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Board of Governors Student Representative Applications Now Available

Applications to become the next student representative to the Truman Board of Governors are now available.

The Board is made up of 10 individuals who are appointed by the governor of Missouri and confirmed by the Missouri Senate. Of the 10 Board members, there is a sole student representative to the Board of Governors. The student representative holds a non-voting, two-year position. The next student representative will serve from Jan. 1, 2014 until Jan. 1, 2016.

The student representative plays a vital role in the protection and advancement of student interests by regularly consulting with the Board of Governors, which is the highest policy-making body for the University. The Board plays an important role in shaping different aspects of University policy. With students making up the majority of the community, it is important that the Board has a strong student member to further their constituency's needs, interests and concerns. It is the responsibility of the student representative to communicate these ideas with the Board as well as with many other areas of the campus community.

Serving as the student representative to the Board provides the opportunity to represent the student body on issues such as tuition, student fees, University personnel, spending and policy.

"Serving on the Board has been the greatest honor and responsibility I have undertaken during my time at Truman. While the position requires a commitment of both time and work, it also provides an unmatched opportunity for personal and professional growth," said current student representative Michael Bushur. "During my time on the Board I have learned a great deal about higher education as well as myself, and gained more valuable experience than I ever expected."

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Nov. 1 and can be found on the Board's website [here](#).

Students may contact Bushur at mjb6337@truman.edu for questions or more information.

SAB Presents Olympian Shawn Johnson

Former U.S. Olympic gymnast Shawn Johnson will speak at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 in Baldwin Hall Auditorium.



Shawn Johnson

At the 2008 Olympic games in Beijing, China, Johnson earned an individual gold medal in the balance beam and three silver medals in the individual all-around, floor exercise and team categories.

In 2009, Johnson became the youngest ever contestant on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," where she danced her way to becoming the champion of season eight. In 2012, Johnson published her book, "Winning Balance" and announced her retirement from competitive gymnastics following a knee injury.

Johnson will speak about her experience in the Olympic games, how they positively influenced her to inspire others and her passion for life after her knee injury.

Admission is free. Tickets are available for students with a Truman ID and for the general public in the Student Activities Board Office, located in the lower level of the Student Union Building.

For more information, call 660.785.4722.

Public Relations Internship Available

The Truman Public Relations Office is now accepting applications for the full-time spring 2014 internship position.

The public relations intern will be responsible for helping to write the online University newsletter, Truman Today, and the University's magazine, Truman Review. The intern will also assist in planning special events throughout the semester, writing press releases and fulfilling other office tasks.

Applicants should have a strong background in writing and editing. Communication majors are encouraged to apply, with special consideration given to candidates with knowledge of Associated Press Style.

To apply, send a résumé, two writing samples and contact information for two on-campus references to the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 202 no later than Nov. 1. For questions about the internship, contact Travis Miles at tmiles@truman.edu.

Truman United Way Campaign Update

As of Oct. 16, the Truman community has contributed more than \$26,000 to the Truman United Way Campaign, representing 45 percent of the University's \$54,000 goal.

To make a donation, contact Pam Ryan at pjryan@truman.edu or Maggie Herron at mherron@truman.edu for a pledge form.

Donations support the United Way of Adair County. The local United Way has among the lowest overhead in the nation, allowing a greater percentage of contributions to go straight to local programs helping people pursue the goals of education, income and health.

Wellness Zone Week Aims to De-Stress

Oct. 23-27 has been dedicated to raising awareness of the Wellness Zone, located in Pickler Memorial Library.

The Wellness Zone provides students an area on campus where they can learn stress management and relaxation techniques. There will be events throughout campus to raise awareness about the Wellness Zone.

From 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Student Union Building, McClain, Ryle and on the Quad, students can grab free trail mix to kick off Wellness Zone Awareness Week.

A presentation about nutrition will take place from 7-8 p.m. Oct. 24 in Violette Hall 1144.

The captain of Illusion Danz team will lead a free hip hop workout class from 6-7 p.m. Oct. 25 in the Rec Center Aerobics Room. Students should bring their Truman ID and an extra pair of shoes.

From 5-8 p.m. Oct. 26 in Ryle hall, students can attend a free cooking class in Ryle Hall and get hands on experience with food preparation, cooking and portion size. The dinner will consist of chicken tacos.

