Recruiting Employers of Truman Graduates through Alumni Connections

The Career Center is embarking upon a new employer recruitment plan to better serve the employment needs of Truman students. By increasing the visibility of Truman State University with employers through the assistance of alumni connections, the Career Center hopes to open even more avenues for all Truman graduates and help them find meaningful employment.

“As Truman alumni, you have a very special gift to give those who follow you – your experience, connections and knowledge in varied professional fields are invaluable assets to share,” says Career Center Coordinator Polly Matteson, who plans on making employer connections via phone and e-mail, as well as meeting personally with current and potential employers of Truman students. “I would like to enlist the help of Truman alumni in increasing the opportunities for Truman graduates.”

Matteson, who has worked in the Career Center since 2003, said it is not always easy to get through to the right person when working with potential employers of Truman graduates, and she has discovered that networking is often the key to success in these contacts. “When alumni working for a company can put us in touch with the appropriate contact for their company, they help increase the visibility of Truman State University and help our students gain employment opportunities in the process,” says Matteson.

“If you have contacts you would like to share, I would very much like to talk with you,” says Matteson. Any alumni who are interested in working with the Career Center can e-mail Matteson at pollym@truman.edu. Visit the Career Center Web site at http://career.truman.edu.
Alumni Invited to Leadership Conference on Campus

All alumni are invited to the annual Alumni Leadership Conference, which is held in conjunction with Truman State University’s Homecoming each fall. The 2008 conference will be held in the Student Union Building on the Truman campus, Friday, Oct. 3, 2008.

The conference is free to all Truman alumni and provides workshops and networking opportunities for both new and continuing alumni volunteers. Truman’s 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.

“I would like to encourage anyone who is interested in alumni networking opportunities to attend this conference—whether you are interested in helping host a single alumni event in your area or considering serving as an alumni chapter officer,” says Denise Smith, director of alumni relations at Truman. The conference provides a forum for alumni to share ideas about volunteer opportunities for Truman alumni.

Alumni attending the conference will receive a complimentary breakfast and lunch as well as a T-shirt courtesy of the Alumni Association. For more information, see the Homecoming section on page 14. Advance reservations for the conference are requested.

Alumni Association Sponsoring Alumni Travel Program to Italy Oct 10-18

All members of the Truman family are invited to explore the Italian Riviera and Tuscany in the company of fellow alumni, families, and friends.

To request a free brochure, contact the Office of Advancement, (800) 452-6678, (660) 785-4133, alumnievents@truman.edu or visit the Alumni and Friends Web site at http://alumni.truman.edu/.
Start Making Plans to Attend 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 Class of 1998. 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.

All alumni and friends are invited to participate in the annual golf tournament and 5k run, as well as other events such as the Tailgate Picnic and the Alumni and Friends Mixer.

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.

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 event participation.

Those who will be traveling this summer 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 benefits include two free passes to the University Recreation Center, 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 Truman 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/.
July
7 St. Louis, Mo.
Truman State University: Bulldog Football Golf Classic (Truman football alumni golf tournament) at Lake Forest Country Club

11 Kirksville, Mo.
Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter Scholarship Golfpalooza at Kirksville Country Club

19 Phoenix, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Pizza/Pagliai’s Ronza Night

19 Des Moines, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: Iowa Cubs Game & Picnic at Principal Park

19-20 Assateague Island National Seashore
Mid-Atlantic Alumni Chapter: Camping Trip

20 Lombard, Ill.
Chicago Alumni Chapter: Freshmen Send-Off at Lombard Community Center

24 Urbandale, Iowa
Iowa Alumni Chapter: All-Student Send-Off at Walker Johnston Park

25 Rocheport, Mo.
Mid-Missouri Alumni Chapter: Wine Tasting at Les Bourgeois Wine Garden and Bistro

26 Springfield, Mo.
Springfield Alumni Club: Freshmen Send-Off at Scrambler’s Restaurant

August
2 Dallas, Texas
Dallas Alumni Chapter: Student Send-Off

3 St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis Alumni Chapter: Student Send-Off

7 Columbia, Mo.
Mid-Missouri Alumni Chapter: Student Send-Off at Dexheimer Shelter in Cosmo Park

7 Kansas City, Mo.
Kansas City Alumni Chapter: Student Send-Off at Loose Park

8 Scottsdale, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Dinner/Movie Night at Farrelli’s Cinema Supper Club

12 Kirksville, Mo.
Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter: Freshmen Send-Off

September
6 Kirksville, Mo.
Northeast Missouri Alumni Chapter: Bulldog Football Game and Tailgate

13 Central Phoenix, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Diamondbacks Baseball Game at Bank One Ballpark (Diamondbacks vs. Cincinnati)

October
3 Kirksville, Mo.
Alumni Leadership Conference

3-5 Kirksville, Mo.
Truman State University: Homecoming

10-18 Italy
Truman Alumni Association: Alumni Travel Program to Italy

12 Central Phoenix, Ariz.
Arizona Alumni Chapter: Race for the Cure (participate in 5k run or volunteer)

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

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