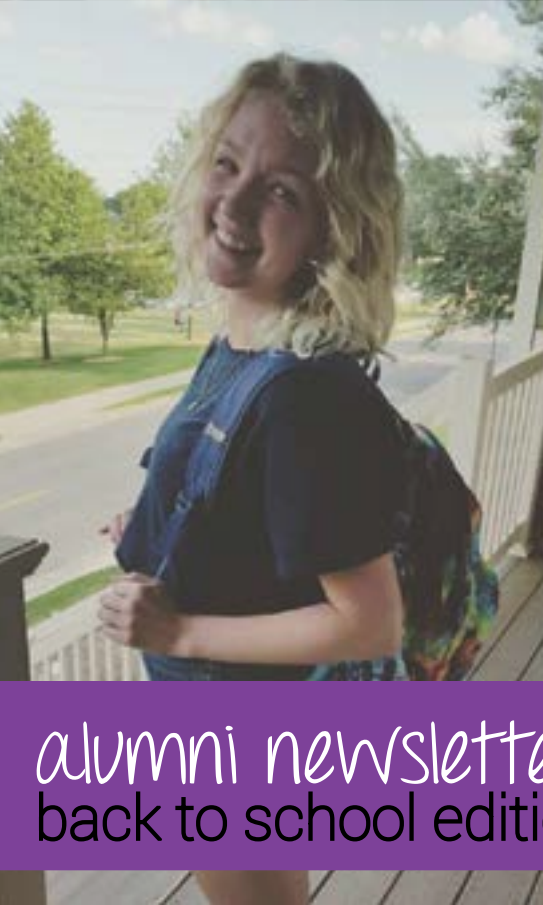


# TAU LAMBDA SIGMA



alumni newsletter:  
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# WHAT'S YOUR MAJOR?

communication disorders

special education

music performance



abby hilliard, junior



hannah vasilis, senior



grace hemmer, sophomore

"I always look forward to the day I get to see someone smile because they're able to hear better/again for the first time and that makes me passionate about my major." -Abby Hilliard

"My biggest goal as a future teacher is to find the potential in every student and focus on their strengths. I want people to see that students with disabilities are the same as everyone else with different interests and talents. I want to make people more aware." -Hannah Vasilis

"My high school teacher probably spurred my love of music the most. She had us play such intriguing and challenging pieces and it was always exciting. I love quartet because I get to work in a small group and make amazing music from so many different eras and composers." -Grace Hemmer

"I always knew I wanted to go into a clinical field and I dabbled with thoughts of nursing, physical therapy and pharmacy. Doing research on those fields led me to a job description of audiology and it sounded perfect. Who doesn't want to watch people hear for the first time? I'm currently at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis working on my doctorate in Audiology, and I'm loving every minute of it!" -Julie Holtmann

"My biggest inspiration for doing special ed is my sister Mandy, who is autistic. And once I got to Truman I realized that it is a way to really make a difference for kids who need it most. The most rewarding part of my job is seeing kids make progress and gain confidence in their abilities." -Clare Temperelli

"I really had no idea how much there was for me to play and enjoy until I got to school. That's when I realized that something that had mostly been an extracurricular for me throughout high school could actually end up being a career for me. Right now I'm pursuing my Master's of Music in Violin Performance at University of Colorado-Boulder." -Ava Pacheco



julie holtmann, alum



clare temperelli, alum



ava pacheco, alum



tau social fall 2002

## ACTIVITIES FAIR ::

more ways to stay in touch:

- instagram:  
@taulambdasigma

- twitter:  
@TauLambdaSigma

- website:  
tls.truman.edu

- facebook:  
Tau Lambda Sigma

- tumblr:  
taulambdasigma.tumblr.com

chapter updates:

- this semester's letter day is monday and dress up day is wednesday

- special men's weekend theme is superheroes

- our homecoming team has been announced: team amber orange with alpha gamma rho and phi delta

- our homecoming representative will be erin twenter

fall 2015



fall 1996



THEN AND NOW



During the ceremony he asked to go for a walk after, and that's when I knew something was up. Towards the end of the walk I started to slow down because he hadn't proposed yet and I was sure that he would! I finally gave up and we went to meet our friends on the lawn. Someone suggested we take a picture next to that fire pit area and then I honestly blacked out\*\* and don't remember anything. Julie cried a lot so I guess it was pretty awesome." -Grace Horn  
\*\*did not black out from alcohol

"I'm looking forward to starting my real adult life with someone else by my side. Marriage isn't going to be boring for me. I'm still going to go out with my friends and have girls nights all the time but I'll just have someone to share my day with when I get home."

