of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual meeting April 4-6, in Anaheim, Calif.

Grow-Maienza discussed connections made to underlying mathematics principles found in Korean elementary mathematics textbooks with Susan Beal, professor of mathematics at Saint Xavier University in Chicago.

Other members of the symposium were Tad Watanabe, associate professor at Pennsylvania State University, who spoke on iconic representations in Japanese elementary mathematics texts, and Yeping Li, associate professor of mathematics at the University of New Hampshire, who spoke on how division of fractions is conceptualized in Chinese and Singaporean middle school mathematics texts.

Grow-Maienza and Beal presented a poster titled “Korean Mathematics Texts: A Structural and Substantive Analysis” at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association April 11, in Montreal, Canada. In July 2004, they presented another poster, “Seeing Korean Mathematics through American Eyes,” at the 10th International Congress on Mathematical Education in Copenhagen, Denmark. This poster and an interview with Grow-Maienza have been featured in a Korean Broadcasting System documentary on competitiveness in Korean education to be filmed in Korea this spring.

Truman Graduate Receives Excellence Award

Truman’s chapter of Phi Kappa Phi has announced that their nominee for the national honor fraternity’s Graduate Fellowship will receive an Award of Excellence.

Candice Luebbering, a May 2004 Truman graduate, will use the $2,000 award to help finance her further education. Luebbering will pursue a master’s degree in geography at Virginia Tech. She said she plans to concentrate her studies in the area of Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

“I want to focus on learning the largest skill set possible for cartography and GIS concerning all of the advanced technology...that can help us create more useful, current and inclusive maps,” Luebbering said in her application essay.

The Truman alumna graduated summa cum laude from the University with a bachelor’s degree in sociology and anthropology. She was the Sociology/Anthropology Outstanding Student, a Bright Flight Scholar and a member of both Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Kappa.

The Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowships recognize and encourage superior scholarship in all disciplines. The Fellowships and Awards of Excellence are given to students preparing for full-time first-year graduate or professional study. Applicants must be nominated by their chapter.
Psychology will be having a poster conference from 12:30-5:30 p.m., May 3, in the SUB Activities Room. Students enrolled in Psychological Research, psychology’s capstone course, will be presenting posters of their research. All posters will be on display for the entire afternoon. Each poster will indicate specific times when the student will be available to discuss the work. Contact Terry Palmer at 785.4314 for more information.

The winner of the 2005 Educator of the Year award will be announced at a banquet at 6 p.m., May 3, in the SUB Georgian Room. Contact Theresa Schinnour at cb436@truman.edu for more information.

The College Democrats and College Republicans will debate on the future of social security and how it relates to young adults from 8-9 p.m., May 3, in VH 1010. Contact Taylor Burks at 785.4850 for more information.

Representatives from student organizations will meet May 3 to discuss Homecoming 2005. Students will receive information to take back to their organizations concerning the theme, events and responsibilities. Groups interested in participating should send a member to the gathering at 10 p.m., in the BH Little Theatre. For more information, contact Marcie Kottemann at 785.4801 or e-mail marcie@truman.edu.

The Weekly Lunch Series May 4 will be a Year-End Bash. Faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs may attend for table fellowship with colleagues and help choose the end-of-the-year awards from 12:30-1:30 p.m., in the SUB Spanish Room. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. is hosting their spring informational meeting at 5:30 p.m., May 4, in VH 1110 for students interested in joining the sorority. For additional details, contact Kia Washington at kdw605@truman.edu or 785.5770.

Traci Ciepiela from Public Safety will guide a free self-defense workshop for women only at 7 p.m., May 4, in the SUB Activities Room. The class is part of the Women’s Resource Center Wednesday Workshop Series. Contact b1378@truman.edu for more details.

The Brass Choir will perform in a concert at 8 p.m., May 4, in the OP Performance Hall.

The Director’s Showcase will be performed at 8 p.m., May 4-6, in the OP Courtyard Theatre. Contact Lee Orchard at 785.4267 for more information.

Truman’s Wind Symphony will perform in a free concert at 8 p.m., May 5, in the Baldwin Auditorium. The Monitor will celebrate its 10th anniversary with sparklers from 8-10 p.m., May 5, on the Quadrangle. Call 785.4775 for more information.

The University Observatory will be open to the public, weather permitting, from 9-11 p.m., May 5. For directions to the facility, call Michael Adams at 785.4088 or go to /observatory.truman.edu.

Faculty and staff are welcome to attend the next Tech Break from 2-3 p.m., May 6, in the SUB Alumni Room. Go to http://its.truman.edu/techbreak for more information.

The AAUP monthly meeting will be at 4:30 p.m., May 6, at the University Club. Contact Marc Becker at 785.6036 for more information.

Students can enjoy two days of gaming bliss at “Game On: The Video Game Pentathlon,” sponsored by ACM and the Take 5 Game Room. Teams of four will compete in a five-event tournament for more than $500 worth of prizes, including the top prize of a PSP. The event will be from 5-10:30 p.m., May 6, in the SUB. Visit http://acm.truman.edu/gameon for more details.

SAB is sponsoring the Final Blowout at 5:30 p.m., May 6, at the South Field near the Tennis Courts. Students will be able to enjoy free barbecue and a final concert by True Men, Minor Detail and Unique Ensemble followed by a spectacular fireworks display. The rain site for the dinner/concert is Pershing Arena. The rain date for the fireworks is 9 p.m., May 10. Contact SAB at 785.4722 for more information.

The Chamber Choir will perform in a concert at 8 p.m., May 6, in the OP Performance Hall.

An upcoming opportunity is available to those interested in bird watching with other Truman and Kirksville community members. Groups will leave at 6:30 a.m., May 7, from Magruder Hall to bird watch at Thousand Hills State Park. For more information, contact Pete Goldman at 785.4632.

Students will perform in piano recitals at 2 p.m., May 7 and at 3 p.m., May 8, in the OP Performance Hall. Cheryl Wong, Sarah Blackwell, Daniel Poindexter, Ryan Huber and Lauren Sappington, all students of David Kiener, will also be playing May 7. Emmy Thomson, Katie Craven, Stephanie Rice, John Feiner, Rachel Schepeler, Matt Safley and Dan Kubus, all students of Janice Saffir, will be performing May 8. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

Franklin Street will perform in a final concert from 4-5:30 p.m., May 7, in the Baldwin Auditorium. There will be a faculty recital at 7 p.m., May 8, in the OP Performance Hall. Contact Miranda Frisch at 785.7822 for more information.

The General Honors Medal Ceremony will be from 4-5:30 p.m., May 13, in the SUB Georgian Room. For more information about the event, contact Patricia Burton at 785.7247 or e-mail ss48@truman.edu.

Attention Former JBA Faculty: 2005 marks the 20th anniversary of the Joseph Baldwin Academy. JBA attracts hundreds of gifted junior high students from across the nation to campus every summer to take a three-week class taught by a Truman professor. The JBA program is compiling a list of everyone who has ever taught a JBA course. There will be a reunion reception from 2-4 p.m., July 23. If you have ever taught JBA, please e-mail Jana Morton at jmorton@truman.edu and tell her the years and courses you taught.

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