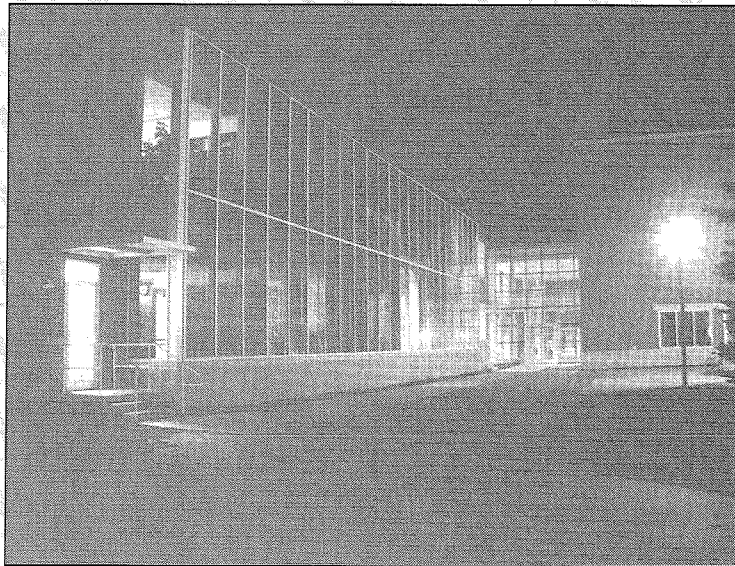


# TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI SURVEY



*Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall*

Dear Graduate:

Assessment is an integral part of Truman State University's curricular and cultural development. As a graduate of the University, Truman is very interested in receiving your insight and opinions concerning your experiences at Truman. The Alumni Survey has a long history of serving as an indicator of institutional effectiveness, and your completion of it would be extremely helpful. This survey is being sent to all alumni who graduated five or ten years ago to determine how well the University prepared you for your future work and life-long learning needs.

Our alumni and their contributions to society as a whole continue to be a true source of pride for our faculty, staff, and students. We greatly appreciate your continued support of the Truman community, and we would greatly appreciate any information that you may wish to provide.

Your participation in this survey is yet another sign of the outstanding alumni that represents this University. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this project, and best wishes to you in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Troy D. Paino, President

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA



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Directions: The information you supply on this survey will be kept confidential. However, if any item requests information which you do not wish to provide, please feel free to omit it. Your Social Security Number is requested for research purposes only and will not be listed on any report. Thank you.

## SECTION I - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please begin by entering your social security number in the boxes at the top of block 1. Then in the columns below each box, blacken the appropriate bubble. Complete the remaining questions by blackening the single most appropriate bubble unless specified otherwise in the question.

Correct Mark: ●



Incorrect Marks: ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒

### 1. Social Security Number:

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### 2. Gender:

☐ Male

☐ Female

### 3. How old are you?

☐ 24 to 29

☐ 40 to 49

☐ 30 to 34

☐ 50 or older

☐ 35 to 39

### 4. How would you describe yourself? Mark only one:

☐ African American/Black, non-Hispanic

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native

☐ White, non-Hispanic

☐ Hispanic

☐ Asian/Pacific Islander

☐ Other

☐ Prefer not to respond

### 5. Please indicate the year in which you were granted your baccalaureate and/or graduate degree from Truman State University.

Baccalaureate

Graduate

0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
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8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9

### 6. Using the "List of Major Codes" included with this survey, select the code for the major of the most recent degree you received from Truman.

0	0	0
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
8	8	8
9	9	9

### 7. Indicate the highest degree you now hold:

☐ Baccalaureate Degree

☐ Master's Degree

☐ Specialist's Degree

☐ Doctoral Degree, e.g., PhD, EdD, Psy.D.

☐ Professional Degree, e.g., MD, DO, JD

☐ Other

8. Did you transfer to Truman from another college or university?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No, skip to question 10.

10. What was your residence classification while enrolled at Truman?

- ☐ In-state student  
☐ Out-of-state student  
☐ International student (not a U.S. Citizen)

9. Why did you transfer? Select all that apply.

- ☐ To be closer to home  
☐ To be closer to girlfriend/boyfriend or friends  
☐ Truman had a program of study my prior institution did not have  
☐ Finished Associate's Degree at community college  
☐ Athletics  
☐ Financial reasons  
☐ Academic reputation  
☐ To be in a Liberal Arts environment  
☐ Other, please specify:

11. How many years did you attend Truman? (mark to the nearest year)

- ☐ 1 year  
☐ 2 years  
☐ 3 years  
☐ 4 years  
☐ 5 years  
☐ 6 or more years

12. Where do you currently live?

- ☐ In Missouri  
☐ In a bordering state (Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, or Tennessee)  
☐ In a non-bordering state  
☐ In another country