GRACE HORN  
engaged to adam hathorne

# MEREDITH GABBERT



Other than that, I like to hang out with my family (married with one 7 yr daughter) and take advantage of all the free or cheap fun stuff there is to do here in St. Louis... we live right by Forest Park so we frequent the zoo and the Science Center because they're practically in our front yard."

I just started my 12th year (!!!- I can't believe I've been doing anything for 12 years!) as a middle school drama teacher. When I came to Truman I knew I wanted to be a teacher, I just wasn't sure if I wanted to teach psychology or theatre. During Freshman week I went to a meeting of the theater dept. and I was hooked. I tell my students that I went into teaching instead of trying my hand in the world of professional theater because this way I always get to be the director and call all the shots. I'm super excited to be taking some of my 8th graders to see the first touring production of the musical version of Roald Dahl's book Matilda. The musical has enjoyed much success in it's first 2 years and I knew it would be something my kids (who are from a very working class, semi-under privileged area) would recognize and be able to relate to. I can't wait to see their reactions to a real Broadway show, especially at the beautiful Fox Theater."

I hope all you ladies are well up there in Kirksville... I will always value the time I spent with my TLS sisters and I think about those years every Christmas when I hang my panda ornament on the tree."

# LIZ CHANDLER

"During the 2014/15 school year, my husband and I were in Shenzhen, China teaching English as a Second Language at a public Chinese Elementary school. We also had the chances to visit Okinawa, Cambodia, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Thailand. Currently, we are in Yerevan, Armenia working at an international school. I am working as a librarian. My favorite part has to be all of the times we met new people from all around the world. I've realized the large amount of similarities that each member of the human race shares. We may look, speak, and believe differently at times, but we are all people trying to understand whatever it means to be just that in this world."



"I really enjoy learning new recipes in any place I travel. I believe that one of the best ways to understand the life of a culture is to learn about what the people are passionate about, and most times- it's their food!"

# WHAT YOU'RE UP TO

# meet this semester's OFFICER BOARD



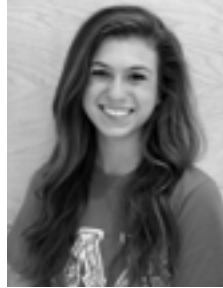
## president

ruth minahan, senior  
past position(s): secretary  
pledge class: spring 13  
family: purple reign  
major: exercise science  
minor: health science



## vice president

evie clark, junior  
past position(s):  
fundraising, service  
pledge class: fall 13  
family: candy strippers  
major: business marketing  
minor: health science,  
communication



## secretary

abby tetzlaff, junior  
past position(s): PR, relay  
pledge class: fall 13  
family: strawberry  
limeade  
major: nursing  
minor: disability studies



## parliamentarian

maddie hurst, junior  
pledge class: fall 14  
family: strawberry  
limeade  
major: psychology,  
justice systems  
minor: communication



## service

susan caman, junior  
past position(s): historian,  
special events  
pledge class: fall 13  
family: purple reign  
major: health science  
minor: french



## fundraising

becca elder, junior  
pledge class: spring 15  
family: pink & yellow  
major: environmental  
science



## inter-org liason

kathryn livengood, junior  
pledge class: fall 14  
family: pink & yellow  
major: nursing  
minor: spanish



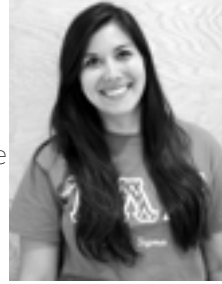
## relay for life

lauren ticker, junior  
pledge class: spring 14  
family: pink & yellow  
major: psychology, pre-  
MAE  
minor: communication



