

What is your favorite thing about being a Truman Tiger? My favorite thing about being a Truman Tiger is the diverse community and all the opportunities offered. The teachers here are always trying to better our high school experience and the students are very accepting. Having this as a new student in the BTSD community has helped me a lot.

Can you explain the mission behind VOICE and what you enjoy most about being involved with the club? VOICE is a club that promotes diversity, growth, and service. Because Truman is so diverse, we learn about a variety of cultures while also volunteering for families in need. I love that the club allows me to give back to my community and share my culture. I don't know many Algerians in the BTSD community, so being able to express my culture while learning about others is

What inspired you to start a school newspaper and what has your experience been like? I've always loved writing and I was obsessed with "Gilmore Girls" at the time (the main character loves journalism and was part of a newspaper club as well), so I wanted to create an opportunity to showcase this and to give students a voice!

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As the founder of the school's newspaper, being part of the staff has been nothing but fun. I love seeing how much of an impact us students have through the paper and how amplified our voices are. Writing about engaging topics, such as world issues, interests me the most.

What other clubs or activities are you involved in inside or outside of school? Inside of school, I'm also a Student Ambassador of the Student Advisory Board, Vice President of the National Honors Society, and part of Key Club. Outside of school, I enjoy baking, playing volleyball, and volunteering in local areas, such as kids' art and soccer classes. Inspiring others, especially children, is really important to me.

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What is your favorite class at Truman, past or present, and why? Although most of my classes have been fun, chemistry with Mr. Diaz is my favorite. The class was engaging and allowed me to explore my interest in science as well as meet some of my closest friends.

- **Who is a teacher, coach or staff member that inspires you, and why?** Ms. Jones! After coming to Truman in my sophomore year, Ms. Jones has supported me through every milestone in my high school career. She helped me get involved and encouraged me to work hard to reach my goals. Ms. Jones granted me with a support system that pushed me to become the student I am today. Her dedication and faith for her students 100% inspires me.
- 7 What awards or accomplishments are you most proud of? I would say that I'm most proud of getting into some of my dream universities with scholarships. I always strived to do my best academically, so seeing that it paid off is relieving.
- **What are your plans after graduation?** I hope to attend a four-year university and follow the pre-medical route after graduation. My goal is to get accepted into medical school and become a doctor.
- How has Truman prepared you for your future? Truman has given me the best support system that I could ask for. Building good relationships with teachers here feels natural and has helped me tremendously. There are also so many opportunities to get involved in and several career paths for students, whether they be employed, enlisted, or enrolled. The Truman staff is devoted to us students and constantly propels us to do better.
- **10. Anything else you'd like to share with the BTSD community?** Take advantage of everything offered at Truman! This includes all the clubs, sports, classes (honors, AP, and/or dual enrollment), and experiences offered to students. Being involved will help you find new people and give back to the community, as well as strengthen your college application (if you're interested in that). You only go through high school once, so make the most of it!

