Over the past 92 years, the MIAA has gained the reputation of being one of the top NCAA Division II conferences in the nation.

MIAA student-athletes have won 13 NCAA team championships and, since 1964, 141 individual national titles. The MIAA currently conducts championships in seven sports for men and seven for women.

For the men, champions are crowned in football, cross country, basketball, indoor and outdoor track & field, baseball, tennis and golf. The women compete for titles in volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball, indoor and outdoor track & field, softball and tennis.

The MIAA turned a new page on July 1, 1992, when the NCAA Division II conference changed its name from the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

The decision to make the change originated in 1989, when Pittsburg State University and Washburn University became the first schools outside the state of Missouri to gain membership in the MIAA.

The conference was first organized in 1912 with 14 member institutions. Of those original members, Central Missouri State University, Truman State University, and Northwest Missouri State University are the only original schools still members.

The first change in membership came in 1924, when the MIAA reorganized to include only the five regional Missouri state colleges Central, Truman (at the time known as Northeast Missouri State), Northwest, Southeast Missouri State University and Southwest Missouri State University. Over the next 56 years, three schools joined the membership: the Missouri School of Mines (now University of Missouri-Rolla) in 1935, Lincoln University in 1970, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1980.

The 1980s brought the biggest changes in the conference. In 1981, Southwest Missouri State University opted to move to NCAA Division I and the MIAA appointed its first full-time commissioner, Ken Jones, in July.

He would be in the position for 16 years, retiring in 1997. Former Gulf South and Metro conference commissioner Ralph McFfillen succeeded Jones.

Southwest Baptist University brought membership back to eight schools in 1986, before the major expansion of the conference in 1989. Pittsburg State, Washburn, Missouri Southern and Missouri Western - formerly members of the Central States Intercollegiate Conference - began competition in the 1989-90 season.

Southeast Missouri State left the MIAA following the 1990-91 season to move on to NCAA Division I, and was replaced by Emporia State University in the 1991-92 season.

In August 1991, Judy Willson was hired as the MIAA’s first full-time sports information director. She left in 1994, and was succeeded by Matt Newbery, formerly the assistant sports information director at Pittsburg State. He became the assistant to the commissioner for media relations in 2005.

A third full-time staff member was added in 2005, as former Emporia State track athlete Natasha Oakes was hired as the assistant to the commissioner for compliance.

The membership of the MIAA is now at nine schools, with the departure of Missouri-St. Louis in 1996 and Missouri-Rolla in 2005 and the forfeiture of membership by Lincoln in 1999. It returns to 10 members in 2006-07 with the addition of Fort Hays (Kan.) State University.

### PAST MIAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

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### MIAA QUICK FACTS

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### PAST MIAA TITLES WON OR SHARED: Truman 26, Northwest Missouri (NWMS) 19, Southeast Missouri (SEMS) 17, Pittsburg State (PSU) 10, Missouri-Rolla (UMR) 8, Central Missouri (CMSU) 8, Southwest Missouri (SWMS) 7, Emporia State (ESU) 1, Lincoln (LU) 1, Missouri Southern (MSSU) 1, Missouri Western (MWSU) 1
## 2004 MIAA Season

### 2004 MIAA All-Conference Team

#### Most Valuable Offensive Player:
Neal Philpot, QB, Pittsburg State

#### Most Valuable Defensive Player:
Adam Long, LB, Northwest Missouri

#### Wilson/Coach of the Year:
Chuck Broyles, Pittsburg State

### 2004 Final Standings

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### NCAA DII Playoffs

- **First-Round**
  - NWMSU def. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 35-14
  - PSU def. Colorado Mines, 70-35

- **Quarterfinals**
  - PSU def. NWMSU, 50-36

- **Semifinals**
  - PSU def. North Dakota, 31-19

- **Championship Game**
  - Valdosta State def. PSU, 36-31

### Mineral Water Bowl
- WU def. Northern State, 36-33
Truman State University has a nationwide reputation for providing a quality education at an affordable price. The last eight 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 long-standing 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 at 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.

