Truman State University has a nationwide reputation for providing a quality education at an affordable price. The last nine 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 has the distinction of being Missouri's only highly selective public liberal and sciences university. 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, as calculated by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. In addition, more than 45 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 45 programs in six 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.

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.

Dixon currently serves as president of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) and the Council on Public Higher Education in Missouri (COHPE). She is a member of several honor societies including Alpha Lambda Delta, Mortar Board, Pi Kappa Lambda, and Phi Kappa Phi. President Dixon also holds memberships in the National Music Teachers Association and Delta Omicron, a professional music organization, and is an honorary member of PhiEta Sigma and Golden Key.

What Others Say:

- Ranked for nine consecutive years as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest among schools offering bachelor's and master's degrees and No. 8 overall in the Midwest region among both private and public institutions. Truman is the only public university in Missouri to be included in either ranking. U.S. News and World Report's, "America's Best Colleges," 2006 Edition
- Selected as one of the country's "167 Most Interesting Colleges" due to "outstanding academics, generous financial aid packages and relatively low costs." Kaplan Newsweek's, "America's Hottest Colleges," 2006 Edition
- Ranked 23rd 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 value in the nation for out-of-state students. Kiplinger's Personal Finance, February 2006
- Truman State University, Missouri's only public liberal arts college, attracts over-achievers from across the Show-Me-State. The Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2006 Edition
- 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 49. Washington Post, April 1, 2003 (online issue)
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 Kirkville, 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. During the 2005-06 school year, 13 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 swimming team, which broke a NCAA Division II record by winning its sixth straight national title.

The women’s swimming team also won a NSISC conference championship in 2006. In the MIAA, the women’s soccer team won their seventh consecutive conference title, and remains the only program to win a MIAA crown.

Volleyball also brought home a MIAA trophy by winning the post-season tournament for the third straight year. Men’s basketball was one of the school’s biggest stories in 2005-06. The Bulldogs won 20 games for the fifth time in school history and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Besides women’s swimming, volleyball and men’s basketball, the Truman men’s cross country, men’s soccer, men’s swimming, wrestling, women’s indoor track, men’s and women’s outdoor track, men’s and women’s golf and men’s and women’s tennis teams experience a taste of postseason play in 2005-06.

Individual success included 32 athletes earning all-American honors and 62 receiving all-MIAA accolades.

One coach, swimming’s Mark Gole, earned national coach of the year honors, while men’s basketball coach Jack Schrader was coach of the year at the conference and regional level.

Truman athletics also get the job done in the classrooms. In the latest release, Truman student-athletes had a 77% graduation rate, the highest rate among MIAA schools and higher than any NCAA Division I or II athletic program in the state of Missouri. That rate was 10% higher than the Truman student body rate and 23% higher than the Division II national average.

Since 2000, Truman has had 37 academic all-Americans, as selected by members of CoSIDA. No NCAA Division II school has collected more academic all-American honors during that span.

Just last school year, six Bulldogs earned academic all-American honors. Swimmer Brittany Anderson and soccer player Jared Atwood were first-team selections. Baseball player Randy Beilsmith and swimmer Lija Kaleps-Clark were second-team honorees. On the third-team were wrestler Greg Nurrenbern and soccer player Lauren Cepicky.

Two of those award winners, Atwood and Nurrenbern, also won NCAA postgraduate scholarships.

A former Bulldog athlete, swimmer Sarah Dance, added to her lengthy resume last winter when she was named a NCAA Top VIII. That award is handed out to the top eight senior student-athletes from the past school year, regardless of sport or division.

Another big individual honor last year went to volleyball player Sarah Shearman. The first-team all-American was a finalist for 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. Shearman was one of just two juniors to be nominated for the award.

**Truman MIAA Titles By Sport**

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* The MIAA has discontinued championships in men’s soccer and wrestling.

Jerry W. Wollmering was named the Director of Athletics at Truman in September of 1999.

Since coming to Kirkville, Wollmering has helped Truman become 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 every year but one since 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 letterman in cross country and track at Drake. Wollmering and his wife, Alicia, have three daughters: Leah, Erica and Kate.
The training room is home base for the sports medicine program at Truman State University. The north side also features temporary bleachers for larger crowds.

There are aluminum bleachers on the north side of the playing field for approximately 250 people. In 2003, the park added additional space to accommodate temporary bleachers for larger crowds. The north side also features a wooden press box area that has a capacity for six media personnel, statisticians and camera persons. Admission to the press area is by pass only.

The player’s benches are located on the south side of the playing field with both team’s locker facilities located at Pershing Arena.

The field played host to its first NCAA tournament game in 1995 when the men’s team took on Mercyhurst (Pa.) in quarterfinal action of the NCAA Division II Tournament. The women’s soccer team hosted its first NCAA games in 2001. The largest crowd to see a game at the park was just over 900 for the 2003 Men’s National Quarterfinals against Findlay Univ. (Ohio).

## WEIGHT ROOM

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.

## SPORTS MEDICINE

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.

## FACILITY RECORDS

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- Victory-4-1 vs. Lincoln (Mo.) 10-18-95
- Victory-4-1 vs. Central Methodist (Mo.) 9-8-83
- Victory-4-1 vs. Westminster (Mo.) 9-29-81

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- Goal: Steve Schlichtig vs. Central Methodist (Mo.) 9-8-83
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- 6 vs. Central Methodist (Mo.) 10-22-80 & vs. Westminster (Mo.) 9-29-81

### FIRSTS
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- Assistant Track & Field Coach-Leslie Hardesty ...................................... 6039
- Assistant Cross Country Coach-Tim Schwegler ...................................... 4342
- Baseball Coach-TBA .................................................................................. 6005
- Softball Coach-TBA .................................................................................. 4545
- Assistant Softball Coach-Elizabeth Economus ........................................ 4545
- Men’s Golf Coach-Kevin White/Jim Berrey .............................................. 4499
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