## intramurals

lindsey schlichting,  
sophomore  
pledge class: fall 14  
family: strawberry limeade  
major: nursing



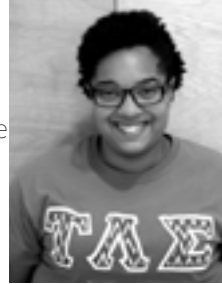
## public relations

rachael hughes, junior  
pledge class: spring 14  
family: purple reign  
major: exercise science  
minor: biology



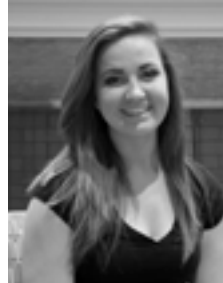
## special events

hannah stilley, junior  
past position(s):  
fundraising  
pledge class: fall 13  
family: candy strippers  
major: psychology &  
justice systems



## merchandise

carrie whitson, junior  
pledge class: spring 14  
family: blue letter  
major: visual  
communication  
minor: photography &  
business



## alumni relations

karlie bischoff, junior  
past position(s): historian  
pledge class: fall 13  
family: flower power,  
candy strippers  
major: psychology  
minor: spanish, disability  
studies



## sisterhood

bailey leftwich, senior  
pledge class: fall 13  
family: candy strippers  
major: health science  
minor: theater

## sunshine

erin twenter, senior  
past position(s): special  
events, scholarship  
pledge class: spring 12  
family: candy strippers  
major: english,  
communication



# BECCA ELDER

PR chair for ECO, member of communiversity garden club, member of neighbor's united, helping plan the take root cafe, working with the compost project and the green thumb project, and keeping up with a community project at rotary park

"I just started to learn about all of the problems we are facing with environmental destruction and suddenly school seemed less relevant. I was gradually exposed to different environmental issues, but I think it really hit me first semester of sophomore year when read "This Changes Everything" by Naomi Klein for a book report. It's an environmental book that had just been released after the People's Climate March and contained a very current and comprehensive scope about environmental issues, and how quickly we are polluting the waters and air and changing the climate. It was incredibly depressing to think about the type of world that we are so quickly forming for our grandchildren, and all of the unnecessary suffering of both humans and non-humans that is happening because of things like greed and corporate power. It didn't make sense for me to be spending hours of my day everyday banging my head up against the wall, learning chemistry for a major I didn't even know how I wanted to use when time is so limited and there is so much that can be done. I'm only one person, but there is so much to do and I feel called to do what I can."

"I think a lot of students don't realize how much they have to contribute to the community and society in general. Many of the best things about Truman wouldn't exist without Kirksville, and as a student body, I truly believe that we have the resources to make a huge difference in making Kirksville better for the people who live here."

# WHAT WE'RE UP TO

# recruitment details "a journey to service"

monday 9/21: info night ("the adventure begins"): 7-9 pm @ VH 1000  
 tuesday 9/22: service & social night ("exploring the essentials"): 7-9 pm @ VH 1400  
 wednesday 9/23: interview night ("passport to pillars"): 7-9 pm @ VH1408  
 thursday 9/24: close interview night ("the final boarding call"): 7-9 pm  
 friday 9/25: pinning ceremony: 5 pm @ rehoboth baptist church

SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
13	14	15	16	17	18 Special Men's Weekend	19 Special Men's Weekend
20 Special Men's Weekend	21 Recruitment	22 Recruitment	23 Recruitment	24 Recruitment	25 Pinning Bid Night	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
				1	2 Truman National Spirit Day	3 Chapter Retreat
4 Homecoming	5 Homecoming	6 Homecoming	7 Homecoming	8 Homecoming	9 Homecoming	10 Homecoming
11	12	13	14	15 Midterm Break	16 Midterm Break	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Service Retreat
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6 Alum Weekend	7 Alum Weekend Bar Crawl
8 Alum Weekend	9	10	11	12	13 Initiation	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Thanksgiving Break	24 Thanksgiving Break	25 Thanksgiving Break	26 Thanksgiving Break	27 Thanksgiving Break	28 Thanksgiving Break
29	30					

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
		1	2	3	4 Sigma	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Graduation

# CALENDAR