Interact with like-minded peers and enjoy the benefits of membership when you join one of Truman’s 10 alumni chapters. Alumni chapters hold a variety of events throughout the year and are located in the following areas: Arizona, Chicago, Colorado, Dallas, Iowa, Kansas City, Northeast Missouri (formerly the Kirksville Chapter), Mid-Atlantic (Washington, D.C. area), Mid-Missouri, and St. Louis. A single membership is $20, and a joint membership is $30. All Truman alumni, parents, and friends are invited to join!

For more information, contact the Alumni Association at (800) 452-6678, (660) 785-4133 or visit our Web site at http://alumni.truman.edu/Chapters.asp. Join a chapter online at http://store.truman.edu/alumni/.
Alumni volunteers returned to campus for the Alumni Leadership Conference held during Homecoming weekend on Oct. 26, 2007. The annual conference is open to all Truman alumni and provides workshops and networking opportunities for both new and continuing alumni volunteers.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Todd McCubbin ('93), executive director of the Mizzou Alumni Association and associate vice chancellor for Alumni Relations at the University of Missouri. Workshops included Chapter Events presented by Eric Short ('92) and Erin Lesczyski ('02); Training for TruView, the University’s Web portal, presented by Cindy Spiker ('93) and Gus Simmons ('99); and Scholarship Fundraising presented by Pat Thornton ('92) and Denise Smith ('79).

“The Truman Alumni Association hosts the Alumni Leadership Conference to show alumni some of the volunteer opportunities that are available at the University,” says Denise Smith, director of alumni relations at Truman. “There are a variety of ways for alumni to stay connected with their alma mater that range from levels of high involvement, such as serving as a chapter officer, to lower levels of involvement, such as helping plan or host a single alumni event. You can select the level of participation that best fits into your own schedule and still allows you to stay connected to your alma mater.”

Alumni attending the conference received complimentary breakfast and lunch and T-shirts courtesy of the Alumni Association.

All alumni who are interested in becoming alumni volunteers are invited to attend the next Alumni Leadership Conference on Oct. 3, 2008. Alumni chapters and clubs can receive a limited number of stipends to help cover travel expenses for designated representatives who attend the conference on behalf of the chapter/club. Watch for more details or contact Denise Smith, director of alumni relations, (800) 452-6678, (660) 785-4133, alumnievents@truman.edu.

Alumni at the 2007 Alumni Leadership Conference.
Front row, left to right: Carrie (Powell) Kleinsorge ('77, '81), Janis (Allison) Keough ('75), Cindy (Barnes) Moeller ('86), Stacey (George) Sifton ('00), Claire (Sykes) Jepson ('73, '87), Ginger (Nitti) Asher ('68), Nicole (Ragusa) Higgins ('95), and Jessica (Neighbors) Hill ('99). Middle row: Denise Smith ('79), Karol Hollingsworth, Eric Short ('92), Karen (Klingemann) Spencer ('89), John Gadbois ('80), Jeannette (Toth) Harris ('71, '78), Victor Childers ('55), Mike Wilson ('92), Cindy Spiker ('93), Erin Lesczynski ('02), Julie (Magruder) Lohbaum ('80), and Pat Thornton ('92). Back row: Gerald Hollingsworth ('67), Gus Simmons ('99), David Peppard ('80), Chandrika (Wilson) Collins ('04), Von Abbott ('79), Kent Donaldson ('90), Kurt Schulz ('90), and Steve Justice ('70, '81).
New Member Joins Board of Directors

John Mathis, a 1966 Truman graduate from Irving, Texas, has been named to Truman’s Alumni Board of Directors. Mathis replaces the expired term previously filled by Gerry (Toth) Ready ('70).

Mathis has held many titles throughout his professional career. He has lectured at Texas Christian University, served as vice president of sales/marketing/training at AlphaNational Technology Services, manager of the National Education Center of HBCO/McKesson Drug, regional sales manager at GAINSystems, regional sales manager at Applications Business Consulting Incorporated, and has been employed by International Business Machines Operations in various marketing, technical, and training roles.

Kirksville Chapter Changes Name to Northeast Missouri Chapter

The Alumni Board approved a request from the Kirksville Alumni Chapter to change the chapter’s name to the Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter. The chapter has members from all over northeast Missouri, and the new name reflects the chapter’s broad membership. As of Oct. 26, 2007, the group officially became the Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter.

Alumni Association Welcomes Newest Members

Upon graduation all Truman students become members of the Alumni Association, and the University’s December 2007 graduates were treated to a Graduation Pizza Party to welcome them to the vast network of approximately 50,000 Truman alumni living around the world. The graduates-to-be also received alumni T-shirts courtesy of the Alumni Association.

During the winter Commencement ceremony on Dec. 15, 2007, Jim Cherrington (’85), president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, welcomed the graduates to the Alumni Association.

Truman alumnus Mike McClaskey (’85), vice president of EchoStar Communications, gave the Commencement address to the 245 students who received degrees at the ceremony held in Pershing Arena.