There will be another cooking class in Missouri Hall from 5-8 p.m. Oct. 27. Afterwards, there will be an open house in the Wellness Zone, located in Pickler Memorial Library 108. Free massages will be provided.

For more information, contact Tara Quintos at teq8752@truman.edu.

Students Host Prescription Drug Awareness Events

Senior health and exercise science students are hosting events Oct. 24-25 to raise awareness of prescription drug abuse and misuse.

Brenda Higgins of the Student Health Center will give a presentation on prescription drug abuse and misuse from 7-8 p.m. Oct. 24 in Violette Hall 1010.

From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 25 on the Quad there will be a table set up where students, staff, faculty and community members can drop off their leftover prescription medications. The table will be supervised by a police officer, and all medications will be disposed of safely. It is requested that no illegal drugs be brought to the table.

Following the take back event, students enrolled in Health 270 will give presentations all over campus about the dangers of prescription drugs.

For more information, contact Jessica Swiniarski at jswini422@gmail.com.

Multiple Halloween Events Scheduled

Many Truman organizations have planned activities and events around the campus and community to celebrate Halloween.

Sigma Alpha is hosting their annual haunted corn maze fundraiser from 7-10 p.m. Oct. 24 and 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Oct. 25-26 at the University Farm. Admission is \$3 with a Truman ID and \$5 for general admission. On Oct. 24 a \$1 discount will be given to those who donate a canned food item. From 1-3 p.m. Oct. 27 the corn maze will host a Kid's Day. Instead of scary things, the kids can participate in crafts and scavenger hunt and enjoy the day. Admission is \$3 per child.

The House of Grim Haunted House will be 7:30 p.m.-12 a.m. Oct. 25 and Oct. 31 and 7:30-10:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in Grim Hall. Join the staff for a haunted house experience while learning about the history of Ezra C. Grim Hall. Admission is \$3. This event will be scary and should not be attended by young children.

BNB's Greatest Scare on Earth Haunted House will be from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Oct. 25-26 and 8-10:30 p.m. Oct. 27 in the BNB Hall Basement. Admission is \$3, and \$2 of the admission price will be donated to Doctors without Borders. For more information, email kmb5543@truman.edu. This event will be scary and should not be attended by young children.

IPAC Presents: Haunted Baldwin will be 7-10 p.m. Oct. 26 in Baldwin Hall's basement. Tours start underneath the Baldwin/McClain bridge.

Trick-or-Treating for Canned Goods will be from 3-7 p.m. Oct. 28. Students will meet on the Quad and go around Kirksville in costumes to collect canned goods as part of the Big Week of Giving. For more information, email trumanserve@gmail.com.

SAB is sponsoring pumpkin carving from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 30 on the Quad. The event is free and SAB will provide pumpkins, carving equipment and Halloween treats. Students can enter for a chance to win a prize. For more information, email mms4787@truman.edu.

Sigma Delta Pi is hosting a Day of the Dead Bake Sale from 10:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Oct. 31 on the Quad. Celebrate Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) by purchasing skull cookies, chocolates and other baked goods on the Quad. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to the Vera Piper Endowed Scholarship.

On Halloween night, the residence halls will be open from 6-8 p.m. for trick-or-treating for children of all ages.

For more information on these events, visit calendar.truman.edu.

Announcements

Bolivian Fair Trade Sale

**8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Oct. 21-Oct. 25
Student Union Mall**

Sigma Lambda Gamma is hosting a Bolivian Fair Trade Sale at 8 a.m. Oct. 21 on the Student Union Building Mall. Wool scarves, hats, sweaters, gloves and more will be on sale, and all proceeds go back to the families in Bolivia who made the clothing. For more information, email Jacey Wood at jacey@truman.edu.

Roman Comedy on Stage

**7 p.m.
Oct. 21
Ophelia Parrish 2210**

Dr. Timothy Moore, author of "Music in Roman Comedy," will speak about the performances of some of the world's earliest comedies at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 in Ophelia Parrish 2210. Moore is the John and Penelope Biggs Distinguished Professor of Classics and chair of the Department of Classics at Washington University in St. Louis. The event is sponsored by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages.

Study Abroad in Switzerland

Students that submit an application form and deposit to study abroad in Switzerland by Oct. 22 are qualified for a free round-trip ticket to Lugano, Switzerland for the spring 2014 semester. For more information, visit the Study Abroad Office.

