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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

2 P.M.

MAY 7

STOKES STADIUM

(Rainsite: Pershing Arena)

Larry Rigdon, a 1970 Truman graduate, will give the commencement address.

For more information about commencement ceremonies and detailed instructions for graduating students, visit <http://provost.truman.edu/Graduation/index.asp>.



Summer Internships: Photo Contest

The Career Center is sponsoring a photo contest for students doing summer internships.

The winner will receive a Walmart gift card!

For more information, join the group on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/trumancareercenter>.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Truman Today will be available online May 9 and in print May 10.

Truman Forensics Team Finishes Season With Best Ever Showing at Nationals

The Truman speech and debate team returned from the National Forensics Association Championship Tournament last week with the best finish in the history of the program. Truman finished second in Lincoln-Douglas debate sweepstakes and fifth in individual events sweepstakes in Division II.

The national championship took place at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill., April 15-18. The tournament brought together 93 individual event and 25 debate schools from across the nation.

The Lincoln-Douglas team was comprised of two seniors and four freshmen. It was freshman phenom Myra Milam who advanced to the quarterfinal round, placing her in the top eight debaters in the nation. No Truman competitor in Lincoln-Douglas debate has ever advanced further than the quarterfinal round.

When reflecting on her first collegiate national championship, Milam commented, "You never know what those around you are capable of until you are all thrown into something as difficult and demanding as nationals. Watching the team come together and work so hard was inspiring. It made me glad to be a part of this team."

Senior Sarah Backhaus also advanced into elimination rounds in Lincoln-Douglas debate, making it to the octofinal round. This placed her in the top 16 of the 84 competitors. Both Milam and Backhaus were also awarded for their eloquent speaking style with speaker awards, winning third place and seventh place, respectively.

These awards contributed to the team's second place finish in Lincoln-Douglas debate sweepstakes. This is the highest that Truman has ever placed, and it was a team effort. Every time a debater wins a preliminary or elimination round, points are added to the team's total. It takes the whole team doing consistently well in order to win a sweepstakes trophy. Previously, the team's best finish was fourth place.

In individual events, sophomore Jessica Petrie finished second place in both Impromptu Speaking

and Editorial Impromptu Speaking. With 250 competitors, Impromptu Speaking had the most entries at the championship. Editorial Impromptu, a new experimental event, only let an elite group participate—80 of the nation's finest speakers.

In Truman's history, only one other person has reached second place, which was in 2001 when freshman Ian S Samuel achieved the feat in After Dinner Speaking. No Truman student has accomplished this twice in the same national championship competition.

Other awards included junior Andrew Grojean's quarterfinalist finish in Persuasive Speaking. This put him in the top 24 of 200 speakers. These speakers hailed from all across the nation and had to qualify to attend the championship tournament.

Petrie and Grojean's awards contributed to the fifth place Individual Events Team Sweepstakes award, but again, it was a team effort. There were six students competing in individual events for Truman—three freshmen, two sophomores and one junior. Last year, Truman took three individual events competitors to the National Championship and, due to the small size of the entry, were placed in the small schools division where they took first of 46 similarly sized schools.

This year, the team was moved up one division to the President's Division II. This consisted of teams that had 15-22 event entries. With 17 event entries, Truman just barely made the cut-off point. Yet, the team managed to place fifth out of the 20 schools in this division—including schools such as the University of Michigan and Creighton University.

"We've always been small in size but concentrated in talent," said Kristi Scholten, director of Truman's speech and debate team. "We have so much youth on this team and they are already impressing people. Mark my words: This is the team to watch in the next few years."

Anyone interested in more information about the Truman speech and debate team can contact Scholten at kscholten@truman.edu.