WHAT OTHERS SAY:

- Truman is one of the top universities for offering the best academic experience for the money and was ranked 8th in the social category based upon the number of social opportunities available on campus. The Princeton Review, “The Best 351 Colleges,” 2004
- Recognized as 18th on a list of 100 “hidden gems and colleges worth considering.” Truman was one of only two public universities featured in the top 40. Washington Post, April 1, 2003 (online issue)
- Selected as one of the 328 Most Interesting Colleges and a top choice for a school that offers the best value for your tuition. Kaplan’s, August 2003
- Ranked ninth on their exclusive list of “100 Best Values in Public Colleges” that combine great academics with reasonable costs. Further recognized as the second-best public college value in the nation for out-of-state students. Kiplinger’s Personal Finance, November 2003
- Students expect a lot from Truman State University, Missouri’s only public liberal arts and sciences institution. Happily, it delivers. ... Students at Truman are deeply engaged in their studies, but still know how to appreciate the lighter side of life.” The Fishe Guide to Colleges, 2004 edition
- Ranked 18th as a “A College That Dares To Be Different.” ELLEgirl magazine, August 2003

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BARBARA DIXON
Barbara Dixon became the 14th president of Truman State University on July 1, 2003. Dixon is the first female to serve as Truman’s president. Before coming to Truman, Dixon served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at the State University of New York at Geneseo, a public liberal arts university, from 1997-2003.

She previously spent 27 years at Central Michigan University where she was a faculty member, chair of the Academic Senate and associate dean and interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dixon has both a B.M. and M.M. in applied piano from Michigan State University and a D.M.A. in piano performance, literature and pedagogy from the University of Colorado.

She is a member of several honor societies including Alpha Lambda Delta, Mortar Board, Pi Kappa Lambda and Phi Kappa Phi. Dixon also holds memberships in the National Music Teachers Association and Delta Omicron, a professional music organization, and is an honorary member of Phi Eta Sigma and Golden Key.

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CAMPUS FACTS
Location: Kirksville, Missouri
Kirksville Population: 17,000
Undergraduate Enrollment: approximately 5,800
Graduate Enrollment: approximately 250
International Enrollment: approximately 250 students from 50 different countries
Male/Female Ratio: 41:59
Student/Faculty Ratio: 15:1
Average Class Size: 22 students
Average ACT Midrange: 25-30
Average GPA of Incoming Students: 3.76/4.00
Percentage with GPA of 3.25 or higher: 95%
Percentage of Freshmen Taught by Full-time Faculty: 95%
Percentage of Full-time Faculty with Ph.D.s: 85%
Graduate Placement: 99%
Percentage of Graduates Immediately Entering Graduate School: 44%
Academic Year: 15-week semesters
Average Cost of Books: $500-$600 per year
Number of Organizations on Campus: over 200
Percentage Involved in Greek Sororities and Fraternities:
20% of women
30% of men
Size of Campus: 140 acres

Complete information for prospective students can be found on the web at: http://admissions.truman.edu
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 Medalist, 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, 15 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 basketball team, which tied a NCAA Division II record by winning its fifth straight national title.

Two Bulldog teams – volleyball and women’s basketball – won MIAA championships in 2004-05 and the volleyball team also captured the MIAA tournament title. Those two programs did not lose a contest during the regular season in 2004.

Individual success included 32 athletes earning all-American honors and 64 receiving all-MIAA accolades. Two women’s swimming relay teams won national titles at last year’s national championships. No Bulldog individual won a national title in 2004-05, but individuals in eight events had runner-up finishes at national events.

One coach earned national coach of the year honors and two others received coach of the year awards at the conference level.

