

# Truman *today*

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## ATTENTION DECEMBER GRADUATES

The Truman Alumni Association, Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter and the Office of Advancement will host the

### 2008 Senior Pizza Party

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Dec. 10 (Reading Day)  
Student Union Building  
Alumni Room

Free pizza, drinks and dessert will be available. Students will also receive their free alumni gift, t-shirt and alumni information.

If students cannot attend the pizza party, they can pick up their alumni gifts and information in McClain Hall 100.

Students can win door prizes such as watches, duffle bags, sweatshirts and long sleeve t-shirts.

PRESIDENT AND  
MRS. DARRELL W.  
KRUEGER  
will host the

### Faculty and Staff Holiday Open House

2-5 p.m. Dec. 10  
University Residence  
706 South Halliburton

## Stein To Give Commencement Address

Robert Stein, Missouri's Commissioner of Higher Education, will be the speaker for the 2008 December Commencement ceremony. The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. Dec. 13 in Pershing Arena.

Stein has held his current position for the past two years, and for 20 years before that he worked with the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE).

Prior to joining the MDHE, Stein served in faculty and administrative roles at the University of Northern Colorado, including department chair, Interim Dean of the College of

Arts and Sciences and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

He is professor emeritus from the University of Northern Colorado and is actively involved in local, state and national groups championing the benefits of higher education, providing leadership in Missouri for the development of state policies, and promoting initiatives designed to improve student learning and success in postsecondary education.

Stein received a bachelor's degree in sociology and philosophy from Beloit College in 1964 and went on to earn his master's and Ph.D. in sociology from Vanderbilt University.



Robert Stein

## Spring 2009 Missouri Government Interns



The Spring 2009 Missouri Government Interns pose for a picture in the HUB of the Student Union Building. Each intern will spend the semester in Jefferson City, Mo., earning up to 15 hours of college credit while working with either a legislator, public official or state agency. Pictured (front row, left to right): Ashley Reinhardt, Chris Graham, Megan Fluker, Amber Lusk, Kailey Burger, Claire Cook, Korey Lewis. Second row: Candy Young, professor of political science and internship coordinator, Makita Abraham, Phillip Raine, Nathan Atkinson, Mark Kendrick, Greg Goodwin, Walter Stokely and President Darrell Krueger. Not pictured, Ryan Rosebrough and Kristina Laughlin.

## VOLLEYBALL TEAM MAKES NATIONAL SEMIFINAL GAME

The women's volleyball team ended its season with a loss Dec. 5, wrapping up a season that saw the Bulldogs make the national semifinals for only the third time in school history.

Truman, ranked eight in the nation with a 33-8 record, lost to second-ranked California State-San Bernardino in the national semifinals at the Gangelhoff Center in St. Paul, Minn.

A complete recap of the volleyball team's season will be available later this week on the Athletics website, <http://gobulldogs.truman.edu>.

### STUDENT RECREATION CENTER SPECIAL HOURS

#### Finals Week

Dec. 8-10 9 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Dec. 11-12 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

#### Winter Interim

Dec. 13-14 closed  
Dec. 15-19 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dec. 20-21 closed  
Dec. 22-23 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dec. 24-Jan. 4 closed  
Jan. 5-9 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Jan. 10 closed  
Jan. 11 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

## You're Invited

Retirement Reception for  
**Judy Alexander**

2-3 p.m.  
Dec. 17

West Campus Suites Lounge  
Judy is retiring after more than  
17 years with the University.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**MLK Jr. Unity Luncheon**

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 21  
Student Union Building  
Georgian Room

# Students Encouraged to Submit Projects for Student Research Conference Next Spring

Students are encouraged to submit their research projects for the 22nd annual Student Research Conference, which will take place April 7, 2009.

The conference celebrates students' research, scholarship and creative achievement in all disciplines. Students in all departments are invited and encouraged to present their scholarly or creative work.

