

# Truman *today*

A weekly newsletter for students, faculty and staff

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## Winter Commencement

11 a.m.  
Dec. 17  
Pershing Arena

Ray Klingensmith will serve as the commencement speaker.

More information about commencement ceremony can be found at [gradstudies.truman.edu/Graduation%20Information/GraduationInformation.asp](http://gradstudies.truman.edu/Graduation%20Information/GraduationInformation.asp).

## STAFF APPRECIATION AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know a staff member who has done exceptional work? Nominate them for a Point of Excellence Award at [hr.truman.edu/recognition/excellence/](http://hr.truman.edu/recognition/excellence/).

Do you know an office that provides excellent customer service to faculty, staff and students? Nominate them for the Bulldog Award at [hr.truman.edu/recognition/bulldogaward/index.asp](http://hr.truman.edu/recognition/bulldogaward/index.asp). Nominations are due by Dec. 15.

## MASTER CALENDAR LINKS

In addition to listing numerous on-campus events, the University Master Calendar also features other helpful links, including a final exam schedule, an academic calendar, a staff calendar and a link for Kirksville events. The links are located above the calendar at [calendar.truman.edu](http://calendar.truman.edu). On-campus events for the upcoming semester can be submitted to the Master Calendar at [calendar.truman.edu/submitevent.asp](http://calendar.truman.edu/submitevent.asp).

All submissions must be made by someone representing a chartered organization or a recognized department, division or program of Truman State University. Any off-campus events will be posted on the Kirksville tab on TruView.

## Poor Appointed Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for Truman State University

Truman has announced the appointment of P. Joan Poor as provost and vice president for academic affairs, effective July 1, 2012. Poor was selected for the position after a national search and currently serves as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of economics at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn.

"I am very excited to welcome Dr. Poor to the Truman community," President Troy Paino said. "Her experience with and passion for a public liberal arts education will be a tremendous asset for Truman. She has an impressive record as a teacher, scholar and administrator. She was an integral part of a leadership team that advanced the mission and public purpose of a sister COPLAC institution, and I am confident her skills, experience and creativity will serve Truman well."

Poor's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture and a master's degree in natural resource management from the University of Manitoba as well as a doctorate in natural resources/environmental economics from the University of Nebraska. Poor is also a graduate of the Harvard Management

Development Program and the HERS Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration.

"I am honored to join the Truman State University community," Poor said. "The energy I experienced while visiting the Truman campus was contagious. The commitment by the students, faculty and staff to the public liberal arts and science mission is without a doubt what draws me to this place."

Prior to arriving at Bemidji State University in 2010, Poor served as the assistant to the president for planning and legislative affairs from 2006-2010, coordinator of the environmental studies program from 2002-2007 and as an associate professor of economics from 2001-2010 at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Additionally, Poor served as a Hobart Houghton Fellow in 2008 at Rhodes University in South Africa and as a visiting assistant professor of economics at the Rochester Institute of Technology from 2000-2001. She was a member of the graduate faculty at the University of Maine-Orono from 1998-2000. Since 2010, Poor has served as a consultant-evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission.



President & Kelly Paino cordially invite you to an

# Open House

December 14, 2011  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
University Residence  
706 South Halliburton

## University Conference Request for Session Proposals

The 2012 University Conference Day, taking place Feb. 16, is dedicated to the personal and professional growth and enrichment of all members of the Truman community. To ensure that sessions appeal to students, faculty and staff, the conference is seeking sessions that will:

- Help prepare individuals for the life that comes after college
- Improve technical skills
- Develop leadership abilities
- Inform the community of important regulations
- Educate the community or
- Enrich the community

Possibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Tips for healthy living
- Maintaining a scholarly agenda while teaching
- Improving student writing
- Reducing one's carbon footprint
- How to run an effective meeting

Proposed sessions can fit into a 25-minute, a 55-minute or an 85-minute time slot. Sessions lasting 85 minutes must include an active learning component.

Applications are available at [provost.truman.edu/University\\_Conference/index.asp](http://provost.truman.edu/University_Conference/index.asp) and are due by 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23 to the Provost's Office.

Recommendations for session ideas can be emailed to Marty Eisenberg at [martye@truman.edu](mailto:martye@truman.edu).

