



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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## 'Best for Vets'

TROY named one of top 50 universities for service to military students

Troy University was named one of the top 50 universities in the county in terms of serving military students by Military Times Edge.

The "Best for Vets: 2010" ranking invited more than 4,000 colleges and universities to respond to a survey on their programs, policies and resources for veterans. The responses were evaluated on four criteria that included financial assistance, academic flexibility, campus culture and support services for veterans. The survey included public universities and both profit and nonprofit private uni-

versities and colleges.

"We are pleased that Troy University compared so well with some of the other institutions," said Dr. Earl Ingram, Vice Chancellor of Global Campus and interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. "Taken alone it is an honor, but when considered in connection with how other organizations and students rate our effectiveness, a picture of quality education and service to military members becomes clear."

Military Times publishes several newspapers aimed at specific branches of the military and

specialty publications directed toward the federal government, including The Army Times.

The ranking also placed TROY as the top "Best for Vets" university in the state of Alabama, and the only public institution in the state to make the top 100 list.

"In a broader view, the rankings Troy University has received from various organizations serve to validate how we serve students – military and veteran students, adults and traditional college students," Dr. Ingram said.

## *Trustees name building in honor of Patterson*

The General Academic Building on the Troy Campus has been renamed to honor an administrator who served the University for almost 20 years.

The Troy University Board of Trustees passed unanimously on Saturday a resolution renaming the building Douglas C. Patterson Hall. The building, completed in 2005, houses classroom and academic office space. Dr. Patterson served as a senior administrator at Troy University from 1990 until 2007. He continues to serve the University in a part-time capacity.

"I am at a loss for words," Dr. Patterson said after the board. See PATTERSON, Page 4



Dr. Doug Patterson and his wife Lise display a copy of the resolution naming the General Academic Building on the Troy Campus in his honor. At left is Dr. Jack Hawkins, Chancellor of Troy University and at far right is Dr. Doug Hawkins, president pro tem of the Troy University Board of Trustees.



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# Global higher education

## Chancellor addresses World Universities Congress during trip to Turkey

Troy University Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. is leading discussions about the future of global higher education this week in Turkey.

The World Universities Congress, meeting this week at Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University near ancient Troy, will focus on the global issues facing universities and the roles that universities should play in the future.

Dr. Hawkins is delivering an address and chairing a panel of university presidents in a discussion about the new roles and missions of universities.

“There’s a vast landscape of global issues in which universities are trying to operate and prepare their graduates with which to deal,” said Dr. Earl Ingram, interim provost and senior vice chancellor for academic affairs. “The World Universities Congress works on the assumption that univer-

sities can’t continue to be what they have been in the past.”

The Congress has outlined 14 specific themes to discuss:

- The concept of a “university” within the light of recent developments: Past, present and future definitions of a university;
- Understanding and preventing global climate change;
- Preventing global terrorism;
- Eradicating global poverty;
- Solving the problems of global migration;
- Eradicating inequalities in income distribution;
- Eradicating injustices in health services;
- Eradicating inequalities in educational opportunities;
- Proposing solutions to environmental pollution;
- Preventing regional conflict;

- Securing world peace;
- Protecting cultural heritage;
- Developing lasting solutions to rapid population growth; and
- Expanding the role of non-governmental organizations in local and international development

At its base, Ingram said the Congress will focus on overcoming inertia in the ways universities teach their students how to integrate into a global marketplace and global societies.

“These discussions are really about investing energy into creating a new path for universities,” he said. “Overcoming inertia in higher education is really about changing the direction and motion of the universities, and the World Universities Congress does so by delving into the details of the issues the graduates of the world’s universities will face.”

## *Confucius Institute Board meets, discusses future plans*

Troy University’s Confucius Institute’s Board of Directors has begun making plans for the official dedication of the Institute’s offices in Bibb Graves Hall in 2011.

The ceremony will also include a conference to be attended by officials from universities China, the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C., and the Chinese Consulate in Houston as well as officials from Alabama. The conference will deal with the teaching of Chinese language in culture in Alabama, plus economic development efforts between the two nations.

The Confucius Institute Board held its annual meeting Friday, Oct. 15 at Hawkins Hall. Members of the board from TROY attending were Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Earl Ingram, interim senior vice chancellor for academic affairs and vice chancellor of Global Campus; Curt Porter, associate vice chancellor for international affairs; and Iris Hong Xu, director of the Confucius Institute at Troy University. Representatives from TROY’s partner university, Hebei Normal University of Science and Technology, serving on the board include Tang Shengling, president; and Yang Dongfang, director of



**Members of the Confucius Institute’s Board of Directors take a tour of ongoing renovation work at Bibb Graves Hall.**

international communication and exchange.