Students who want to present their research should prepare an abstract, which they will submit online at <http://src.truman.edu>. The submission site will be open at the beginning of the spring semester and the deadline for submitting abstracts is Feb. 6.

Along with the many student presentations, the day will feature a conference-wide plenary address delivered by Salima Ikram, professor of Egyptology at the American University of Cairo and a world-renowned expert in mummies, both human and animal.

Scheduled classes will not formally meet during the day of the conference, thereby providing the opportunity for all students and

faculty members to attend and fully participate.

In addition to the Student Research Conference, Truman has a long tradition of providing grants for independent undergraduate research. The grants provide students with \$2,000 to pursue investigative, creative and scholarly activities over the summer.

More than 40 undergraduate research stipends are available to students in any year in all departments, but in order to receive a stipend, students are required to present at the Student Research Conference the year following their research. Grant projects should be original and promote independent work by the student.

The deadline to apply for stipends for the 2009 summer program is Feb. 6. Guidelines for application are available at <http://research.truman.edu/Student%20Research%20Grant%20Guidelines2009.pdf>.

For more information about the Student Research Conference or the undergraduate research stipends, please contact Sara Orel, professor of art history, at [orel@truman.edu](mailto:orel@truman.edu) or 785.4419.

## Phi Kappa Phi Head Start Supply Drive a Success

The Truman chapter of Phi Kappa Phi organized an educational supplies drive for nine Head Start centers in need in the surrounding community.

Head Start provides early childhood education programs and family and child development activities for children who meet the eligibility requirements. While the Centers do receive financial support from both federal and state sources, the level of funding has stayed the same for several years while the cost of supplies has continued to increase.

Phi Kappa Phi collected more than 600 packages of supplies, for a total exceeding 21,600 items, and more than \$65 in cash donations for the nine Head Start centers, which serve

five counties in northeast Missouri.

Mary Lee Bailey, Head Start director of family and community development, said the drive impacted positively, "the quality of life of 252 area children during the most formative period of their lives."

The drive was organized by Phi Kappa Phi student vice president K.

Lee Raby and faculty/staff vice president Teresa Heckert.



*Pictured (left to right): Rebecca Rollins, Head Start director; Greg Xander, quality control content area manager for NMCAA; Teresa Heckert, faculty/staff vice president, Truman Phi Kappa Phi; and K. Lee Raby, student vice president, Truman Phi Kappa Phi.*

## NOTABLES

**Ralph Cupelli, assistant to the provost and vice president for academic affairs**, received the Edgar Ewing Brandon Outstanding Adviser Award for 2007-2008 from Phi Kappa Tau

fraternity. Cupelli, adviser to the Truman Phi Kappa Tau chapter, is the only adviser in the history of the fraternity to receive the national award twice.

## Winners Announced for YouTube Competition

The School of Business and Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) recently announced the winners of the Go Green YouTube competition that took place during Global Entrepreneurship Week Nov. 17-21.

Sophomores Erika Halsey and Colleen McCarthy won first place and the cash prize of \$750. Seniors Kyle Schemmer, Seth Howdeshell, Christopher Hassett, Brianna Wagner, Mike Merritt and sophomore Andrew Simpson took

second place and won \$500. Junior Dan Heagney came in third and took home \$250.

In this competition, participants were asked to create an effective, creative and persuasive video that motivates and encourages others to take part in environmentally sustainable practices. The video also had to be centered around the Go Green theme.

Videos were uploaded to YouTube by Nov. 17 and judged on Nov. 21.

## Truman in Washington Program Offers Several Summer 2009 Internship Opportunities

The Washington Center (TWC) for Internships and Academic Seminars is offering several internship opportunities for the summer of 2009.

Students are encouraged to apply for the Summer 2009 Department of Defense (DoD) Internship Program as well as summer internships in Washington, D.C., London, Oxford, Quebec City or Sydney. To be eligible for any of the internships applicants must be a junior or senior with a GPA of at least 3.0. All majors are welcome for the internships in Washington, D.C., or abroad, while business, economics, computer science and mathematics/statistics majors are encouraged to apply for the DoD internship program.

