Chapters Host Silent Auction Fundraisers

Silent auctions are becoming a favorite event among Truman’s alumni chapters, and several chapters have held silent auctions in conjunction with their annual receptions. The chapters often auction off Truman merchandise and memorabilia, as well as donations received from local businesses and alumni. Proceeds from these events benefit the scholarship funds that have been established by alumni chapters to assist Truman students from the respective chapters’ areas.

On April 28, the Chicago Alumni Chapter conducted a Silent Auction during its Annual Banquet at the Oak Lawn Hilton in Oak Lawn, Ill. Jason Skoch, Truman’s head volleyball coach, served as the guest speaker for the banquet.

That same day a similar event was taking place hundreds of miles away in Dallas, Texas, when guests attending the Dallas Alumni Chapter’s Annual Banquet participated in a Silent Auction that featured Truman blankets, pillows and shirts, as well as other items such as a golf package at Tanglewood Resort on Lake Texoma. The Dallas Alumni Chapter Reception and Silent Auction was held at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center and included a presentation by Mark Gambaiana, Truman’s vice president for University Advancement.

New Traditions Created by Student Alumni Group

Since it was first established in 2001, the Student Alumni Association (SAA) has been organizing projects to increase the group’s presence on the Truman campus. The 2006-2007 academic year found SAA embarking on two new initiatives—a speaker series and a scholarship contest.

The speaker series was designed to allow a venue for two alumni to return to Truman and engage with students in a setting that is open to all Truman students.

The scholarship contest was established to build community spirit toward Truman and to foster an awareness and vision of how they, as future alumni, would be a valuable part of Truman to each generation of students.

Also, for the second year, SAA created “Valentine Surprise Bags” which the group offered for sale to Truman parents, students, faculty and staff who wanted to send a Valentine’s Day surprise to someone on campus. The gift bags were filled with Valentine treats and included a personalized note from the sender.

The SAA is a student organization run by the students that provides a unique opportunity to build camaraderie among current Truman students and Truman alumni. Past students have found internships and job offers from the connections they have made with alumni. SAA hosts events throughout the year and provides leadership opportunities for current students.

Discover the benefits of joining a Truman Alumni Chapter

- Make connections with alumni in your area
- Career networking opportunities
- Invitations to chapter events
- Campus updates
- Discounts on:
  - Truman apparel
  - Hotels & car rentals nationwide
  - Shopping, entertainment, & theme parks
- Plus much more!

Single Membership: $20
Joint Membership: $30
Memberships are 1/2 price for recent grads!

Join online
http://alumni.truman.edu
Freshman Send-off Events Welcome Students

Each year, many of Truman’s alumni chapters and clubs host Freshman or Student Send-Off events in the summer to welcome Truman students from their prospective areas. The chapters invite Truman students, families, and friends to participate in these events which are held around the country, and Truman alumni are encouraged to attend so they can meet Truman students and share their own Truman stories and tips for college.

“The Freshman Send-Off events are a great way for alumni to get to know what the students at Truman are like now compared to when they were on campus—way back when,” says Cindy Spiker (’93), president of the Iowa Alumni Chapter. “Alumni have the opportunity to mingle with those students and their families and tell them about life on and off campus. It’s also a great way for freshmen to get to meet one another and for parents to meet other parents, as well.”

This summer, the Chicago, Dallas, Iowa, Kansas City, Kirksville, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-Missouri, and St. Louis Alumni Chapters each hosted an event to welcome Truman students from their area.

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Alumni & Friends

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

24     Truman State University
Girls of Blanton Hall Reunion

SEPTEMBER

7     Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas City Alumni Chapter: Welcome New Alumni Event at Boulevard Brewery

8     Phoenix, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Diamondbacks/Cardinals Baseball Game at Bank One Ballpark

14    St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis Alumni Chapter: Cardinals/Cubs Baseball Game at Busch Stadium

15    St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis Alumni Chapter: Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

22    West Des Moines, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Wine Tasting at WineStyles of West Glen

TBA    Washington, D.C.
Mid-Atlantic Alumni Chapter: Barbecue

TBA    Washington, D.C.
Mid-Atlantic Alumni Chapter: Congressional Breakfast

OCTOBER

7     Indianola, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Hay Rack Ride/Hot Dog Roast

14    Central Phoenix, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Entering team of runners/walkers in the annual Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure

26    Truman State University
Alumni Leadership Conference

26-28   Truman State University
Homecoming 2007

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

Truman’s Alumni Association invites alumni to attend an Alumni Leadership Conference held on campus in conjunction with Homecoming, and this year the conference will take place Friday, Oct. 26, 8 a.m.–noon.

Anyone who is currently serving in an alumni leadership role, such as chapter and club officers, those who are new to a volunteer role, and individuals who are considering volunteering for a leadership role for an alumni chapter or club are encouraged to attend. Attendees will meet with peers, explore new ideas, and get an insider’s view on alumni groups, including tips on planning events and attracting new members.

Each alumni chapter and club can receive a stipend to assist with travel expenses for at least one designated representative to attend the conference. More details about the conference will be announced later. If you have ideas on workshops or topics you would like to see at this year’s conference, e-mail dlsmith@truman.edu.

Alumni who attended the 2006 Alumni Leadership Conference last year, shown L-R. Front row: Kelly (Beck) Ward (’03), Cindy (Barnes) Moeller (’86), Tina Fish (’02), Cindy Spiker (’93), Bonnie (Neuner) Kuebler (’87), Denise Smith (’79), Dianne (Truitt) Cable (’90)/77, Jessica (Neighbors) Hill (’99), Kathy (Chandler) Erwin (’71)/76. Middle row: Lucas Ward (’03), Mike McChesney (’70), Erik Short (’92), Guest Speaker Lee Ann Howard (’79), Robert Kelchen (’07), Geraldine (Toth) Ready (’70), Jeannette (Toth) Harris (’71)/78. Back row: Pat Thornton (’92), Kurt Schulz (’90), George Yardley (’80), Von Abbott (’79), Jim Cherrington (’85), Mike Wilson (’92), Kent Donaldson (’80), John O’Brien, and John Leeper (’79).

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