10 Bulldogs were named MIAA Presidential Scholars. To achieve this honor, athletes must have a cumulative GPA of 4.00 with at least two terms of attendance.

35 student-athletes on the Academic all-MIAA squad

46 Truman State University student-athletes earned a 4.0 grade-point average in 2006-2007

16th place in the annual U.S. Sports Academy Division II Director’s Cup standings, which is based on NCAA finishes in all sports during the 2006-07 school year

Why was the nickname, Bulldogs, selected for Truman State University? O.C. Bell in 1908 referred to his performers as Bulldogs, but it wasn’t an official designation. So far as is known, this term wasn’t used again until the spring of 1915.

At the time, a committee of students, including the late President Emeritus Walter H. Ryle, recommended the adoption of the “Bulldog” as the official emblem because of the beast’s tenacity and ability to fight desperately to the end.

The spirit of the Bulldog has been evident since the name was selected 90 years ago. It’s not unique though, as at least 16 NCAA schools have adopted the “Bulldog”.

**WHAT’S IN A NICKNAME?**

**DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

Jerry W. Wollmering was named the Director of Athletics at Truman in September of 1999. Since coming to Kirksville, Wollmering has helped Truman be one of the top athletics departments in NCAA Division II -- both athletically and academically.

The Bulldogs have finished in the top-10 in the Directors’ Cup standings in each year that Wollmering has been at Truman. In 2003-04, he led the athletics program to a third-place finish in that national program, the highest ever for a MIAA school.

Academically, Truman regularly ranks among the top schools in the MIAA and in the nation in graduation rates.

Prior to coming to Truman, Wollmering served as associate athletics director of finance and administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio since January of 1998. He was also the assistant athletics director for financial affairs for two years at BGSU, prior to his becoming an associate AD.

Wollmering earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and accounting from Drake University in 1987, and a master’s degree in physical education and athletic administration from Kent State University in 1993. He is also a certified public accountant with experience as an auditor.

Before arriving at Bowling Green, Wollmering was an assistant athletic director at Southeast Missouri State University, a Division I program, for approximately 18 months. While working on his master’s degree, Wollmering was a graduate assistant to the athletic director at Kent.

A native of Ft. Madison, Iowa, he was a varsity lettermen in cross country and track at Drake. Wollmering and his wife, Alicia, have three daughters: Leah, Erica and Kate.
Bulldog Athletics

The Truman State University athletics department has a rich history of success and recently, has become one of the top all-around athletics departments in NCAA Division II -- both for their student-athletes achievements on the field and in the classrooms.

Truman athletics can be traced back to 1900 when the school’s football team played its first official game. Since then, some of the top Division II athletes in the Midwest, and even in the country, have displayed their skills in Kirksville, including a Basketball Hall of Famer (former NBA star Harry Gallatin), an Olympic Gold Medalist (track athlete Ray Armstead) and numerous other Bulldogs who played professionally in their respective sports.

Today, the athletic programs at Truman are having more success than ever before. Last year alone, the majority of the school’s 21 teams earned bids to the NCAA Tournament or had individuals participate at the NCAA Championships. Highlighting the school’s national success was the women’s swim team, which placed second at nationals. The second place finish follows an NCAA Division II record five-straight national titles.

The Bulldog volleyball team once again earned national prominence and were ranked in the top-10 in every poll of 2006, including a No.1 ranking for five weeks. A 36-game winning streak was just one shy of the MIAA and marked the 11th-longest in NCAA Division II history. The team also produced the MIAA’s Most Valuable Player in Sarah Shearman.

The individual success continued for Shearman as she earned Truman’s lone all-Academic all-American honor, as well as a finalist for the prestigious Ken B. Jones Award.

The Truman Athletics Department was rewarded for its 2006-07 success with an 16th-place finish among NCAA Division II schools in the United States Sports Academy Directors’ Cup. The Directors’ Cup standings measures the overall success of athletics departments during NCAA Championship competitions. The Bulldogs had now finished in the top-10 in seven straight seasons, including a third-place showing in 2003-04.

Truman athletes also get the job done in the classrooms. In the latest release, Truman student-athletes had a 71% graduation rate, tying for the highest rate among MIAA schools and being among the higher marks in the nation. That rate was 13% higher than the average MIAA rate and 18% higher than the Division II national average.

Since 1973, there have been 76 Truman athletes who have received academic all-American awards, as selected by members of CoSIDA. Over half of those selections have come since 2000 (38). Only one Division II school has collected more academic all-American honors during that span.

Truman was one of the founding schools of the MIAA, which now stands for the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Current members of the conference are Central Missouri, Emporia State, Missouri Southern, Missouri Western, Northwest Missouri, Pittsburg State, Southwest Baptist, Truman, Fort Hays State, and Washburn.

**Bulldog Softball**

Truman Athletics

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**NCAA Post-season Team Appearances**

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* 6 NCAA, 2 NAIA, 2 NAIB Appearances
* 4 College World Series, 14 NCAA Regional Appearances
* 13 National Golf Coaches Association Championship Appearances

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**All-time Academic All-Americans**

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* The MIAA has discontinued championships in women’s soccer and wrestling.
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The last 10 years, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Truman as the No. 1 public university in the midwest and the school is widely known as one of the best values in the nation.

Truman is a very distinctive institution – one of about only twenty public liberal arts and sciences institutions in the nation. It has a longstanding tradition of excellence and achievement and is an outstanding learning community of scholars, artists, and professional educators dedicated to the success of its students.