GREEK CHALLENGE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Gold Chapters

(portfolio score of 351-400):

- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Sigma Alpha
- Beta Theta Pi
- Delta Zeta

Silver Chapters

(portfolio score of 301-350):

- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Sigma Kappa
- Sigma Tau Gamma

Bronze Chapters

(portfolio score of 250-300):

- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Phi Sigma Kappa
- Sigma Sigma Sigma
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Best Scholarship Program

- Beta Theta Pi
- Delta Zeta
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Best Philanthropy Program

- Pi Kappa Phi
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Organization of the Year

- Beta Theta Pi
- Delta Zeta
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Graduating Seniors with the Highest GPAs

Sean Geary
Beta Theta Pi

Trisha Myers
Sigma Sigma Sigma

Ki'ara Cross
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

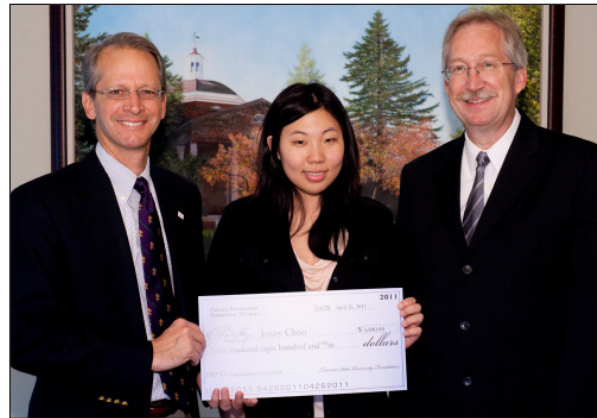
More info: <http://greeklife.truman.edu/greekchallenge.asp>

Choo Named 2011-2012 Presser Scholar

Jenny Choo, a piano performance major from Wentzville, Mo., has been named a Presser Scholar for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The "Presser Undergraduate Scholar Award" is given to an outstanding music major at the end of his or her junior year. The Presser Foundation honored Choo with this prestigious award this spring.

During her college career, Choo has been the keyboard player for various ensembles, including the Wind Symphony, the Truman State University Orchestra, University Chorus and Cantoria. For the past three years, she has performed four solo recitals and worked collaboratively in various



University President Troy D. Paino (left) and David McKamie, professor of music, (right), congratulate Jenny Choo on being a 2011-2012 Presser Scholar.

student and faculty recitals.

In 2010, Choo was selected as a winner of the Gold Medal competition in which she performed the first movement of the Shostakovich Piano Concerto No. 2 with the University Orchestra.

After studying at Truman with David McKamie, professor of music, Choo

plans to pursue degrees in both collaborative and solo piano in her graduate studies.

Theodore Presser is remembered not only as the publisher of Etude, the music magazine, and as the founder of the great music publishing firm bearing his name, but also as a philanthropist who specialized in music education.

Physical Plant Receives Bulldog Award



University President Troy D. Paino presents members of the Physical Plant with the Bulldog Award April 19. The Health and Exercise Science Department, represented by Chris Lantz (pictured top left), nominated the Physical Plant for their help in moving to new offices. The Bulldog Award recognizes "shared team achievement" for outstanding customer service practices. Faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate a department that strives to provide exceptional customer service. Nomination forms can be found online at <http://hr.truman.edu/recognition/bulldogaward>.

Minner Scholarship Formed Through Truman Foundation

A scholarship fund honoring Sam Minner, the outgoing Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Education, and his wife Joan has been established at the Truman State University Foundation.

Minner joined Truman in 2000 as Division Head and Professor of Education. He was named Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Education in 2007 and headed programs in elementary, secondary and special education, school counseling, health science, exercise science, athletic training, nursing, advanced placement, professional development and the regional professional development center.

Minner has been named provost at Radford University in Radford, Va., and will begin his new duties this summer.

To contribute to the Sam and Joan Minner Scholarship fund, please contact the Truman State University Foundation at 785.4133.



Pictured, left to right: Darl Davis, Janet Gooch, Sam Minner, Stephanie Powelson, Chris Lantz and Paul Yoder.

