

# Truman *today*

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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 Sammuell 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](mailto: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.

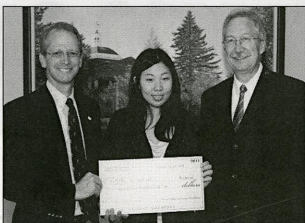
More info: <http://greeklife.truman.edu/greekchallenge.asp>

## 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. Paine (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. Paine 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.

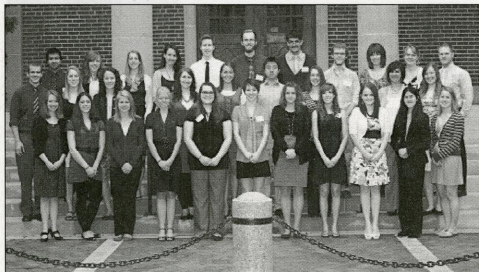
Minner has been named provost at Radford University in Radford, Va., and will begin his new duties this summer.

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 Caffman, Jared Daugherty, Holly Fling, Lauren Greenspan, Jill Hampton, Ryan Harker, Rachel Hinrichs, John Hitson, Michela Hoffmann, Lauren Jensen, Christian Johns, Pernita Kapila, Melissa Kapitan, Hazar Khidir, Jessica Kneib, Kelly Kohlhagen, Stephanie Katookian, 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 Riesenberg, Kevin Robb, Allison Rohde, Ann Rosentreter, Kevin Sack, Raebana Skinner, Tanya Sylvester, Dylan Terry, Constance Tufts, Katherine Valli, Aimee Vander Wal, Mary Viets, Keyyn 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 Selvey, Lindsey Stadler, Tanya Sylvester, Kelly Sharp, 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.

# SAB

## 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  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Agricultural Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Anthropology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art History  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Studio Art  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art: Visual Communication  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Athletic Training  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Biology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Finance  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Management  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Marketing  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Business Administration: Marketing  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in International Business  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Chemistry  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Classics  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication: Journalism  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Public Communication  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Studies  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Disorders  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Counseling  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Economics  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Elementary Education  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Secondary Education  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in Special Education  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English  
 Outstanding Graduate Student in English  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exercise Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in French  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in German  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Justice Systems  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Linguistics  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Nursing  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Philosophy and Religion  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Physics  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Psychology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Romance Language  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Romance Language  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Russian  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Russian  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Spanish  
 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre  
 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award  
 General George C. Marshall ROTC Award

Iliyana Kuneva  
 Puskar Dahal  
 Amanda Brehm  
 Tekla Chantae Rudie  
 Anna Youngyeun  
 Valerie Lazalier  
 Laura Wellington  
 Julianne Gross  
 Ole Midtbo  
 M. Christine Graves  
 Kayla Burch  
 Hannah Dumej  
 Amanda Kersting  
 Kristin Raby  
 Salisa Suwanprathip  
 Jeffrey Boschen  
 Emily Richens  
 Nathan Vickers  
 Dana Bruxvoort  
 Allison Toepfer  
 Margaret Hilliard  
 Grace Strube  
 Bridget Conant  
 John Marty III  
 Brandon Ping  
 John Schneider  
 Matthew Carlson  
 Elizabeth Anderson  
 Elizabeth Duff  
 Trevor Grizzell  
 Patrick Silvey  
 Kathryn Martin  
 Ryan Campbell  
 Tina Schutter  
 Mary Viets  
 Megan Temme  
 Joseph Rogers  
 Ann Bruno  
 Sara Clark  
 Jami Millhouse  
 Alexis Simmons  
 Joseph Palmer  
 Katie Lakner  
 Kelsey Shields  
 Laura Groebel  
 Mark Lambert  
 Jeremy Little  
 Amanda Nehrkorn  
 Katherine Judd  
 Elizabeth Necka  
 Erin Flannery  
 Kevin Regan  
 Kari Basquette  
 Trevor Krost  
 Krista Goodman  
 Jacqueline Boos  
 Madeleine Schmitz  
 Alexandra Czahor  
 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