The board also heard reports summarizing the CI events of 2010 from Dr. Xu and Dr. Dongfang and toured the construction site in Bibb Graves Hall where the Institute’s offices will be located.

Confucius Institute is a non-profit public institute aiming at promoting Chinese language and culture and supporting local Chinese teaching through affiliated Confucius Institutes worldwide. Its headquarters is in Beijing, under the Office of the Chinese Language Council International (Hanban).

## *TROY sponsoring robotics program to boost interest in science, technology*

A new volunteer organization is aiming to boost interest in science, engineering and technology among Wiregrass area students through robotics competitions that put academics in action.

Troy University is one of several local businesses and organizations sponsoring Wiregrass BEST, a new local chapter of BEST, Inc., a non-profit organization that works to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science and technology through participation in sports-like robotics competitions.

BEST stands for “Boosting, Engineering, Science and Technology.”

Sandy Armstrong, director of the Wiregrass Math and Science Consortium at TROY’s Dothan Campus was on the

Wiregrass BEST founding board and currently serves as the organization’s teacher coordinator. She said excitement about the new program is growing among area schools and students. Currently, 11 schools from seven area systems and one private school have signed on to be part of the program for 2010.

Local students can get involved in BEST through their teachers, Armstrong said. BEST will help students design and build their own robots, which will then be put to the test during regular competitions.

On Oct. 23, Wiregrass BEST will hold its first robotics competition at the Dothan Civic Center. Winners there will proceed to the South BEST completion in Auburn in November.



**Todd crowned at Miss TROY** – Alison Farrington, last year’s Miss Troy University, and Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor, crown Sydnii Todd as the 40th Miss Troy University on Oct. 9. Todd, a junior broadcast journalism major from Birmingham, will represent the University in the Miss Alabama Pageant next June.



**Band Day** – Marching bands filled the field from end zone to end zone on Saturday as the University celebrated its annual Band Day. More than 3,000 students representing 35 high school bands from Alabama, Georgia and Florida joined TROY’s Sound of the South marching band on the field for the halftime performance. The event, which began in 1998, provides high school bands members the opportunity to perform in a collegiate setting and also serves to showcase Troy University to potential students.

# Homecoming

‘Celebrating the Trojan Nation’ is the theme for this year’s event

Troy University will welcome back alumni and friends on Nov. 13 as the University celebrates Homecoming under the theme of “Celebrating the Trojan Nation.”

“Homecoming continues to be bigger and better each year,” said Faith Ward, alumni affairs director. “There are more reunions for alumni groups and we continue to add activities that we feel will be of interest to alumni and friends of the University. This year’s theme, ‘Celebrating

*School of Music  
schedules free  
concerts during  
Homecoming Week,  
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the Trojan Nation,’ is particularly relevant because of the University’s global emphasis. We hope all alumni and friends will join us as we celebrate what it means to be a part of the Trojan nation.”

Homecoming activities will get under way on Nov.

12 with a TROY Alumni Jazz Concert from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Trojan Center Theatre. The concert will benefit the Troy University Wesley Foundation.

A Homecoming pep rally will follow on Bibb Graves Quad beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Two alumni reunions are also scheduled for Nov. 12. The World War II-era alumni reunion is set for 5 p.m. in the Stadium Club at Veterans Memorial Stadium. A reunion for Vietnam War-era alumni will begin at 6 p.m. in the lobby of Hawkins Hall.

Activities will continue on Saturday, Nov. 13, including the annual Homecoming Day Parade in downtown Troy beginning at 10 a.m. The parade is hosted by the Pike

County Chamber of Commerce.

“The homecoming parade gives us the opportunity to recognize Troy University and the important role it plays in our community,” said Leigh Anne Windham, Chamber president. “We invite all businesses, industries and organizations to be a part of this annual community event.”

Deadline for parade entries is Oct. 29. For additional information, contact the Chamber at 334-566-2294.

Festivities will continue on campus with various alumni groups kicking off tailgating and reunion activities at 11 a.m. The Homecoming Court will be introduced during pre-game activities beginning at 2 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Stadium. Kickoff for the game against Sun Belt Conference-opponent Florida International is set for 2:30 p.m.

Halftime activities will include the crowning of the Homecoming queen, recognition of the 2010 Alumni of the Year honorees, a performance by the Sound of the South marching band and appearances by the alumni band and alumni cheerleaders.