Phi Beta Kappa Inducts New Members



Phi Beta Kappa inductees include: Daniel Behr, Lena Benoit, Amanda Brown, Jennifer Brown, Frankie Bruning, Rebecca Coffman, Jared Daugherty, Holly Fling, Lauren Greenspan, Jill Hampton, Ryan Harker, Rachel Hinrichs, John Hitson, Michaela Hoffman, Lauren Jensen, Christian Johns, Pernita Kapila, Melissa Kapitan, Hazar Khidir, Jessica Kneib, Kelly Kohlhagen, Stephanie Koltookian, Michelle Kreter, Veronica LaCombe, Madison March, Lindsey Marolt, Nicole Merritt, Shannon Miller, Christina Milne, Amanda Nehrkorn, Kjersti Nes, Angela Page, Beatriz Parks, Jennifer Pearlstein, Katherine Ramlose, Adam Reynolds, Stephen Riesenber, Kevin Robb, Allison Rohde, Ann Rosentreter, Kevin Sack, Raeanna Skinner, Tanya Sylvester, Dylan Terry, Constance Tubbs, Katherine Valli, Aimee Vander Wal, Mary Viets, Kevyn Wiskirchen, Yajie Yu, Syed Zaidi and Matthew Ziegler.

Phi Kappa Phi Inducts New Members

Phi Kappa Phi inductees include: Juliet Alderson, Emily Autrey, Teresa Borgmeyer, Elizabeth Bouchard, Nicole Boyer, Ashley Bracken, Rachel Brown, Angela Bubash, Terin Budine, Elise Bush, Lauren Choate, Julia Davis, Emily Denight, Quynh Duong, Henry Dust, Cara Eads, Ainsley Fedler, Seth Fitzgerald, Julie Frye, Eric Fuemmeler, Nathan Hardy, Megan Hartman, Sarah Hartz, Andrew Hill, Jessica Hill,



Rachel Hinrichs, Wyatt Hoffman, Stephanie Howard, Sarah Jacobson, Jared James, Lauren Jensen, Pernita Kapila, Matthew Kiblinger, Jessica Kneib, Kirstin Kuchler, Danielle Lewis, Xiang Li, Kristin Lowry, Talor Lutz, Rachel Martin, Erin Mayes, Kathryn McClain, Garrett McCormack, Caitlin McGrath, Caroline Mikaloff, Jennifer Murray, Audrey Nyi, Alex Nyquist, Stephanie Otto, Carol Pedersen, Sara Perrachione, Tara Pfuhl, Jessica Phillips, Anne Ratermann, Michael Reese, Emily Richmeyer, Kevin Robb, Michael Roberts, Joseph Rogers, Emily Ross, Sara Rudder, Bethany Rye, Erin Sanders, Stephanie Schultz, Corinne Schwarz, Patrick Silvey, Lindsey Stadler, Tanya Sylvester, Kelly Tharp, Brian Tillis, Andrew Tipping, Robert Utterback, Mary Viets, Matthew Watson, Jenna Wise and Brooke Zell.

NOTABLES

Erin Flannery, a senior Spanish and romance languages double major, has been admitted to the Masters of Arts program in Spanish and Latin American Linguistic, Literary and Cultural Studies. This entire program is conducted on New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences' campus in Spain.

Rebecca Harrison, professor of classics, had her article "Exercises for Developing Prediction Skills in Reading Latin Sentences" published in the Fall 2010 issue of Teaching Classical Languages, available

at <http://tcl.camws.org>. She also had a paper accepted for presentation at the American Classical Association Annual Institute in Minneapolis, Minn., in June. The presentation will be on "Teaching Students to Analyze Words Using Prefixes and Suffixes" and will include material from her current semester sabbatical.

Jenny Johnson, a senior political science major, was the recipient of a Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award at the 19th Annual Illinois State Conference for Students of Political Science on its Bloomington-Normal campus

on April 8. Johnson presented her work entitled "Political Islam and Gender Inequality." Also presenting at the meeting were **political science seniors Syed Zaidi and Sarah Backhaus**. Zaidi presented "Islam and Democracy in Asia." Backhaus presented her paper entitled "Defense Pacts and Their Influence on Nuclear Proliferation." She also chaired the panel on "Confronting The Islamic World."

Kevin Regan, a senior romance studies major, has been accepted into Georgetown University's Italian Studies program for graduate work.