Tree Planting Ceremony

4 p.m.
Oct. 23
Quad

The newly formed Tree Campus USA committee, in conjunction with ECO, will host a tree planting ceremony as part of an Arbor Day. The tree planting will take place on the east side of the Quad, north of the center walk, by Ophelia Parrish. This will be a ceremonial planting of an American Linden/American Basswood tree.

Global Issues Colloquium: The U.S., Drugs and Guns in Mexico

7 p.m.
Oct. 28
Violette Hall 1000

Francisco Cerezo is a human rights activist who works with Witness for Peace Organization to promote human rights across the globe. His story includes personal narrative about his three brothers who were arrested and held as political prisoners. The event is sponsored by the Global Issues Colloquium Committee.

Pickler Memorial Library Extended Hours

Pickler Memorial Library will now open at 11 a.m. on Sundays through the remainder of the academic year while school is in session. This is a change from the previous opening time of 1 p.m. on Sundays. The earlier opening is made possible with funds from the student iTech fee, which was introduced this year to support improvements to campus technology and library collections and services.

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) Information Session

4:30-5 p.m.
Oct. 24
Health Sciences Building 3205

After completing a bachelor's degree and the specified prerequisite courses, admitted students may finish a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree in 15 months of study. For additional information, email nursing@truman.edu or call 660.785.4557. The nursing website includes information about the curriculum at nursing.truman.edu.

Annual Philosophy and Religion Conference

9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Nov. 9

The Truman State University 24th Annual Undergraduate Philosophy and Religion Conference, sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Religion, will take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Alumni Room of the Student Union Building. Keynote speaker Dr. Evan Williams will present on the topic, "Can Environmental Damage be Both Morally Permissible, and Morally Bad?" This presentation will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Kara Boschert at kbd2635@truman.edu or David Murphy at 660.785.7246 or dgmurphy@truman.edu.

SAB: Upcoming Events

SAB Fall Comedian: Vanessa Bayer
7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8
Baldwin Auditorium

Vanessa Bayer is a current cast member on Saturday Night Live (SNL). She started her SNL career in 2010 and has portrayed many celebrities including Kourtney Kardashian, Miley Cyrus and Hillary Clinton. Admission is free for students and \$5 for general admission. Tickets are available for students and the general public in the Student Activities Board Office in the lower level of the Student Union Building.

SAB Fall Concert: Phillip Phillips
9 p.m.
Nov. 16
Pershing Arena

Winner of American Idol's 11th season, Phillip Phillips' blend of rare authenticity and massive pop appeal has pushed him into stardom. Some of his biggest singles include "Home" and "Gone, Gone, Gone." Tickets are available now in the Student Activities Board Office in the lower level of the Student Union Building and are \$5 for students and \$15 for general admission.

For more information, contact SAB at 660.785.4722.

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W. Michael Ashcraft, professor of religion, presented a paper at the Oral History Association's annual meeting in Oklahoma City titled, "The Study of New Religious Movements: Contrasting Narratives from Contrasting Sources."

Bob Mielke, professor of English, will release his book titled, "Adventures in Avant-Pop." The book is the culmination of Mielke's knowledge, interest and dedication to the work and lives of seven artists. In his book he attempts to find common ground between the different musicians.

Truman's Academic Competition Organization fielded two teams Oct. 5 at the Michigan Fall Tournament at Washington University. The A team of Jacob O'Rourke, Dylan Becraft, Nick Jones and Selena Montes tied for fourth with a 7-4 record, while the B team of Gabriel Hotz, James Fisher, Houston Roberts and Robyn Allwood tied for 10th with a 3-7 record. Individually, O'Rourke placed seventh after the preliminary rounds. Statistics from the event can be found at hsquizbowl.org/db/tournaments/1602/stats/combined.

Members of Truman's chapter of Cardinal Key attended their national conference Oct. 5-8 in Chicago. Morgan Schmitz, Lara Redmond, Shelby Pieper and advisor Liz Jorn attended workshops on fundraising, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, recruitment, reports and social media. Attendees also volunteered at the Ron Santo Walk to Cure Diabetes, which had more than 7,000 walkers and raised more than \$1.1 million. Also in attendance were Truman alumni, which included Devin Lammy (National Co-Director), Rachel Marx, Kirsten Vollmer, Baillie Cloyd and Gretchen Smiles. On the last day of the conference, elections took place for new national officers and there was a closing banquet celebrating the accomplishments of all Cardinal Key chapters. Pieper was voted in as the new national president and Schmitz as national vice president.