On Sunday, Nov. 14, the Troy University Concert Chorale will present its fall concert, “Masters in Miniature” at 3 p.m. at Bush Memorial Baptist Church. The free concert will be followed by a reception honoring Phil Wilson, an alumnus of the University’s John M. Long School of Music who was recently named “Alabama Teacher of the Year.”

In addition, student organizations and University offices will take part in a variety of decoration and Homecoming-themed contests throughout the week leading up to the weekend festivities.

For additional information on Homecoming activities, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 334-670-3318.

## Patterson

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passed the resolution. “Thank you very much for this honor. But much of the work on which this honor is based was actually a team effort by many people throughout this University. I am humbled that you chose to honor me.”

The resolution said, “Dr. Patterson’s administrative involvement in every area of University life has made TROY a model institution of higher education.” The resolution also recog-

nizes Dr. Patterson’s work in the diverse areas of financial stewardship, academic leadership and the University’s transition to NCAA Division I athletics.

Dr. Patterson, a native of Mobile, earned his bachelor’s degree from Alabama College, a master’s degree from the University of Montevallo and a doctorate from the University of Alabama. Upon completion of his bachelor’s degree in 1967, Patterson was commissioned a lieutenant in the

U.S. Marine Corps and served as a platoon commander for a Combat Engineer Platoon and as an intelligence officer for the First Engineer Battalion of the First Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam.

Dr. Patterson’s professional background includes serving as a high school counselor, as the Director of Counseling Services at Jefferson State Junior College and as Vice President for Instruction at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

## Activities & achievements

**Dr. William Heisler**, professor and Global Campus chair for the Human Resource Management program in the Sorrell College of Business, attended the 18th Annual International Conference of the Association on Employment Practices and Principles (AEPP) held at the University of San Francisco from Sept. 29 - Oct. 1.

Dr. Heisler served as a session chair, was a panelist discussing "Best Practices in Talent Management," and presented a paper entitled "Long-term Incentive Plans: Not a Panacea for Executive Compensation."

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**Dr. Mary Anne Templeton**, assistant professor of counseling, presented the paper "Using media in the classroom: How the portrayal of people with disabilities impacts societal views" at the National Rehabilitation Association Annual Conference in New Orleans earlier this month.

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**Dr. Dan J. Puckett**, associate professor of history on the Montgomery Campus, has been appointed to the editorial board of Southern Jewish History.

Dr. Puckett also recently presented the paper, "The Travel Diaries of Rabbi Milton Grafman and Pastor Charles Bell: Two Southerners Confront Nazi Germany," at the annual meeting of the Southern Jewish Historical Society in Chapel Hill, NC.

In addition, his article, "The Alabama Press and the Holocaust," has been accepted for publication by the Journal Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

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**Fernando Varela**, assistant site director for the Orlando Site, was recently elected as vice president of the Central Florida Higher Education Alliance.

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A paper co-written by **Dr. Irem Ozkarahan**, professor and chair of the CS Department on the Montgomery Campus, is among the "Top 10 most-cited articles" published in the International Journal of Production Economics between 2007 and 2010.

The paper, "Supplier Evaluation and Management System for Strategic Sourcing Based on a New Multicriteria Sorting Procedure," was originally published in 2007 and co-written by C. Araz.

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**Dr. Edward T. Merkel**, director of Graduate Business Programs and professor of economics, attended the "Third International Congress on Globalization" at the invitation of Qafqaz University in Baku, Azerbaijan Oct 15-17.

A short speech entitled "Globalization and Azerbaijan" was first presented to the general audience which included officials from the Azerbaijani government and central

bank, chancellors and rectors representing universities from Turkey, the Caucasus states and central Asia, and faculty from numerous countries. Also presented was a paper entitled "The Race between the Euro and the Dollar" which was published pursuant to pre-conference editorial review in the Proceedings.

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**Dr. John Jinright**, associate professor in the John M. Long School of Music, performed with the Dothan Episcopal Church of Nativity Choir and the Tallahassee Symphony String Quartet in a special pipe organ dedication concert, featuring music by Bach, Brahms, Beethoven, Mozart and others.

The Troy Arts Council was recently awarded a community arts grant written by Dr. Jinright for outreach and presentation activities associated with Chamber Orchestra Kremlin visit to the Troy Campus next year. In addition to the concert on Feb. 14, the grant provides for a concert for local public school students.

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**Dr. Bill Cavitt**, assistant professor at the Fort Walton Beach Site, recently conducted a continuing education workshop on Domestic Violence at the University's Ft. Walton Beach Site.