The Truman Athletics Department was rewarded for its 2004-05 success with an eighth-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 have 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 NCAA 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 2000, Truman has had 31 academic all-Americans, as selected by members of CoSIDA. Only one Division II school has collected more academic all-American honors during that span.

Last year, swimmer Sarah Dance was named the academic all-American of the year in the at-large division. Swimmer Diana Betsworth was a first-team academic all-American, women’s soccer player Sara Murray was a second-team choice and men’s soccer athlete Jared Atwood was a third-team pick in their respective categories.

Dance and Murray also received two other major honors in 2005. Dance won the prestigious Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship. The $21,500 scholarship is given to just one male and one female each year among NCAA athletes.

Murray received the Ken B. Jones award, the highest honor given by the MIAA. The award recognizes the top junior or senior student-athlete in the conference based on athletic accomplishments, academic accomplishments and community service.

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 and Washburn. Fort Hays State will join the league in 2006-07.

Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering

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 of the last four years, with Wollmering having 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 let-termen in cross country and track at Drake. Wollmering and his wife, Alicia, have three daughters: Leah, Erica and Kate.

What’s in a Nickname

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”...
Bulldog football games are played at Stokes Stadium, named in honor of James S. Stokes, the Truman professor who helped design the stadium. The Stadium opened in 1930, with Central Methodist spoiling the first game by defeating the Bulldogs by a 12-7 score.

The new home was an immediate success though, as Truman won the next 30 games played in Kirksville, still the longest home winning streak in school history. Since Truman started playing at Stokes stadium, the Bulldogs have an all-time record of 213-115-9, with one of those losses later being forfeited to Truman.

Stokes Stadium was rebuilt in the summer of 1962 and now seats approximately 4,000 spectators. The concrete structure has fiberglass seats and a press box.

Before the start of the 1991 season, the University installed a new ramp and seating to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

During the summer of 1999, construction was completed underneath the stadium. New restrooms, a ticket booth and concession stands were built, and the surface was leveled. This summer, a new scoreboard will be installed behind the west endzone. Locker rooms for home and visiting players are located on the west side of the field in the brick buildings known as the Bulldog Kennels. Truman’s locker room recently received a renovation prior to the 2004 season (pictured on the left).

The football field is surrounded by the state-of-the-art Gardner Track with an all-weather surface constructed in the summer of 1990. It was named in honor of former Truman player, coach and Athletics Director, Kenneth Gardner.

Before Stokes Stadium, games were played at Kirk Field which was located on the northwest corner of campus. Kirk Field was named in honor of the man responsible for the project, President John R. Kirk.

Truman has three weight rooms that are at the disposal of the athletes. The largest is the free weights room which is located on the west side of the Pershing Arena on the third floor. This room was renovated during the summer of 2000. The renovations included new ventilation and equipment, and general refurbishment of the interior.

Approximately 2,600 square feet, it accommodates 40-45 athletes at a time with eight separate power stations complete with platforms and bumper plates for a wide variety of strength training and rehabilitation.

The Nautilus room is located on the east side of the arena near the ramp that leads to the natatorium. The third weight room is the aquatic weight room and is located at the bottom of the ramp on the east side.

The training room is home base for the sports medicine program at Truman State University. The purpose of the program is to work toward the prevention of athletic injuries, care for those injuries that do happen and work for complete recovery through rehabilitation so that the student-athlete can return to competition as safely and quickly as possible. The program works under the direct supervision of three full-time experienced trainers and two physicians. If an athlete should be injured while participating in an intercollegiate sport, they will be evaluated by a highly competent training staff member and treated as needed or referred to necessary medical personnel.

The main training room is on the lower level of Pershing Building just off the northeast corner of Pershing Arena. Both the head athletics trainer’s and assistant athletics trainer’s offices are located in this area. The student trainers assigned to each sport also use this as their main area of contact.

A secondary training room in the football kennels, located south of Pershing Building, is mainly used during fall and spring practices because of its proximity to the football practice field and outdoor track.