### Mobile Homepage

Truman's website is now easier to browse on mobile devices. It provides quick access to search, lab availability, campus maps, the campus calendar, The Index and more. Web Services has also optimized the Truman web template for small touch screens to make each page easier to navigate and display better. The mobile version should appear automatically for those accessing [truman.edu](http://truman.edu) from mobile devices.

## Cochrane to be Inducted into Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame

John Cochrane, the head track and field/cross country coach at Truman, was inducted into the Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame Dec. 9 in Columbia, Mo.

Cochrane has been the women's head coach since 1980 and the men's head coach since 2006.

During his tenure, Cochrane's track and field teams have produced 64 All-American honors and five national champions. His teams have

won six MIAA conference team titles. Cochrane was honored by the NCAA Division II coaches with the Distinguished Service Award in Cross Country in 1992 and in Track and Field in 1996.

In addition, six women have been named Academic All-American during his career and his teams have been among the tops in the nation in grade-point average. The 2011 men's track and field team had the best GPA in Division II while the women were fourth.

## 2012 TruScholars Program Applications Available

The Office of Student Research is offering the summer 2012 TruScholars program.

The purpose of the TruScholars program is to foster collaborative faculty-student research and creative activities to enhance undergraduate student learning. Projects supported by this program should exhibit the potential for scholarly publication, presentation at a regional or national conference, public performance or a gallery showing. The OSR will fund up to 25 TruScholar applications.

The formal part of the 2012 TruScholars program will coincide with the eight-week summer semester, beginning June 4 and ending July 27. During this time, students should devote full-time effort to their project and faculty mentors should be continuously available for consultation and collaboration. Student-faculty teams can begin their research earlier than June 4 with the understanding that there will be intense

effort during the eight-week session.

To optimize the quality of the TruScholars experience, there will be a number of required elements including an orientation during the spring semester, attendance at two of three professional development workshops during the eight-week summer course session and a presentation at the final TruScholars Research Symposium taking place Aug. 25.

This application includes a project description among other components. Students are encouraged to identify a faculty mentor before the end of this semester. This will allow students to work on drafts of their application over the break.

Application guidelines, important dates and frequently asked questions can be found at the OSR website [osr.truman.edu/truscholars](http://osr.truman.edu/truscholars). Questions beyond the TruScholars frequently asked questions should be addressed via email to [osr@truman.edu](mailto:osr@truman.edu).

## Phi Beta Lambda Attends Leadership Conference



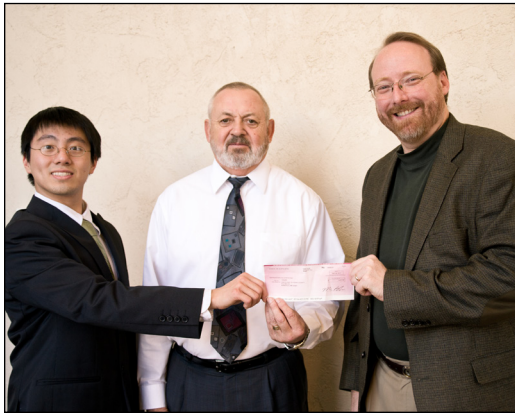
Six members of Truman's Phi Beta Lambda chapter attended the Phi Beta Lambda National Fall Leadership Conference Nov. 11-12 in Milwaukee, Wis. The members participated in workshops to develop their skills in leadership, community service, career development and competitive events. They also attended general sessions featuring motivational speakers and membership awards. Shown are the students who attended the conference (left to right): Yichao Zhao, Giorgi Amashukeli, Salisa Suwanprathip, Ryan Peterson, Dolkar Tuladhar and Megan Recklein.

### Truman Spirit Shirts

A limited number of small spirit shirts are available for \$5 in the Public Relations Office at 202 McClain Hall.

# United Way Campaign Surpasses Goal

John Dungan (right), executive director of the United Way of Adair County/Northeast Missouri accepts a donation from Yajie Yu (left), student chair for the United Way Drive, and Dennis Markeson (center), director of dining services. The donation came from money raised during the Food Fast campaign. Students donated meals and dining dollars during October with student advisers and Sodexo staff playing an important role in promotion. Sodexo was able to present a check for more than \$8,020 to the United Way, one of the highest amounts ever raised by the Food Fast campaign. On behalf of the United Way of Adair County/Northeast Missouri, campaign co-chairs Tony Vazzana and Sally Detweiler would like to thank the students, faculty, staff, emeriti and retirees of Truman, as well as Sodexo and its employees, for making this year's campaign a success. This year, the University surpassed the campus goal of \$56,000.