## SECTION II - COLLEGE EXPERIENCES

13. If you could start college over, would you choose to attend Truman?

- ☐ Definitely yes  
☐ Probably yes  
☐ Uncertain  
☐ Probably no  
☐ Definitely no

14. If you could start college over, would you choose to graduate with the same major?

- ☐ Definitely yes  
☐ Probably yes  
☐ Uncertain  
☐ Probably no  
☐ Definitely no

15. Overall, has your college education prepared you well for your career and/or for post-baccalaureate study?

**a. Career**

- ☐ Definitely yes  
☐ Probably yes  
☐ Uncertain  
☐ Probably no  
☐ Definitely no  
☐ Not applicable

**b. Further Study**

- ☐ Definitely yes  
☐ Probably yes  
☐ Uncertain  
☐ Probably no  
☐ Definitely no  
☐ Not applicable

16. Rate your academic preparation compared to your current work colleagues and/or as compared to students in your post-baccalaureate educational program.

**a. Work Colleagues**

- ☐ Definitely better
- ☐ Somewhat better
- ☐ No difference
- ☐ Somewhat worse
- ☐ Definitely worse
- ☐ Not applicable

**b. Students in Educational Program**

- ☐ Definitely better
- ☐ Somewhat better
- ☐ No difference
- ☐ Somewhat worse
- ☐ Definitely worse
- ☐ Not applicable

17. How well do you believe you understand the purpose of liberal arts and sciences?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Well
- ☐ Uncertain

- ☐ Poorly
- ☐ Not at all

18. As you began your further study or full-time employment, did you find that having a degree from a liberal arts institution was an advantage to you? That is, were you able to perform as well or better than your colleagues who may have earned degrees with non-liberal arts backgrounds and heavy discipline emphasis?

- ☐ Not as well
- ☐ As well

- ☐ Better than
- ☐ Unable to judge

19. What were your primary and secondary reasons for completing your degree at Truman?

**Primary reason:**

- ☐ Size of school
- ☐ Size of program
- ☐ Social atmosphere
- ☐ Type of programs available
- ☐ Academic reputation
- ☐ Advice of parents or relatives
- ☐ To be with friends
- ☐ Cost/Overall affordability
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Availability of scholarship/financial aid
- ☐ Other, please specify:

**Secondary reason:**

- ☐ Size of school
- ☐ Size of program
- ☐ Social atmosphere
- ☐ Type of programs available
- ☐ Academic reputation
- ☐ Advice of parents or relatives
- ☐ To be with friends
- ☐ Cost/Overall affordability
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Availability of scholarship/financial aid
- ☐ Other, please specify:

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① — ② — ③ — ④ — ⑤	Publications
① — ② — ③ — ④ — ⑤	Homecoming activities/reunions
① — ② — ③ — ④ — ⑤	Fund raising programs
① — ② — ③ — ④ — ⑤	Alumni chapter activities

1=Never	2=Infrequently	3=Occasionally	4= Frequently	
1	2	3	4	Read <i>The Index</i>
1	2	3	4	Read <i>Truman Review</i>
1	2	3	4	Read the Truman e-mail newsletter
1	2	3	4	Visited Truman's website
1	2	3	4	Visited campus for any purpose
1	2	3	4	Attended alumni functions on campus
1	2	3	4	Attended alumni functions off campus
1	2	3	4	Attended sporting events
1	2	3	4	Served on an alumni-related committee
1	2	3	4	Attended an alumni chapter-related event as a member
1	2	3	4	Contributed or solicited for the annual fund
1	2	3	4	Maintained contact with other alumni
1	2	3	4	Maintained contact with faculty members
1	2	3	4	Maintained contact with administrators or staff

22. How adequate do you feel the Liberal Studies Program or co-curriculum education/experiences at Truman were in each of the following?