The DoD internship program is a highly competitive, full-time internship program. Students will receive a weekly stipend over the 10-week summer term. If students choose to receive academic credit through Truman, they

are required to complete additional academic requirements. The deadline for the DoD internship application is Jan. 15.

For the internships in Washington, D.C., and abroad, a pre-application process is conducted at Truman and the deadline for submitting application forms and letters of recommendation is Jan. 23. If the Truman advisory board determines the applicant eligible to participate in the program, a completed application must be submitted to TWC by Feb. 2 to ensure the participant is able to compete for financial assistance from TWC.

To begin the application process, students should contact Diane Johnson at [djohnson@truman.edu](mailto:djohnson@truman.edu) or 785.7852 before Dec. 12 for the DoD internship and before Jan. 15 for the Washington, D.C., and abroad internships.

The Truman in Washington Program offers assistance to all students who wish to pursue non-credit opportunities in Washington, D.C.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Full-time juniors and seniors are invited to enter The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest and compete for \$10,000 in prizes.** Students are required to have a professor review his or her essay and sign the Contest Entry Form. Deadline to enter the contest is Dec. 19. For further information and required forms, please visit their website at <http://www.eliewiesel.org>.

**Truman State University Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship Applications are now available** in the Center for International Education (CIE) office in Kirk Building 114. Ten \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded for summer 2009 faculty-led Truman study abroad programs based on financial need, statement of purpose and academic achievement. Applications are due in the CIE office by 12 p.m. Jan. 23, 2009 and recipients will be notified by the end of February.

## Nominations For USA Today All-USA College Academic First Team

The USA TODAY is now accepting nominations from school officials for the 2009 USA TODAY All-USA College Academic Team.

Students must be full-time juniors or seniors.

Top 20 students will be featured in USA TODAY in March and will receive a cash award of \$2,500.

To nominate, visit <https://www.all-usanomination.com> before Dec. 12.

## THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP

Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 and be interested in becoming a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State.

Deadline for the fellowship is Feb. 6, 2009.

For more information go to <http://www.woodrow.org/>.

## Student Interview Project Seeks Faculty and Staff Interviewers

This year's project will interview 100 undergraduates to address the overall quality of life of Truman students.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to sign up for one or more time slots to interview students:

**Feb. 9 and 16:** 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m., or 9-11 a.m.

**Feb. 3 and 10:** 9-10 a.m.

**Feb. 4 and 11:** 3-4 p.m., 4-5 p.m., or 3-5 p.m.

**Feb. 5 and 12:** 3:30-4:30 p.m.

If interested, please contact Jeffrey Vittengl at [vittengl@truman.edu](mailto:vittengl@truman.edu) or 785.6041.

# NOTES

**USMED will sponsor a Holiday Bellydance Show** at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Down Under of the Student Union Building. Tickets are \$1.

**The Truman Bookstore presents Faculty Staff Appreciation Days** Dec. 15-16. Faculty and staff are encouraged to stop by the bookstore for specials. Also, new publications by faculty, including "Dieppe Crossing" by Betty McLane-Iles, "American Ethnic History" by Jason McDonald and "Plutonic Sonnets" by Robert Graber, will be showcased and book signings will take place from 1-2 p.m. Dec. 16. Call 785.4211 to reserve copies.

**The Center for Teaching and Learning will host Tips for the Peer Review of Teaching** at 1 p.m. Dec. 18 in Pickler Memorial Library 205. Suitable for department chairs only. How to conduct a peer review of live teaching performance and how to peer review syllabi will be addressed.

**The French Government is seeking applicants ages 20-30 to work as teaching assistants in English at secondary public schools in France.** Applications will be accepted in Washington, D.C., until late January in 2009. Details are online at <http://www.frenchculture.org>, under

the education menu. Contact Gregg Siewert, professor of French, at [gsiewert@truman.edu](mailto:gsiewert@truman.edu) for more information.