## NOTABLES

**Stephen Allen, professor of business administration**, had his article, "Ethics and Project Management: A Journal Analysis," published in the Journal of Management & Engineering Integration, Vol. 4, No. 1, Summer 2011.

**English MAE students Rachel Brown, Kayla Jungermann, Ashley Kleinsorge and Melissa Stevenson** attended the National Council of Teachers of English annual convention Nov. 17-19 in Chicago, Ill.

**Rudolf Cesaretti, senior sociology/anthropology and history double major**, presented a poster, "School Days Past and Present: A Look at Consolidation's Impact on Rural Northeast Missouri," in a session showcasing "First Rites: Innovative Undergraduate Student Research in Anthropology" at the American Anthropological Association meetings Nov. 16-20 in Montreal, Canada. Cesaretti's poster was recognized by the Society for Visual Anthropology as "exemplary in terms of the excellence of its presentation." Cesaretti went with **Amber Johnson, associate professor of anthropology**, who presented a paper "Using Binford's Projections of Ethnographically Documented Hunter-Gatherer Mobility in Archaeological Research" in a session "Examining Traces of

Human Mobility across Spatiotemporal Scales."

**Martin Erickson, professor of mathematics**, had his book "Beautiful Mathematics" published by the Mathematical Association of America. This is the seventh mathematics book that Erickson has authored or co-authored.

**Daniel Mandell, professor of history**, presented a paper on "The Conundrum of Collective and Individual Civil Rights in the United States," on Dec. 2 at the 500th Anniversary Conference on Universality in Human Rights in Washington, D.C.

**Truman's Model UN team** won the "Outstanding Delegation Award" for its representation of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the American Model United Nations International Conference Nov. 19-22 in Chicago, Ill. **Stephen Gott and Chelsea Rodriguez** were noted for their outstanding performance in their roles. **Mehdi Zaidi** also was chosen by the World Health Assembly to present the final report on "Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property" to the General Assembly. **Samuel Kirschenheiter** was selected to serve as a reporter on the International Press Delegation. He had four articles published throughout the conference and in subsequent editions of the American Model UN Newsletter.

### C-Level Classroom Orientation Workshop

The Learning Technologies Team is hosting a C-Level Classroom Orientation Workshop. The session will provide information about the learning technologies available in C-Level classrooms, including SMARTBoards and Sympodiums, SMARTNotebook software and more. Workshops will take place:

1:30-3 p.m. Dec. 14 Violette Hall 1236	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Dec. 15 Ophelia Parrish 2121	1:30-3 p.m. Jan. 5 Violette Hall 1324	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Jan. 6 Pickler Memorial Library 103
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To register, visit [eventmanager.truman.edu](http://eventmanager.truman.edu).

### Missouri Study Photo Contest

Eligible for all international and study abroad students.

#### Contest Rules:

- The photographer must be a current student at a Missouri college or university.
- The photograph must have been taken in the country where the photographer attended school.
- Photo content must be "true to life" (no photoshop).

#### How to Enter:

- Submit photo electronically (JPEG, at least 5.0 mega pixels) to [StudyMissouriPhotoContest@gmail.com](mailto:StudyMissouriPhotoContest@gmail.com). Students must submit original photos and can have up to three entries.
- Students must include name, reasoning for being abroad and the name of their institution, country and date of photo.
- The deadline to submit is 11:59 p.m. Jan. 20.

The grand prize is \$200. There will be a first prize in each category (international and study abroad) of \$150, the second prize \$100 and third will be \$75.

### DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship Program

The deadline to apply for the Undergraduate Scholarship Program is Jan. 31. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites highly qualified undergraduate students to apply for funding to study, complete research and/or internships in Germany. Scholarships are available for students taking part in an organized study abroad program/exchange or as part of an individual, student-designed study abroad experience. Funding for a semester or the academic year is offered for 2012-2013 (beginning in the fall of 2012) and includes a monthly stipend, health insurance and an amount for travel. Students wanting to study in Germany in the spring of 2013 should apply now. More information can be found at [www.daad.org/?p=undergrad](http://www.daad.org/?p=undergrad).