0=Does not apply    1=Very inadequate    2=Inadequate    3=Adequate    4=Very adequate

0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Generating topics for writing via critical thinking and discussion
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Using speech skills appropriate to the topic, purpose, and audience
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Recognizing the unethical use of technology, including copyright and privacy issues
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Understanding the unifying principles of life and repeatable patterns in nature
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Interpreting and critically evaluating ethical and political issues and practices
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Using mathematics to study assumptions critically, reason logically, and arrive at sound conclusions
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Integrating approaches or methods from two or more disciplines
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Appreciating cultural diversity through studying one's own or other's societies
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Growing intellectually from co-curricular experiences
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Growing intellectually from on-campus work
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Recognizing the importance of statistics from its use in research to its use in everyday life
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Experiencing scientific research in a laboratory setting, including experimental design, collection and analysis of data, and interpretation of results
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Understanding citizenship and leadership in its broadest sense
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Understanding the diversity of human experience and creative expression as presented in literature
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Developing study and time management skills
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Growing socially and personally from on-campus work
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Growing socially and personally through on-campus residential experiences
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Understanding your mental and physical health needs
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Understanding the social and aesthetic richness of different cultures
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Responding or reacting to an aesthetic/artistic creation
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Using writing as a mode of learning
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Understanding particular cultures through the study of foreign languages
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Growing socially and personally from co-curricular experiences
0 — 1 — 2 — 3 — 4	Growing intellectually from on-campus residential experiences



23. How satisfied were you with the experiences and services at Truman as listed below?

0=Does not apply

1=Very dissatisfied

2=Dissatisfied

3=Satisfied

4=Very satisfied

0 1 2 3 4

Opportunities to be involved in student life and co-curricular activities

0 1 2 3 4

Opportunities to interact with faculty outside of class

0 1 2 3 4

Variety of teaching strategies

0 1 2 3 4

Friendliness of the campus

0 1 2 3 4

Your sense of belonging on this campus

0 1 2 3 4

Your overall impression of general education/LSP courses

0 1 2 3 4

Faculty enthusiasm for general education/LSP classes

0 1 2 3 4

Your overall impression of courses in your major

0 1 2 3 4

Overall quality of instruction in your major

0 1 2 3 4

Faculty enthusiasm for classes in the major

0 1 2 3 4

Accessibility of instructors in your major

0 1 2 3 4

Availability of courses offered in your major

0 1 2 3 4

Academic advising by faculty advisor in your major

0 1 2 3 4

Academic advising by your residence hall/RCP advisor

0 1 2 3 4

Attitude of non-teaching staff toward students

0 1 2 3 4

On-campus work experiences

0 1 2 3 4

Quality of feedback from faculty

0 1 2 3 4

Intellectual climate on the campus

0 1 2 3 4

Attitude of faculty toward students

0 1 2 3 4

Concern for you as an individual

0 1 2 3 4

The helpfulness of faculty in assisting you with career plans

0 1 2 3 4

The helpfulness of the Career Center in assisting you with career plans

0 1 2 3 4

The services available at the Career Center

24. How adequately has your major prepared you in each of the following?

0=Does not apply

1=Very inadequately

2=Inadequately

3=Adequately

4=Very adequately

0 1 2 3 4

Knowledge of — Modes of inquiry or processes of your major

0 1 2 3 4

Knowledge of — Subject matter of your major

0 1 2 3 4

Knowledge of — Issues and trends pertinent to your specialty

0 1 2 3 4

Knowledge of — Theories pertinent to your specialty

0 1 2 3 4

Knowledge of — Scholars who are associated with the major

0 1 2 3 4

Ability to — Apply knowledge in defining problems and solving them

0 1 2 3 4

Ability to — Find information; interpret and apply findings

0 1 2 3 4

Ability to — Think critically

0 1 2 3 4

Attitude of — Believing that learning is a life-long process

0 1 2 3 4

Attitude of — Understanding multiple perspectives

0=Does not apply    1=Very inadequately    2=Inadequately    3=Adequately    4=Very adequately

- ## SECTION III – CONTINUING EDUCATION

☐ Yes (Please continue with question 27)

☐ No (Please skip to Section IV-Employment History)

☐ To satisfy job/career requirements
 ☐ To obtain or maintain a license or certification  
☐ To prepare for a new occupation
 ☐ For general self-improvement  
☐ To increase earning power/potential for promotion
 ☐ Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Master's degree  
☐ Master of Arts in Education degree  
☐ Beyond Master's but less than a doctorate

☐ Professional degree, e.g. M.D., D.O., J.D.  
☐ Doctorate, e.g. PhD, EdD, Psy.D.



29. Please complete the following relative to the highest degree you are working on or have received beyond the baccalaureate degree. If your further study was not taken as a degree-seeking student, please move to Section IV.

Area of degree study pursued:

University attended for degree study:

Degree attained or anticipated:

Date of receipt of the degree received or anticipated:

## SECTION IV - EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Please respond to the following questions related to your employment since you graduated from Truman. Complete only the parts of this section which apply to you.