Twenty-eight people attended the workshop to learn the prevalence, traumatic outcome, characteristics of domestic violence and also some treatment techniques and interventions to help victims. Most attendees were Florida Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHCs) working for mental health agencies or in private practice.

The primary purposes for the workshop were to introduce graduate students to LMHC who may supervise them during a practicum or internship and to recruit new graduate students for the Master's Programs in Mental Health Counseling. Information on the program was distributed during the event.

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**Dr. Kenneth Roblee**, professor in the Department of Mathematics, recently received a grant from the National Science Foundation via the Mathematical Association of America to host a regional undergraduate mathematics conference.

The TROY MathFest 2011 conference will take place on March 26 on the Dothan Campus. Undergraduate mathematics students from throughout the Southeast will present research projects in areas such as math research, math education, math history and applications of math.

Dr. Roblee has received the grant three other times, hosting conferences on the Troy Campus in 2005 and 2006 and on the Montgomery Campus in 2010.

# Salute to Veterans

Symphony Band to perform tribute concert at Davis Theatre on Nov. 4

**T**roy University's Symphony Band will present a musical tribute to the men and women of America's armed services during "A Salute to Our Nation's Veterans" on Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The concert will feature classic overtures, works by American composers, marches, patriotic music and the premiere of a specially commissioned piece composed by TROY's Director

of Bands, Ralph Ford.

The evening's program will culminate with a salute to the men and women who have served and are currently serving in the military.

The Symphony Band is TROY's premiere wind band, featuring the top 55 musicians in the John M. Long School of Music. The nationally recognized ensemble is open by audition only at the beginning of each semester and gives numerous concerts year round.

The group's latest recordings are available though iTunes and CD Baby.

All tickets for the performance are \$10. Current or past members of the military can purchase a ticket at half price with a military ID. For more information, call (334) 241-9567.

The Davis Theatre's 2010-2011 season will continue on Thursday, Nov. 18, with a performance of the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!"



**Students visit** – TROY professor Dr. Lori McMillian (above) explains the bones in the hand and wrist to Brewbaker Magnet School students. Students from the Montgomery school took a tour of the anatomy and physiology labs at the Montgomery Campus on Oct. 15. The students are all juniors and seniors enrolled in the anatomy and physiology course taught by Michelle Taliaferro. At left, Brewbaker students examine computer images of human organs.

## Thank-you notes

*Dear faculty and staff,*

Thank you so much for the floral gift card you sent to honor Sid. He loved flowers and we will certainly use this in the coming months.

We appreciate you thinking of our family with such kindness and thoughtfulness during this most difficult time.

Thank you again and God bless.

*The Family of Sidney R. Starling, Sr.*

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I want to thank everyone involved for making this year's Trojan Band Day the best yet!

This event would not be possible without the diligent work of several people including Monique Crawley, Dr. Adam Blackstock, Joan Hazel and our fine friends and colleagues in Athletics including Steve Dennis, Sandy Atkins and Tony Ferrante and Chief Anderson and the Troy Police. Thanks also go to Admissions, Sodexo, Student Services, Alumni Relations and most especially to the students of the "Sound of the South."

*Dr. Mark Walker*

*Associate Director of Bands*

## Photo exhibit

'Eudora Welty: Exposures and Reflections' coming to Rosa Parks Museum in November

An exhibit featuring the Depression-era photography of famed Southern writer Eudora Welty will be on display at Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum starting in November.

"Eudora Welty: Exposures and Reflections" is a landmark exhibit of Welty's photographs developed by the Museum of Mobile in partnership with the Southern Literary Trail, with funding from the Alabama Humanities Foundation. Created and organized by the Museum of Mobile using Welty's original negatives, the exhibit will open at the Rosa Parks Museum on Thursday, Nov. 11, and will be on display through Jan. 7, 2011.

Welty is renowned for her short stories and novels about the American South, including the Pulitzer Prize winning "The Optimist's Daughter," but she was also a noted photographer who worked as a publicity agent for the Works Progress Administration during the 1930s.

While working for the WPA, Welty traveled throughout her native state of Mississippi, photographing people from diverse racial and economic backgrounds. This new exhibit



**This photo, taken by famed Southern writer Eudora Welty, is one of 40 examples of the author's Depression-era photographs that will be on display at Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum starting in November. (Photo courtesy the Mississippi Department of Archives and History)**

includes 40 photographs from this era, paired with excerpts from Welty's writing.

