

Pursue the Future Campaign ENTERS FINAL LAP!

The five-year campaign to secure \$40 million for Truman entered its final year on July 1. With commitments of more than \$35.2 million at the time of printing, the Pursue the Future campaign is in a strong position and poised to surpass goal by the end date of June 30, 2018.

In addition to a few recent major gift commitments, the past year has been significantly bolstered by strong financial support from alumni and friends around the country

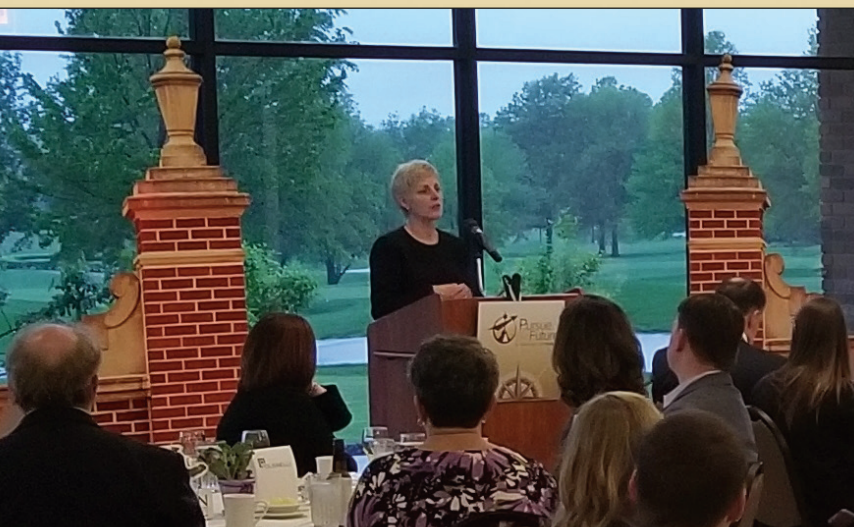
through regional campaign efforts. As of this June, the campaign has hosted major events in seven of our 10 regional markets. Three more regional campaign events and a number of small gatherings will continue to allow the University to maintain momentum through the final year of the campaign.

"I have been so encouraged by the strong support the campaign has received at each of our regional events. We continue to build a base

of support for the future, and our alumni networks are being greatly expanded and strengthened."

— SHARRON QUISENBERRY ('66)
Pursue the Future Campaign Chair

Alumni and friends are encouraged to get out to one of the remaining campaign events. To learn more about the Pursue the Future campaign, go to campaign.truman.edu.



Upcoming Regional Campaign Celebrations

St. Louis ♦ July 28, 2017
Union Station, Grand Hall

Denver ♦ September 23, 2017
Denver Art Museum

Northeast Missouri ♦ November 4, 2017
Student Union Building

A Message from the Campaign Chair Sharron Quisenberry...



There are twelve months remaining in the Pursue the Future Campaign. As we enter the final year, 88% of the \$40 million goal has been raised thanks to our wonderful alumni and friends. We anticipate the goal will be met and surpassed and are grateful for our alumni and friends who have helped get us to this point.

Truman State University is an amazing institution with an exceptional reputation. For 150 years, the University has provided excellence in education. As we have held campaign events and met with individuals and groups across the country, it is apparent that Truman means a great deal to those who attended or know of its high-quality programs. Students graduating from Truman are sought after by employers and graduate and professional schools. There are very few universities that provide the type of high-quality educational experiences Truman is capable of providing its students.

Due to funding limitations in the state of Missouri, it is imperative for us to increase our financial funding from external sources. I encourage everyone to seriously consider beginning or continuing their support of Truman. Truman deserves our support. The faculty and staff at the University have provided generations of students with transforming educational experiences that have had lifelong implications. My desire is for all of us to assist Truman in continuing this important work into the future.

It takes a “family” of dedicated individuals to accomplish and maintain quality education programs. We sincerely encourage, and appreciate, your support of Truman.

Sincerely,

Sharron S. Quisenberry, PhD

\$25,000 Challenge Gift will help Truman Celebrate Sesquicentennial Year

The University, founded by Joseph Baldwin in 1867, will be celebrating its sesquicentennial this year. The 150 year milestone also provides an opportunity for alumni and friends to provide financial support to help support the next 150 years and beyond.

To enhance the celebration activities, Mike ('85) and Janet ('84) McClaskey of Castle Pines, Co., have designated \$25,000 from their overall cash commitment of \$100,000 to be used as a challenge gift for the sesquicentennial year.

Mike, who is currently serving as the president of the Foundation Board of Directors, knows the importance private support will play in Truman's future. He and Janet hope their challenge gift will encourage alumni and friends to join the pursuit.

“There is something special about coming together with others to reach a goal. We hope our challenge gift provides a meaningful spark to the sesquicentennial efforts.” — MIKE AND JANET MCCLASKEY

The gift from the McClaskeys will be used in the **1867 Challenge** this fall to generate support for the Truman Fund for Excellence. This unrestricted fund allows the University to address significant needs as they arise. During the challenge, which will last 1,867 minutes (roughly 31 hours) Truman alumni and friends will have the opportunity to provide financial support and take advantage of the matching funds from the McClaskey's challenge gift. Final details for the challenge are still being determined, so stay tuned in the coming months for additional details.