Members of Cardinal Key at the national convention.

Events and Activities

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Catherine Calderon will screen her film "Dancing with the Spirits" at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 in Violette Hall 1000. "Dancing with the Spirits" tells the story of Calderon's initiation into the Yoruba Orisha religious tradition. The film is free and sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Film Studies Minor and the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies. For more information on the film and film-maker, including a trailer, visit dancingwiththespirits.com.

The University Art Gallery will have a public reception at 6 p.m. Oct. 22 to celebrate the opening of the Art Gallery exhibitions "An Illustrated Life: A Retrospective of the Life and Works of David Grove," and "Disasters of War: New Prints by Nick Naughton." Refreshments will be served.

The Stargazers Astronomy Club will host an Observatory Open House from 8-10 p.m. Oct. 25 at the University Farm. For more information, email rah2737@truman.edu.

GlobeMed is hosting Dance 'til Dawn from 8 p.m.-8 a.m. Oct. 26 in Pershing Arena. Dance 'til Dawn is a fundraiser where teams of 12-16 dance constantly. Each team must raise a minimum of \$200 to register. The team that raises the most money receives 10 percent of the total profit earned to go to the philanthropy of their choice. For more information, email ocl2326@truman.edu or enm4644@truman.edu.

The Grad School Expo will be from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. The event is sponsored by Psi Chi. For more information, email sjd2418@truman.edu.

James Guffey, professor of statistics, will present "Keep Your Eye on the Ball: Maintaining Students' Attention in the Classroom" at 3 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Coffee and cookies will be served. This event is sponsored by the Academic Professional Development Center.

The Sweet Expressions Kettle Corn Sale will be from 2-5 p.m. Oct. 30 on the Quad. As part of the Big Week of Giving, the SERVE Center will be selling black and orange kettle corn from Sweet Expressions.

Truman's 2013 Lincoln Contest focuses on the topic of "Global Slavery" and the notion of slavery in today's society. Submissions for the contest are due by Oct. 31 and can be in art, essay or oratorical form. For more information, contact Barry Poyner at bpoyner@truman.edu.

The 19th Annual Women and Gender Studies Conference is calling for papers on the topic "Gendered Space & Queer Alternatives." Submissions are due 5 p.m. Nov. 15 to wgstconference@truman.edu in PDF or word document form.

The Robert L. Gould Scholastic Award is an opportunity for students of all majors to submit a research paper on a specific topic for the chance to win up to \$10,000. The deadline to submit a research paper is Dec. 2. For more information, contact Lana Dowell in the School of Business at ldowell@truman.edu.

Upcoming Events

Boeing Business Systems Data Warehouse Info Table

9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Oct. 21
Violette Hall CS Area

Federal Reserve Bank of STL Info Session

6-7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21
Student Union Building Activities Room

Federal Reserve Bank of STL Interviews

Oct. 22
Career Center

Aldi Dinner for All Applicants

6:30-9 p.m.
Oct. 22
Student Union Building Alumni Room

Aldi Interview Day

Oct. 23
Career Center



Scholarship Opportunities

Foundation Scholarships

Truman State University Foundation Scholarship applications for the Spring 2014 semester are now available. Applications are online and are due by midnight Nov. 1. To apply, log in to TruView, go to the Student Tab, Student Finances, Foundation Scholarships. This application period is for Foundation scholarships that have not yet been awarded for 2013-2014. Applications for the majority of Foundation scholarships will be available in February for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Additional Scholarships

Highspeedinternet.com is offering a \$500 scholarship opportunity to all current and prospective students. The name of the scholarship is HQ "Get Google." Students need to write a letter as if they were addressing Google HQ explaining why they believe Google Fiber should expand to their town next. Students can learn more and apply at highspeedinternet.com/scholarship. Submissions are due by Oct. 25.

The University of Canterbury in New Zealand is offering various scholarship amounts up to \$2,000 for the Spring 2014 semester. The deadline to apply is Nov. 1. For more information, contact Alyson Roberts at 406.994.7044 or at alyson.roberts@montana.edu.

A-Z Printing has announced a scholarship opportunity for students in the amount of \$1,000. More information about this "Impact a Life" college scholarship may be found at raffleticket.com/raffle-tickets-scholarship.html. Deadline to apply is Dec. 31.