30. Which of the following best describes what you are currently doing? Mark only one.

- ☐ Employed full-time
- ☐ Employed part-time
- ☐ Self-employed (farm or business owner, etc.)
- ☐ Serving in the armed forces
- ☐ Full-time service (Peace Corp, AmeriCorp, etc.)
- ☐ Continuing my education (formal study)
- ☐ Employed and continuing my education
- ☐ Not employed outside of the home
- ☐ Other

31. From which source did you learn about the first full-time job you held after graduating from Truman? Mark only one.

- ☐ Career Center/Career Expo
- ☐ University faculty advisor
- ☐ Faculty at the university
- ☐ Parent or relative
- ☐ Newspaper/trade publication
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Professional meeting
- ☐ Internship
- ☐ Another student/friend
- ☐ Recruited by employer
- ☐ Public/private employment agency
- ☐ Other

32. Indicate whether each of the following was a significant challenge, slight challenge, or not a problem in obtaining your first job after graduation:

3=Significant challenge

2=Slight challenge

1=Not a problem

- |                         |                         |                         |   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | Deciding what I wanted to do                      |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | Knowing how to find job openings                  |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | Scheduling interviews                             |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | Writing a résumé, vita, or letter of introduction |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | Finding a job that paid enough                    |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | Completing job applications                       |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | Finding a job for which I was prepared            |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | Finding a job where I wanted to live              |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | Finding the kind of job I wanted                  |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | Race/sex discrimination                           |

33. How long did it take you to obtain your first full-time job after leaving Truman?

- ☐ Obtained the job prior to leaving college      ☐ 4 to 6 months  
☐ Less than one month      ☐ 7 to 12 months  
☐ 1 to 3 months      ☐ Over 12 months

34. Indicate the number of different full-time jobs you have held since completing your most recent degree from Truman.

- ☐ One      ☐ Two      ☐ Three      ☐ Four      ☐ Five or more

35. How closely related is your current occupation to your major at Truman?

- ☐ Highly related      ☐ Moderately related      ☐ Slightly related      ☐ Not related

36. Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job:

1=Very dissatisfied      2=Dissatisfied      3=Satisfied      4=Very satisfied

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | Challenge             |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | Location              |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | Salary                |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | Benefits              |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | Advancement potential |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | Working conditions    |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | Career potential      |

37. Please indicate the three areas which you would be most interested in financially supporting at Truman if you are able to do so:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Where the need is greatest | <input type="radio"/> Loan funds                                |
| <input type="radio"/> Scholarships               | <input type="radio"/> Capital support for buildings/renovations |
| <input type="radio"/> Recruitment of students    | <input type="radio"/> Staff support/recognition                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Your department or major   | <input type="radio"/> Athletics                                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Faculty salaries           |   |

38. Truman is beginning to offer courses on the web. As an alumnus/alumna, would you be interested in taking Truman courses through this method?

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No

If yes, what topics would interest you?

## SECTION V - MAILING ADDRESSES

**NOTE:** The following information is used only to update our address files and is not used in any way with the survey response output. These addresses are shared with the Office of Advancement. Thank you!

Please print your NAME and CURRENT ADDRESS on the lines provided below:

First Name	MI	Maiden Name	Last Name
Street Address/P.O. Box			
City	State	Zip Code	
(      )	(      )		
Home Telephone Number		Office Telephone Number	
E-mail			

Would you like to receive the Truman Newsletter via e-mail?      ☐ Yes      ☐ No

Please print the NAME and ADDRESS of someone who can FORWARD mail to you should you move:

First Name	MI	Maiden Name	Last Name
Street Address/P.O. Box			
City	State	Zip Code	
E-mail			

### MENTOR INFORMATION:

If you are willing to serve as a resource for current students seeking career information, please provide at least your name and address in Section V-Mailing Addresses and mark this circle to allow your information to be released to the Career Center: ☐

## EMPLOYER INFORMATION:

The following request is of special significance. Truman wants to enhance the effectiveness of its educational programs. SURVEYING EMPLOYERS helps in attaining this goal. Please print your current BUSINESS ADDRESS on the lines provided below. We will assume that completing the address below will give us permission to send a general employment questionnaire to that company or institution without any of your information being disclosed. Thank you so much for your help!

Name of Organization/Employer		
Name of Your Human Resources Contact Person		
Street Address/P.O. Box		
City	State	Zip Code
(       )		
Area Code/Telephone Number		

If you wish to make any comments or suggestions concerning Truman, please use the lines provided below or enclose a separate page with the returned survey.

<div>Thanks!</div>
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We at Truman want to extend our appreciation to you for giving your time, for supporting us with your input, and for sharing your thoughts and suggestions. Best wishes to you! THANK YOU!

P.S. If at all possible, please return the survey in the enclosed business-reply envelope within two weeks of receipt.