Bongo Ball Mania

12-6 p.m. • May 4 • Quad

Bongo Ball is like paintball without paint. Fire Nerf footballs from an air cannon at your friends on an inflatable course!
All gear provided!
Come de-stress on reading day!

DAY OF PLAY

12-3 p.m. • May 4 • Quad

Take a break from studying and come out to the Quad to play games. There will be free food and drinks. Sponsored by Residence Hall Association

Students Receive Academic Honor 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 May 6 in the

Student Union Building Georgian Room. Alumna Stephanie Bell ('05) an associate at Blitz, Bardgett, and Deutsch Law Firm in Jefferson City, will be the guest speaker.

The following students will be honored as the outstanding student in their respective discipline

Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Accounting	Iliyana Kuneva
Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting	Puskar Dahal
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Agricultural Science	Amanda Brehm
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Anthropology	Tekla Chantae Rudie
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art	Anna Youngyeun
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art History	Valerie Lazalier
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Studio Art	Laura Wellington
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Visual Communication	Julianne Gross
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Athletic Training	Ole Midtbo
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Biology	M. Christine Graves
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Finance	Kayla Burch
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Management	Hannah Dumey
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Marketing	Amanda Kersting
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Marketing	Kristin Raby
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in International Business	Salisa Suwanprathip
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Chemistry	Jeffrey Boschen
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Classics	Emily Richens
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication: Journalism	Nathan Vickers
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Public Communication	Dana Bruxvoort
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Studies	Allison Toepfer
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders	Margaret Hilliard
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders	Grace Strube
Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Disorders	Bridget Conant
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Computer Science	John Marty III
Outstanding Graduate Student in Counseling	Brandon Ping
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Economics	John Schneider
Outstanding Graduate Student in Elementary Education	Matthew Carlson
Outstanding Graduate Student in Secondary Education	Elizabeth Anderson
Outstanding Graduate Student in Special Education	Elizabeth Duff
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English	Trevor Grizzell
Outstanding Graduate Student in English	Patrick Silvey
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exercise Science	Kathryn Martin
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in French	Ryan Campbell
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German	Tina Schutter
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German	Mary Viets
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Science	Megan Temme
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History	Joseph Rogers
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies	Ann Bruno
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies	Sara Clark
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Justice Systems	Jami Millhouse
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Linguistics	Alexis Simmons
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics	Joseph Palmer
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music	Katie Lakner
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music	Kelsey Shields
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Nursing	Laura Groebl
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Philosophy and Religion	Mark Lambert
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Physics	Jeremy Little
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science	Amanda Nehrkorn
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology	Katherine Judd
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology	Elizabeth Necka
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Romance Language	Erin Flannery
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Romance Language	Kevin Regan
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Russian	Kari Basquette
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Russian	Trevor Krost
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology	Krista Goodman
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Spanish	Jacqueline Boos
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre	Madelaine Schmitt
Distinguished Master's Thesis Award	Alexandra Czahor
General George C. Marshall ROTC Award	Joshua Dilday

Pickler Memorial Library

MOBIUS: Pick Up Anywhere

Going home for the summer or doing some traveling?

You can order MOBIUS books and have them delivered to any MOBIUS school.

Check <http://mobius.missouri.edu/screens/libinfo.html> for a listing of schools.

End of Semester Extended Hours

May 3-5

7 a.m.-2 a.m.

May 6

7 a.m.-6 p.m.

May 7

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 3

Student Union Building

Join Staff Council as they raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, which supports the University of Missouri-Columbia Children's Hospital. Have your picture taken with Miss Gateway to the West Outstanding Teen, Morgan Carnes, in her crown.

You can even embrace your inner royalty and try on one of Morgan's retired crowns! Show your support and purchase a CMN hot air balloon for just \$1.

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER MAY INTERIM HOURS

May 2-4 • 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

May 5-6 • 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

May 7-8 • closed

May 9-13 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 14-15 • closed

May 16-20 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 21-22 • closed

May 23-27 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 28-30 • closed

May 31-June 3 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

June 4-5 • closed