Undergraduate education is the top priority of the institution. With a total enrollment of less than 6,000 students and a student/faculty ratio of 15:1, Truman is large enough to provide a diverse experience, but small enough to provide all of its students personal attention to their needs and interests.

As a nationally recognized university known for its strong student learning outcomes and its commitment to assessment and continuous improvement, Truman is a place where students learn to excel. Truman has the highest graduation rate of any public university in Missouri; in addition, more than 40 percent of these graduates are entering graduate and professional school after graduation. The faculty and staff are here not only to provide academic challenges, but also to foster a supportive environment that enables students to meet these challenges while learning about themselves and the world around them.

Truman believes that the best preparation for the future, regardless of a student’s ultimate career choice, is a strong liberal arts and sciences education. Truman also expects each student to develop an in-depth knowledge and mastery of a discipline chosen from one of more than 40 programs in eight academic divisions. Students are encouraged to expand their horizons and explore many different fields of thought as they work closely with the exceptional faculty and other academically talented students.

Since learning occurs outside the classroom as well as inside, Truman students are encouraged to undertake research projects with faculty, to participate in study abroad programs, and to develop their leadership capacity through active participation in student organizations.

The University seeks well-prepared, motivated students with broad educational interests who desire the advantages of a residential college experience. Our students come from virtually every county of Missouri as well as more than 39 states and 49 countries. Truman’s reputation is built on the ability of its faculty and staff to help students achieve academic excellence while developing their full potential for responsible citizenship in the 21st century.

Truman is committed to the advancement of knowledge, to freedom of thought and inquiry, and to the personal, social and intellectual growth of each of its students. The University strives to maintain a recognized standard of excellence in all of its educational endeavors and a responsible stewardship of the resources provided by the people of Missouri.

Truman State University is located in Kirksville, Mo., a city with a population of approximately 17,000. Kirksville offers a safe and friendly environment that is intertwined with many advantages of a larger city.

Truman students enjoy spending their free time at Kirksville’s Downtown Cinema 8, or the new community Aquatic Center, featuring a 6-lane indoor pool, an outdoor pool, and an incredible waterslide.

You will also find Truman students enjoying the outdoors at Thousand Hills State Park. This 3,252 acre park just 2 miles west of Kirksville offers many recreational activities including camping, hiking, biking, swimming, motor boating, sailing, water skiing, and fishing.

Kirksville is within a three-hour drive from several large cities, including St. Louis, Kansas City and Des Moines.

The Truman State University students thrive in an atmosphere filled with friendly competition:

- The median of Truman’s 2006 Freshman Class has composite scores of 25-30 on the ACT.
- Seventy-five percent of Truman freshman graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating classes.
- Over eighty percent earned a 3.5 or higher high school GPA.

Complete information for prospective students can be found at http://admissions.truman.edu
Ranked as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT

TRUMAN

Ranked for ten consecutive years as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest among schools offering bachelor’s and master’s degrees. No. 8 overall in the Midwest region among both private and public institutions. Truman is the only public university in Missouri included in either ranking.


Truman is ranked as the 4th best public college in the nation.

Programs recognized for leading to student success:
• Senior Capstone
• Undergraduate Research


Truman State University, Missouri’s only public liberal arts college, attracts over-achievers from across the Show-Me-State.

Selected as one of the country’s “367 Most Interesting Colleges,” due to the “outstanding academics, generous financial aid packages and relatively low costs.”
- *Kaplan Newsweek’s “America’s Hottest Colleges,” 2006 Edition*

Listed as No. 8 among the “Top 50 Best Values for Public Colleges and Universities.” Truman is the only public university in Missouri to appear on this selective list.
- *Consumer’s Digest, May/June 2004*

Ranked in the top quarter on their exclusive list of “100 Best Values in Public Colleges” that combine great academics with reasonable costs. Further recognized as the 8th best public college in the nation for out-of-state students.
- *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, February 2006*
Kirksville

Nestled within the quaint community of Kirksville lies the dynamic, economic hub of Northwest Missouri.

In addition to Truman State University, Kirkville features the prestigious A.T. Still University of Health Sciences' College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Kirkville offers small businesses the opportunity to grow through its incubator program. The residents are proud of their strong work ethic and provide a reliable labor force.

The town offers a low crime rate, churches of numerous denominations, a new Senior Living Campus, a hospital featuring a Level III Trauma Center, a supportive school system with an A+ Program, and activities for everyone.

Communication thrives in Kirkville, which boasts its own television station, a variety of radio stations, and media resource center.

Several local organizations, as well as volunteer causes, highlight the area’s sense of community and family-friendly environment.

The proximity to the metropolitan areas allow for easy access to the diverse opportunities or entertainment in cities like St. Louis, Kansas City, and Chicago.

THOUSAND HILLS STATE PARK

The 3,080-acre park offers visitors a unique opportunity to explore the best of northern Missouri just minutes from Kirksville.

The park’s central feature is the lake, created by the damming of Big Creek. While the reservoir supplies water to the community, the park’s natural features recall a time when woodlands and savannas covered northern Missouri.

The cool waters of Forest Lake offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities, including swimming, fishing, boating, and skiing. Hiking, mountain bicycling and nature study are popular on-land activities. An interpretive shelter displays the park’s petroglyphs—rock carvings left behind by the area’s inhabitants more than 1,500 years ago.

* Page Information Provided by Kirksville Chamber of Commerce
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