Alumni Chapters Earn Special Recognition

During Homecoming 2006, the Iowa Alumni Chapter was named Truman's "Chapter of the Year," an award which honors a chapter for its dedication to its members and its support of the University's mission. According to Denise Smith, director of alumni relations, the Iowa Chapter was selected based on a number of outstanding accomplishments. "They are extremely organized and hosted a record number of events last year," says Smith. The Iowa Chapter ranked highest in the number of points the chapters earned through the Honor Chapter Program which provides an opportunity for chapters to gain additional funding by meeting various criteria, including communications, events, reports, and membership.

Smith also applauded the chapter's innovation and creativity in planning chapter events. "Each of their events is organized by a different member of their board, and they keep trying new events and focus on hosting events in different areas of the state of Iowa each year," says Smith. "They are always setting the bar high for other chapters to follow and have consistently increased membership each year.” In addition, members of the Iowa Alumni Chapter mentor other Truman chapters and clubs, and the Iowa Chapter initiated a campaign to raise money to fund a new scholarship to offer financial assistance to Truman students from Iowa.

The officers for the Iowa Alumni Chapter include Cindy Spiker ('93), president; Luanne (Hempill) Inderski ('86), vice president; Kent Donaldson ('90), treasurer; Cindy (Barnes) Moeller ('86), membership; Steve Scott ('89), Web master; and executive board members Jennie (Dickerson) Gemignani ('92) and Todd Holcomb ('84).

The Mid-Missouri Alumni Chapter was named the "Most Improved Alumni Chapter" for 2006. Under the leadership of alumna Ellen (Hoelscher) McLain ('87), the chapter hosted many new activities last year including a wine-tasting event, a road trip to a Kansas City Royals baseball game, and several happy hour gatherings. The Mid-Missouri Chapter also showed the largest increase in chapter membership, more than doubling last year’s membership numbers and has assisted Truman students from the Mid-Missouri area by offering an annual scholarship. In addition to McLain who serves as president of the Mid-Missouri Alumni Chapter, the officers include executive board members Jim Cherrington ('85), Rodney Loesch ('88), and Julie (McGuire) Swope ('95)('97); and Ken Hussey ('01), who is the chapter Web master.

In 2006, all of Truman’s alumni chapters achieved honor chapter status which means they each received additional funding for their hard work and outstanding programs. Close behind the Iowa Chapter in honor points were the Kansas City and Chicago Chapters, followed by the Mid-Missouri, Dallas, Arizona, Mid-Atlantic, Kirksville, St. Louis, and Colorado Chapters. Congratulations to all of the alumni chapters for such a successful year in 2006!

For more alumni information visit http://alumni.truman.edu
New Alumni Chapter Web Sites

Official Web sites for each of Truman’s 10 alumni chapters have been added to the Alumni and Friends Web site at http://alumni.truman.edu/. Learn more about your local chapter, find information on upcoming events, see the latest chapter news and announcements, and view photos of chapter activities. Log on and bookmark your local chapter’s Web site today. Truman has alumni chapters located around the country in Arizona, Chicago, Colorado, Dallas, Iowa, Kansas City, Kirksville, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-Missouri, and St. Louis.

Seeking Your Input on Truman Travel Program

The Truman Alumni Association is considering offering a travel program for alumni and friends of the University, and we need your input. If you might be interested in participating in a travel program offered through Truman State University, please take a short survey located on the Alumni and Friends Web site at http://alumni.truman.edu/.

Calendar of Events

MARCH

20 Kirksville, Mo.
Kirksville Alumni Chapter: Attending Kohlenberg Lyceum Series presentation of “Some Enchanted Evening,” Baldwin Auditorium, Truman State University; 7:30 p.m. An Alumni Reception will be held prior to the Lyceum event in Baldwin Hall 156 (northwest corner of Baldwin Hall) from 5:30-7:15 p.m. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and beverages. A limited number of complimentary Lyceum tickets are available.

24 Tempe, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Arizona Alumni and Friends Annual Banquet at Monti’s La Casa Vieja, 100 South Mill Avenue; Tempe, Ariz.; (480) 967-7594. Cash bar opens at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Guest speaker: Garry Gordon, vice president of Academic Affairs at Truman. Price: $25 for Arizona Alumni Chapter members; $30 for non-members.

31 Ottumwa, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Truman State University Reception at Hotel Ottumwa (Mahaska Room), 107 E. Second, Ottumwa, Iowa; 6-8 p.m. Guest speaker: University President Barbara Dixon. Price: $15 for Iowa Alumni Chapter members; $20 for non-members.

APRIL

21 Urbandale, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: 6th Annual Ronza Night at Aldersgate Methodist Church, 6-8 p.m.

28 Chicago, Ill.
Chicago Alumni Chapter: Alumni Banquet and Scholarship Endowment Fundraiser at Oak Lawn Hilton.

JUNE

2 Lee’s Summit, Mo.
Kansas City Alumni Chapter: 7th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Fred Arboras Golf Course at Longview Lakes; Lee’s Summit, Mo.; $100 registration fee per golfer/$400 for four-person team. Register a team of four by May 1 and the early registration fee is only $380.

9 Des Moines, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Picnic and Iowa Cubs game in Principal Park.

30 Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas City Alumni Chapter: Attending Royals/White Sox game.

JULY

13 Kirksville, Mo.
Kirksville Alumni Chapter: Scholarship Golf Tournament at Kirksville Country Club.

31 Granger, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Fun Golf and Picnic at Jester Park.

AUGUST

2 Des Moines, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: All-Student Send-Off.

9 Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas City Alumni Chapter: Freshman Send-Off in Loose Park.

All events subject to change. For the latest information on alumni events, visit http://alumni.truman.edu/AlumniEvent.asp