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 baseball, 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 and Technology 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 McFillen 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 Emporia State. He became the assistant to the commissioner for media relations in 2005.

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.

Starting in the 2007 season, the MIAA will hold a post-season conference soccer tournament to determine the league’s automatic berth into the NCAA tournament. The top four teams in the regular season will play the final weekend before the national tournament at the highest seed’s home pitch. The second and third seed and first and fourth seed will play semi-finals games with the winners meeting for the tournament championship and the conferences automatic berth into the national tournament.
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### 2005 MIAA ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

**Most Valuable Player**
Kaney Tyler, GK, MSSU

**Freshman of the Year**
Nikki Llewellyn, M, MSSU

**Brine Coach of the Year**
Tim Collins, WU

**First Team**
- Kaney Tyler, GK, MSSU
- Asdis Finnsdottir, B, Sr. Truman
- Jessica Buhman, B, Jr. MSSU
- Christina Kleekamp, B, Fr. MSSU
- Lora Westling, B, Sr. WU

**Second Team**
- Jenna Hatlestad, GK, Jr. WU
- Jessica Braun, B, Fr. NWMSU
- Kelsi Ginavan, B, So. CMSU
- Mallory Milburn, B, Jr. CMSU
- Kelsey Thomas, B, Fr. MSSU

**Truman Honorable Mention**
- Lauren Davis, GK, Jr.
- Maureen Bylina, B, Sr.
TRUMAN ALL-CONFERENCE

TRUMAN ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME
KATHY (CORSON) FULLER (2004)

Fuller was the Bulldogs leading scorer in each of her four seasons at Truman. She is second in career goals scored with 48. Until the 2003 season, Fuller was also the team career leader in points with 115.

During her freshman season, Fuller made an immediate impact scoring 16 goals (then a team-record) and 10 assists. She continued to lead the team with nine goals in 1990, eight in 1991 and finishing with 15 in 1992.

Besides being second in career goals and second in career points, Fuller is ranked sixth in career assists (19) and third in career shots (190).

Fuller was selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America all-region first-team in 1991 & 1992 and garnered second-team all-region honors in 1989 & 1990.

Fuller came to Truman from West Chester, Ohio and Lakota High School. She was coached by Alvaro Duran (1989-90) and Stephanie Gabbert (1991-92).

2005 MIAA COMMISSIONER’S ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL
Truman had 11 members on the honor roll, 20% of all MIAA women’s soccer players named and the most of the eight schools that sponsored the sport last season.

Molly Benson M Exercise Science Rockford, Ill.
Maureen Bylina M Health Science Chicago, Ill.
Lauren Cepicky M Communications St. Louis, Mo.
Asdis Finnsdottir B Biology Hafnarfjordur, Iceland
Lauren Hawks F Health Science Omaha, Neb.
Rachel McCarville F Undeclared Columbia, Mo.
Robyn Mortenson M Comm. Disorders Lake Villa, Ill
Sara Ramza F Political Science St. Louis, Mo.
Rachel Schmidt B Exercise Science St. Charles, Mo.
Melissa Snodgrass M Exercise Science Rolla, Mo.
Chayil Wiedeman M Exercise Science Skokie, Ill.

Qualifications:
1) Must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 or better.
2) Must have at least two terms of attendance at member school.
3) Must be a sophomore, junior or senior in athletic eligibility.
4) Student-athletes inactive due to redshirt or hardship are not eligible.

KEN B. JONES AWARD
SARA MURRAY (2004)

The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Associations top honor bestowed on a student-athlete was awarded to Truman women’s soccer player senior Sara Murray at the conference’s annual awards banquet in Kansas City in 2004. Murray was named the women’s recipient of the Ken B. Jones Award, the first Truman student-athlete to win the award since 1999-2000 and the first women student-athlete from Truman, in the 12 year history of the award.

Murray was not only the first Truman female to win the award, but the first soccer player in the league’s history to be awarded the top prize. Murray holds all of the Truman and MIAA career scoring marks along with being named first-team all-conference four straight years and a two-time first-team All-American.

In addition to her on-field accomplishments, Murray was an ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American and was awarded an NCAA Postgraduate scholarship. She is a three-time member of the MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll and received the Dean’s Award for Excellence at Truman in May.

She was named conference freshman of the year in 2001 and the most valuable player in 2003. This season, she was part of a Bulldog squad that was undefeated in the regular season going 18-0-2. The team claimed their sixth-straight MIAA title, the only conference championship, and fourth-straight trip to the NCAA Division II national tournament.

Clint Prange, a senior track and field athlete from Northwest Missouri State and locally, North Shelby High School, was the men’s recipient of the Ken B. Jones award.

The Ken B. Jones Award has been given annually since the 1993-94 season recognizing the top junior or senior student-athlete in the conference based on athletic accomplishments, academic accomplishments and community service. The award is named for the conference’s first full-time commissioner, who retired in 1997 and passed away last May. An 11-member panel, represented by each conference school, selects the one male and one female student-athlete.
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 Kirkville'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.

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.
- 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 45. Washington Post, April 1, 2003 (online issue).
- Ranked 23rd on their exclusive list of “100 Best Values in Public Colleges” that combine great academics with reasonable costs.
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University President

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 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 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% women/30% men
Size of Campus: 140 acres

Complete information for prospective students can be found on the web at: http://admissions.truman.edu
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 athletes 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 Liia Kalesp-Clark were second-team honorees. On the third-team were wrestlers Gregg 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 Shearman, 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.

First-Team All-American

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**TRUMAN 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 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.

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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.

**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.

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2006 NCAA Swimming National Champions

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First-Team All-American & Ken B. Jones Finalist

Sarah Shearman

**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 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 Truman Soccer Park was constructed in 1982 and was used for the first time in 1983. Before construction, the men’s soccer team practiced and competed at Stokes Stadium.

Located southwest of Campbell apartments, the park features a natural grass pitch and practice field with an in ground irrigation system running in an east-west direction.

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).