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Morin gives annual enrollment report

BY CLAYTON BERRY
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Truman State University's annual enrollment management report was presented by Regina Morin, vice president for Enrollment Management, at the Oct. 21 Board of Governor's meeting.

The overall student enrollment has increased in the past four years, though this increase will potentially have positive and negative effects on the University. Morin told the Board what other factors contribute to this increase in enrollment.

Morin said this increase in student enrollment shows, in many ways, Truman is steadily competitive with other schools in the region. She said there was an increase in this year's incoming freshman class GPA from an average 3.75 to 3.79 since last year, as well as a steady 27 ACT score average. She said there has also been a major increase in in-state applications, particularly among minorities, that she said most likely spurs from the recent use of the Common Application. She said this gave the University a larger and more diverse pool of applicants to

choose from, though it has simultaneously caused a decrease in out-of-state applications, particularly from Illinois.

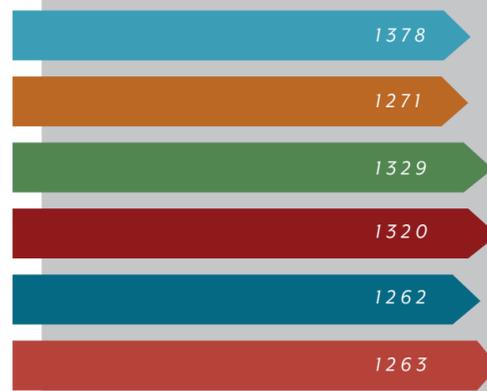
Although there has been an increase in the number of student applications, Morin said many of the students that actually enroll at Truman are divided among full-time, degree-seeking students and part-time, non-degree-seeking students. She said the former have had significantly less traction than the latter in recent years, therefore lessening the amount of total credit hours students take and the amount of tuition revenue the University can take in. She said fewer full-time students also has a trickle-down effect on other areas of the school, such as Residence Life's ability to fill all their rooms and the type and amount of financial aid available to students. However, she said the University will continue to monitor these changes, find ways to increase the number of full-time, degree-seeking students, and she said applications for Fall 2017 are coming in steadily.

"There are many challenges we face, but there are many opportunities as well," Morin said.

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Truman receives grant to improve diversity in STEM enrollment degrees

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Truman State University recently received a grant from the National Science Foundation's Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program.

Thanks to this grant, Truman will receive \$350,000 to develop solutions in fixing the enrollment gap of minority students.

The goal of the LSAMP grant is to double the number of underrepresented minority groups who graduate with a science, technology, engineering and math degree by the year 2021.

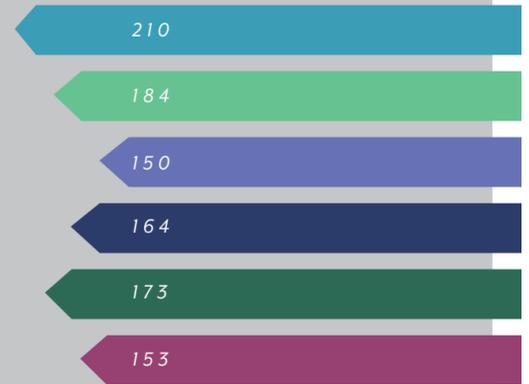
According to LSAMP, underrepresented minority groups include African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives,

Native Hawaiians and Native Pacific Islanders.

The seven other schools funded by this grant include Harris-Stowe State University, Lincoln University, the University of Missouri, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Central Missouri and St. Louis Community College.

According to nsf.gov, LSAMP's mission is to assist "universities and colleges in their efforts to significantly increase the numbers of students matriculating into and successfully completing high quality degree programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines in order to diversify the STEM workforce."

NEW TRANSFERS



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Source: Regina Morin, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management

Kirksville implements glass recycling program with Natural Resources grant

BY KAYLA PERKINS
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A new glass recycling program will start in Kirksville this December.

On Dec. 5 Kirksville residents will finally get to reap the benefits of the grant applied through the Department of Natural Resources for glass recycling. When the new recycling program begins in December, residents of Kirksville will get to put their glass recycling curbside for pickup.

Residents of Kirksville can buy a glass recycling tote at City Hall for \$3.99. The service will not have an additional fee.

Community Services Coordinator Sarah Halstead began the process of the grant by talking about the city of Kirksville applying for a grant in 2014. The grant was to have a bunker built in Kirksville to house the collected glass.

The city hired a contractor to build the bunker and had to have approval by the Department of Natural Resources on the building and draining of the bunker.

Halstead said the program will not be available to the residents of downtown Kirksville, and residents of apartments should talk to their contractor about glass recycling capabilities.

Halstead said while the residents of downtown Kirksville cannot collect a glass recycling tote at City Hall, they can still participate in glass recycling by taking their glass to Community Opportunities, a facility in Kirksville that hires disabled members of the community to help with projects around town like recycling. Community Opportunities is located at 1001 S Osteopathy St.

Halstead said City Hall is working with the bars in the downtown area to pick up glass.

Halstead said that there are not many processing plants for glass and there are none in Northern Missouri. The city had to find a company that was willing to pick the glass up and haul it to a processing plant.

Halstead said people at City Hall were very happy about glass recycling coming to Kirksville.

"Honestly we're really excited to get this program up and going because it's something that Kirksville hasn't had," Halstead said. "Obviously everybody produces glass, whether it be a spaghetti jar or a frappuccino glass jar. There's glass everywhere you look, so we're really excited to reduce that footprint and get that glass recycling [program] going."

Residence Life Coordinator William Nelsen said he hopes glass recycling will return to campus as well.

Nelsen said in the past, Student Government had people collect glass from the residence halls and take it elsewhere where glass recycling is available. Nelsen said Student Government stopped doing this because it became too much of a hassle.

Senior Becca Elder, the student leader at the office of sustainability, said glass recycling will be offered on campus again with the start of the recycling program in the City of Kirksville. Elder said the recycling on campus will not be in the same capacity. Elder said there will be a dumpster at the south end of campus students can take their glass recycling to.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

- GLASS (As of Dec 5)
- PETE HDPE HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE PLASTIC
- METAL CANS (aluminum, steel, and tin)
- PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS
- CHIPBOARD (most non-corugated cardboard)
- PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS
- PLASTIC MILK BOTTLES/JUGS

Everything recycled should be dry, clean, rinsed and with labels removed