# SAAC Conducts Record Food Drive

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has collected 2,100 lbs of food this semester for their annual food drive.

This amount has surpassed last year's donation measurement by 500 lbs. Men's football, volleyball, men and women's soccer and baseball hosted collection games or events throughout the semester.

SAAC will resume the food drive next semester with collections at men's and women's basketball, softball, baseball and other spring sport events. All donations will be split between the Kirksville Salvation Army and the Christian Community Food Depot.



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## NOTES

The deadline to submit abstracts to the **Women's and Gender Study Conference** is Dec. 16.

CCF is sponsoring "Care for Aids: Book Drive" from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 13-16 in the Student Union Building.

Active Minds is hosting "Kid for a Day" from 3-6 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

There will be a question and answer session with **Gregg Siewert, professor of French, regarding the TAPIF application process** at 4 p.m. Dec. 14 in Baldwin Hall 226. The applications for the program are due Jan. 15.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Your Local Security is sponsoring "America's Best Blogging Scholarship" for \$1,000. Students may enter by posting responses to the question asking to define the single most important issue in the upcoming 2012 election. Students must explain the issue and why and how they propose the U.S. comes to a solution that benefits the majority. After posting, students must include the embed code and share online via major social network sites. Entries will be judged by content and validation and "tweets," "likes," "stumbles" and "+1s" will be taken into account. The

submission deadline is Dec. 31 and the winner will be announced Feb. 1. More information can be found at [yourlocalsecurity.com/scholarship](http://yourlocalsecurity.com/scholarship).

U.S. Bank is awarding 40 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 through a random drawing process. Undergraduate students attending an eligible four-year college or university participating in the U.S. Bank No Free Education Loan Program are eligible to apply. More information about this scholarship opportunity can be found at [usbank.com/studentloans](http://usbank.com/studentloans).

### Truman Intramural Recreational Sports Planner

Activity	Division	Deadline	Captains' Meeting	Play Begins
Whiffleball	Open	Jan. 16	NA	Jan. 21-22
5v5 Basketball	Open/Org/Greek	Jan. 16	Jan. 18	Jan. 23
Co-Rec 5v5 Basketball	Open	Jan. 16	Jan. 18	Jan. 23
Superbowl Pickems'	Open	Feb. 2	N/A	Feb. 5
Badminton-Singles	Open	Feb. 16	NA	Feb. 18
Badminton-Doubles	Open	Feb. 23	NA	Feb. 25
Volleyball	Open/Org/Greek	March 5	Feb. 29	March 12
Co-Rec Volleyball	Open/Org/Greek	March 5	Feb. 29	March 12
Outdoor Soccer	Open/Org/Greek	March 5	Feb. 29	March 12
Co-Rec Outdoor Soccer	Open	March 5	Feb. 29	March 12
NCAA March Madness	Open	March 14	N/A	March 15
Swim Meet	Open/Greek/Org	March 29	N/A	April 5
Co-Rec Ultimate Frisbee	Open	April 2	N/A	April 14-15
Golf Scramble	Open	April 9	N/A	April 16
Punt Pass & Kick	Open/Greek/Org	April 10	N/A	April 17
Track Meet	Open/Greek/Org	April 12	N/A	April 19

All information, rules and registration requirements are online at [recreation.truman.edu/intramuralrec.asp](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.

## 2012 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE

Jan. 16

The Multicultural Affairs Center and the SERVE Center are looking for 175 student, faculty and staff volunteers to spend their day off honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King by serving the Kirksville community throughout the day.

To sign up for this year's MLK Challenge, please visit [serve.truman.edu/volunteer/login.asp?page=%2Fvolunteer%2Fprofile%2Easp](http://serve.truman.edu/volunteer/login.asp?page=%2Fvolunteer%2Fprofile%2Easp).

The schedule for the day is as follows:  
8:30-9 a.m.  
Registration and Breakfast

9-10 a.m.  
Opening Ceremonies and Team Building

10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Complete Challenges

The Reflection Dinner will begin at 4 p.m. and is open to all participants, campus affiliates and Truman and Kirksville community members. Participants will reflect on their experiences and the dedication Dr. King gave to the service of others.

A performance by Tim AuBuchon will culminate the evening and highlight the great servitude of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Pickler Memorial Library

#### Extended Hours

Pickler Memorial Library will be open until 2 a.m. Sundays-Thursdays, through Dec. 15.