Alumni Travel Program to Italy This Fall

The Alumni Association has partnered with GoNext Inc. to offer a travel program to Italy Oct. 10-18, 2008, and all members of the Truman family are invited to explore the Italian Riviera and Tuscany in the company of fellow alumni, families, and friends. Cost is $1,349 for the land program (plus an additional $1,299 for the airfare program) and includes first-class accommodations for four nights in San Remo and three nights in Montecatini. For more information contact the Office of Advancement, (800) 452-6678, (660) 785-4133, alumnievents@truman.edu.

Benefits of Being an Alumni Chapter Member

An alumni chapter membership provides an opportunity to meet other Truman alumni and families in the chapter regions, and members often receive discounts for chapter events.

Those who will be traveling in 2008 can also take advantage of hotel and car-rental discounts that can be used throughout the United States, and members receive discounts at theme-parks such as Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun in Kansas City, Mo.; Six Flags in St. Louis, Mo.; and Adventureland in Des Moines, Iowa.

Select Kirksville-area hotels offer special discounts to chapter members, and some of the other chapter membership benefits include two free passes to the University Recreation Center (upon request), discounts on Truman clothing and memorabilia at the University Bookstore and Patty’s University Bookstore, and free admission to many of Truman’s home athletic events.

All alumni, friends, and parents are invited to join an alumni chapter: an annual membership is $20 for a single membership, and $30 for a joint membership, and alumni who have graduated from Truman within the last year can join for half price.

Truman’s 10 alumni chapters represent the following regions: Arizona; Chicago, Ill.; Colorado; Dallas, Texas; Iowa; Kansas City; Mid-Atlantic (Washington, D.C. area); Mid-Missouri; Northeast Missouri (formerly Kirksville Chapter); and St. Louis. Those who do not live in one of the chapter regions are invited to join the chapter of their choice so that they can take advantage of the membership benefits. For more information on alumni chapters, contact Denise Smith, director of alumni relations, (800) 452-6678 or (660) 785-4133, alumni@truman.edu. Join online at http://alumni.truman.edu/.

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Mark Your Calendar for Homecoming 2008

Plan to return to campus Oct. 3-5, 2008, along with your family and friends to celebrate the tradition of Homecoming with a weekend of activities that range from class reunions to athletic events. Class reunion celebrations will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, in the Student Union Building for Golden Alumni (Classes of 1958 and all previous classes), Class of 1968, Class of 1978, Class of 1983, Class of 1988, and Young Alumni (1998-2008). Members of the reunion classes are encouraged to bring family and friends to their Class Reunion Luncheon. If you missed your class reunion celebration or have friends in any of this year’s reunion classes, you are welcome to attend a class reunion luncheon.

Pricing for Homecoming events and additional details will be available this summer, and information will be posted at http://alumni.truman.edu/. If you would like to volunteer to help out with a Class Reunion celebration or other Homecoming events, please contact Denise Smith, director of alumni relations, (800) 452-6678 or (660) 785-4133, alumni@truman.edu.

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Events for Alumni & Friends of the University

MAY
14 Tempe, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Happy Hour/Quiz Night at Rula Bula
17 Blue Springs, Mo.
Kansas City Alumni Chapter: 8th Annual Golf and Scholarship Tournament at Adams Pointe Golf Club

JUNE
6-8 Kirksville, Mo.
Truman State University: Music Alumni Reunion with Special Guest Dr. Tom Ritchie
7 Scottsdale, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Wine/Cheese Tasting at Kazimierz Wine Bar
21 Des Moines, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Event with Truman Alumni Association Board
28 Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas City/Mid-Missouri/Northeast Missouri/ St. Louis Alumni Chapters: Tailgate & Baseball Outing, Royals vs. Cardinals

JULY
1 Urbandale, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: All-Student Send-off
7 St. Louis, Mo.
Truman State University: Bulldog Football Golf Classic at Lake Forest Country Club
10 Kirksville, Mo.
Northeast Missouri Area Alumni Chapter Scholarship Golfapalooza at Kirksville Country Club
19 Phoenix, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Pizza/Paglia’s Ronza Night

AUGUST
2 Dallas, Texas
Dallas Alumni Chapter Student Send-off
3 St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis Alumni Chapter: Student Send-off
8 Scottsdale, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Dinner/Movie Night at Farrell’s Cinema Supper Club

SEPTEMBER
11 Central Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Wine-A-Palooza
13 Kirksville, Mo.
Truman State University: 1988 Football Reunion
13 Central Phoenix, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Diamondbacks Baseball Game

OCTOBER
3-5 Kirksville, Mo.
Truman State University: Homecoming
10-18 Italy
Truman State University: Alumni Travel Program to Italy
12 Central Phoenix, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Race for the Cure

NOVEMBER
7 Scottsdale, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Wine/Cheese Tasting at AZWINECO

Stay connected by bookmarking our calendar at http://alumni.truman.edu/AlumniEvent.asp.