**The Center for Teaching and Learning will host the Promotion and Tenure Portfolio Blitz** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Jan. 6-7, 2009 in Pickler Memorial Library 205. Suitable for all faculty and instructional staff undergoing promotion, tenure review, or formative review processes. Register for both days at <http://tctl.truman.edu/register> and visit <http://tctl.truman.edu/facultySupport/Programs/Winter2009PromTenBlitz.htm> for more information.

**The Student Activities Board presents Tuesday Night Trivia Series, A Lovely Night for Trivia,** at 7 p.m. Feb. 10, 2009 in the Student Union Building Down Under. Free food and drinks will be provided and prizes will be awarded to the first place winner.

**Students have an opportunity to spend two weeks in Hong Kong and Shuizhai** in a professional exchange setting during the May 2009 Interim or spend a semester abroad in Shuizhai assisting English teachers. For details e-mail Janice Grow at [jgrow@truman.edu](mailto:jgrow@truman.edu).

## CALENDAR

Check out the Master Calendar, available on the Truman home page and through TruView, for updated daily campus events. Information about numerous off-campus events can be found by clicking on the Kirksville tab in TruView.

### APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR MOLECULAR ECOLOGY RESEARCH FOR 2009

Students can apply for this 10-week program online at <http://molecularecology.truman.edu>.

Students will be conducting research in Kirksville and Albuquerque, N.M., and will receive a \$3,500 stipend, three credit hours and room and board.

For questions about the program contact Jennifer Thompson at 785.7252 or [step@truman.edu](mailto:step@truman.edu).

### Student Adviser Applications Due Jan. 23

Students who are interested in being student advisers for the 2009-2010 school year should apply online at <http://reslife.truman.edu> by 5 p.m. Jan. 23.

### Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Co-Rec Basketball	Open	Jan. 20	Jan. 22	Jan. 26
Basketball	Open/Org/Greek	Jan. 20	Jan. 22	Jan. 26
Badminton	Open	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31 & Feb. 7
Racquetball-Singles	Open/Org/Greek	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 2
Super Bowl Pickem	Open	Jan. 30	NA	Feb. 1
Racquetball-Doubles	Open/Org/Greek	Feb. 9	Jan. 29	Feb. 16
Taboo	Open	Feb. 16	NA	Feb. 22
Cranium	Open	Feb. 23	NA	Mar. 1
Volleyball	Open/Org/Greek	Feb. 23	Mar. 4	Mar. 16
Co-Rec Volleyball	Open	Feb. 23	Mar. 4	Mar. 16
Bowling*	Open/Org/Greek	Mar. 2	Mar. 4	Mar. 16
Closest to the Pin	Open/Org/Greek	Mar. 2	NA	TBA
Outdoor Soccer	Open/Org/Greek	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 23
Sports Trivia	Open	Mar. 23	NA	Mar. 29
Ultimate Frisbee	Open	Apr. 6	Apr. 9	Apr. 11-12
Punt, Pass & Kick	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 22
Swim Meet	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 23
Bench Press	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 28
Track Meet	Open/Org/Greek	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 30
Mud Fest	Open	Apr. 27	Apr. 30	May 2
T-shirt Design Contest	Open	Apr. 30	NA	NA
Wrap Up Meeting	Open	NA	NA	May 5

All information, rules and registration requirements are online at <http://recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp>, or contact the Intramural Office at 785.4467. Captains' Meeting is at 4:30 p.m. in the SRC Conference Room. \*Small fee could be required.



### SPECIAL HOURS

Dec. 8-11 7 a.m.-2 a.m.  
Dec. 12 7 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Dec. 13 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### December Interim:

Dec. 15 - Jan. 9 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Closed:

Dec. 14, 20-21, 24-28  
Jan. 1-4 and 10-11

Due to the winter break, this will be the last Truman Today of the semester. The Truman Today will resume the week of Jan. 12.