

## **Truman High School**

What is your favorite thing about being a Truman Tiger? My favorite part of being a Truman Tiger is the opportunity. I have been given many opportunities to learn, grow, and figure out who I am here at Truman through classes, sports, and clubs. Much of this opportunity is thanks to the teaching staff I have been lucky enough to learn from. Being a Truman Tiger has shaped me into the person I am today. I also just love the energy that comes along with having school spirit. Tiger for life!!!!

What has your experience been like on the softball team? Do you have any favorite memories? My experience on the softball team has been fulfilling over the course of four years. I take pride in being able to represent Truman on the field and I really enjoy spending time with the team. I have made some longtime friends from playing softball and I will always be grateful for that. My favorite memory has to be when we beat Neshaminy my sophomore year for the first time in 13 years.

You're involved in many Honors/AP classes. What motivates you to take challenging courses? My motivation to challenge myself through AP/Honors courses originates from my mom. She taught me to work hard and always stay hungry. Even though she is no longer with me, I carry the mindset she taught me through every challenge I face. I know she would want me to push myself to be the best I can be.

What is your favorite class at Truman, past or present, and why? My favorite class at Truman was the AP Language and Composition class I took during my junior year. Not only did I become a better writer, but I learned several life lessons throughout the year I took the class. I was taught how to maintain a growth mindset, understand my work ethic/motivation, and how to better balance school, work, and sports. I believe that life lessons are the most important thing you can ever learn from high school, and this class taught me just about every one I would ever need to know.

**What other clubs or activities are you involved in inside or outside of school?** Aside from school softball, I am a part of the Varsity Club and the Newspaper Club at Truman. We do a lot of activities with Mill Creek Elementary students through the Varsity Club, so I hope that I have made a positive impact on some of their young minds. Through the Newspaper Club, I get to inform my peers about current events and school news, which is something I love to do. Outside of school, I am on a travel softball team that practices yearround and participates in showcase tournaments during the summer. Who is a teacher, coach or staff member that inspires you, and why? A teacher here at Truman that inspires me is Mr. Patterson. I took his pre-calculus class my junior year, and I learned a lot about myself and my work ethic through his teaching style. Mr. Patterson taught me that I am capable of a lot more than I originally thought I was, and I am eternally grateful for that. I will never forget the confidence he had in my abilities during the times I had none. Despite his class being one of the most challenging courses I have taken, I would not trade my experience for anything.

7. What awards or accomplishments are you most proud of? My greatest accomplishment is getting recruited to play college softball. Being able to continue my athletic career in college has been a dream of mine since childhood and I am extremely excited to start my journey. Another accomplishment I am proud of is maintaining a 4.0 GPA since my freshman year. It certainly wasn't easy!

What are your plans after graduation? After graduation, I will begin studying at Immaculata University where I will also be playing softball. I plan to obtain a bachelor's degree in biology through the university's Honors Program and go on to work in a lab-based setting. Go Mighty Macs!

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**How has Truman prepared you for your future?** Truman has prepared me for my future by teaching me that good things are not always directly handed to you. You need to put in effort and stay on top of your short-term goals in order to reach your long-term goals. I was taught that having a plan in place is vital to starting a future after graduation. I feel secure knowing my plan is working itself out.

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Anything else you'd like to share with the BTSD community? To the BTSD community, thank you! I have spent my entire 13 years of school in this district and I would not have it any other way. I have encountered many teachers, classmates, counselors, and principals who have shaped me into the person I am today. In the midst of my eighth-grade year, I lost my mother and then the world went on lockdown. This community showed me that I am capable of bouncing back despite challenges I thought I would never get over. I would not be who I am without you!

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