Sesquicentennial Event Schedule

Kick-off Celebration • Friday, August 25, 2017

Community Thank You Event • Friday, September 8, 2017

Homecoming Celebration • Friday-Sunday, October 13-15, 2017

1867 Challenge • Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Fall Commencement • Saturday, December 16, 2017

Holman Family Distinguished Speaker • Saturday, April 14, 2018

Spring Commencement • Saturday, May 12, 2018

For more information on the sesquicentennial celebration go to:
150.truman.edu.

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Legacy Gift is a Big Win for Athletics



Personal setback struck Paul Garnett ('73) when the would-be starting point guard for the Bulldogs blew out his knee at the beginning of the '70-'71 basketball season. Unfortunately for the two-

sport athlete, a string of injuries would keep him off of the court, as well as the baseball field, for much of his college career. However, through a generous provision in their will, Paul and his wife Alicia ('74) are ensuring that Truman's rich athletic heritage will thrive.

A poster child for the liberal arts, Paul has led an action-packed life as a successful businessman and entrepreneur. After graduating from Truman State University he went on to pursue graduate studies in finance and economics. Following a successful career with Edward Jones, in 2013

Paul and his daughter, Traci Garnett-Froscheiser, founded Garnett Investment Strategies.

"We are profoundly grateful for the Garnetts' incredible generosity. This gift will go far in securing the long-term health of Bulldog athletics."

— JERRY WOLLMERING,
Director of Athletics

Paul has also been involved in more than 20 equity companies and has demonstrated strong entrepreneurial skill with numerous start-up companies growing into successful businesses. Successes for which Truman helped prepare him. **"I learned the values of capitalism in my economics classes while at Truman. It was invaluable."** he says. Paul also loves assisting his community and the state of Nebraska by his involvement in economic development spanning 35 years.

This substantial legacy commitment will provide funding for athletic facility improvements at Truman. With a blend of vision and entrepreneurship, Paul and Alicia Garnett are reminding us all that the best way to predict the future is by helping to create it.

Scholarship Commitments with a Global Impact

When a student's pursuit takes them across the globe, trying new food can be one of the most exciting – and one of the most daunting – prospects. Food tells so much about a culture and is central to the travel experience. This was definitely the case for Foster Speichinger, the spring 2017 intern to Wu Hua county in rural Guangdong Province, China. Foster received the **Cheung Annual EFL Scholarship** which enabled him to travel abroad to teach English as a foreign Language in rural China. The experience, made possible by generous support from Chi and Candace Cheung from Jefferson City, Mo., gave Foster the opportunity to advance his Chinese language skills, meet new people, and – of course – cultivate a love of Chinese cuisine. Learning the recipe for garlic mint duck sauce might seem trivial, but on a deeper level that recipe will forever connect Foster back to his experience in Guangdong Province, the people he met and the life lessons of living abroad. None of this would have been possible without the vision of the donors who funded his journey thousands of miles from home.

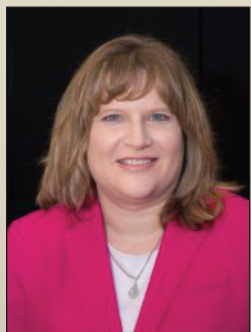
In addition to funding the EFL Scholarship, Chi and Candace also support the **New Horizons Community Support Foundation Scholarship** that provides tuition, room and board for students from the Guangdong Province to study at Truman. Four students have received the scholarship, which began in 2015. One of the recipients, Jianxiu Cai, is a transfer student navigating a lot of the same academic challenges as other students. On a more practical level, she realized she needed to learn how to make a sandwich. Back-to-back classes necessitate a quick and portable meal to tide her over. What to eat in a time crunch is small in the scheme of all Jianxiu is learning at Truman, but it's also a piece of America she wouldn't have experienced without having traveled the globe to study at Truman. Thanks to generous scholarship support, the New Horizons recipients are free to immerse themselves in their studies and the culture. The next three years at Truman will be educational, both in and out of the classroom for the other New Horizon Scholarship students.

The Cheung's five-year commitment to both scholarship funds will afford many students access to rich cross-cultural experience. Through their generosity, students have the opportunity to gain global perspective and real-world experience – with a side of culinary adventure. From PB&J to garlic mint duck sauce, scholarship support has opened exciting doors to students who otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford these life-changing cultural experiences.



\$90,000 Commitment Creates Excellence Fund for the School of Business

In January 2017, Jennifer ('92, '93) and Denis Austin made a \$90,000 pledge in support of the School of Business.



Jennifer, who received a bachelor and Master's degree from Truman, is a partner at KPMG. She is working with colleagues to create a **KPMG Excellence**

Fund. This new fund will provide multi-purpose funding to strengthen Truman's accounting program.

One of the primary uses of the fund will be to award an annual scholarship to a Truman accounting student and an annual scholarship to a Truman graduate accounting student, perpetuating the University's outstanding tradition of producing high-quality graduates for public accounting careers. Additional fund usage may include, but not be limited to, faculty development, equipment, speakers, course development and other designated purposes to enhance the accounting program.

"The academic preparation I received at Truman allowed me to enter the public accounting field with the necessary confidence and skill sets required for success. I am excited to provide support for the School of Business to allow future generations of students to receive strong accounting preparation."

— JENNIFER AUSTIN

Alumni and friends at KPMG are invited to provide additional gift support to the KPMG Excellence Fund.

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