"This exhibit leads audiences on a unique journey to another time and another place, while providing a contemporary look into Welty's life as a writer and Southerner," said Rosa Parks Museum curator Viola Moten.

The Museum will also host a series of lectures while the exhibit is on display, exploring Welty's artistic and cultural legacy. On Nov. 11, the exhibit will open with a lecture by noted Welty scholar Dr. Pearl McHaney from Georgia State University discussing Welty as a photographer.

On Dec. 2, Dr. Bert Hitchcock, a specialist in Southern literature from Auburn University, will present a lecture exploring how Welty's experiences in the 1930s shaped her writing.

On Jan. 6, 2011, Dr. Suzanne Marrs of Millsaps College will discuss the role that biography plays in Welty's fiction and the historical and social contexts out of which her fiction has developed.

The lectures will all start at 6 p.m. inside the museum auditorium.

## Malone Art Gallery show features jewelry, metal crafts

Jewelry and metal crafts are the subject of Troy University's Malone Art Gallery's newest show by Barbara Mann entitled "Form and Response."

Mann will give a lecture at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28 and the show will run until Nov. 18.

Mann has more than 30 years of experience as a metal and jewelry artist. She has both a masters and bachelors of fine arts from University of Georgia and is a self-employed studio artist, in addition to serving

as an instructor for the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education.

Mann is also a member of the Society of North American Goldsmiths and the Society of American Silversmiths.

Mann's works are included in many collections including the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, the Committee for the Olympic Development of Atlanta, Nations Bank, Coca-Cola and President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter and the Carter

Center among others.

She said that she tells stories through her work.

"In response to life's twist and turns I create objects that tell a story, relate a concept or represent a particular condition or circumstance," Mann said. "The form these objects take is the result of my exploration as I seek an effective way to communicate and distill my perspective."

Admission to exhibit is free and open to the public between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

## Free concerts

John M. Long School of Music ensembles to perform during Homecoming Week

Homecoming week at Troy University will be highlighted by displays of school pride, and by three free concerts from the John M. Long School of Music.

"Our students have worked diligently in preparing these performances," said Dr. Diane Orlofsky, director of University Choirs and professor of music. "We are pleased to provide these as our gift to the community."

The University's 90-member Collegiate Singers will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 at Troy's First United Methodist Church under the direction of Laura Mixon, conductor and a lecturer in the School of Music. The group will perform selections from famous U.S. composers including "God Bless America," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Set Me as a Seal."

The TROY Gospel Singers will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary with its fall concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 in the Claudia Crosby Theater. The 100-plus member group's "Celebration Concert" includes performances of works composed and arranged by Ralph Manuel, Moses Hogan, William Dawson, and James Hall, among others.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, the Uni-



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versity's 36-member Concert Chorale will present its fall concert entitled "Masterworks in Miniature" at Bush Memorial Baptist Church under the direction of conductor Dr. Diane Orlofsky, director of University Choirs; choral graduate assistant Dale Lawrence and undergraduate student conductor John Baumer.

Concert Chorale will perform works such as "Hallelujah Chorus," "Ave

Maria," "He," "Watching Over Israel," "The Coolin'," and "Stomp Your Foot," among others. Several of the pieces will be accompanied by organ, violin, harp, trumpet and percussion. Immediately following the concert, the public is invited to a reception honoring Mr. Phil Wilson, a Troy University School of Music alumnus who was recently named "Alabama Teacher of the Year."

## Tickets go on sale for Rosa Parks Museum benefit

Tickets are on sale now for the Rosa Parks Museum's 10th anniversary celebration featuring a performance by Tony Award-winning actress and playwright Sarah Jones.

Jones will present her critically acclaimed one-woman show "An Evening with Sarah Jones" on Monday, Nov. 29, at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. on the festival stage.

Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum will mark its first decade of operation in December. In its first 10 years

the museum has become a major downtown landmark and has garnered state and national recognition, including a 2008 award from the Themed Entertainment Association for the museum's interactive children's exhibit, the Cleveland Avenue Time Machine.

Jones is well known for multi-character solo show "Bridge & Tunnel," which was originally produced Off-Broadway by Oscar-winner Meryl Streep and went on to become an acclaimed, long running hit on Broad-

way. Most recently, Jones was invited by First Lady Michelle Obama to perform at The White House in celebration of Women's History Month. She is currently at work on a commission for Lincoln Center Theater and is developing a television project based on her characters.

Tickets for the benefit performance range from \$35 to \$75. For ticket information, call 1-800-841-4273 or visit [www.asf.net](http://www.asf.net). All proceeds from this event support programs of the museum.