



SENIOR

SPOTLIGHT

Truman High School



1. What is your favorite thing about being a Truman Tiger? My favorite thing about being a Truman Tiger is having the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities and classes that I find interest in. I am beyond grateful I attend a school where there are clubs, groups, and classes that students have the flexibility to be a part of, depending on their enjoyment. I love the community that I can see at lunch, after-school, at sporting events - it all just makes me even more proud to be a Truman Tiger.

2. What does it mean to you to serve as Senior Class President? Is there anything you are most proud of in this role or looking forward to? As Senior Class President, I'm most proud of being the person that students can voice their concerns and opinions to. With their concerns and opinions, I can take it to my class advisor and other officials at the school to speak on behalf of the students who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to speak their wishes. I am definitely looking forward to Senior Prom and the Senior Class Trip, as I hope we make good memories there before we all go our separate ways.

3. What is a memory from the Debate Team that stands out to you? Qualifying to Nationals two years in a row, and going to D.C. and Kentucky for the first time with my duo partner, Natalee, and boyfriend Giovanni. The team drove on both trips and it definitely wasn't the most comfortable, but I was with my best friends. Not only do I love the speech and debate team, performing, judging, all of it, but I also love it even more that I get to do it all with my favorite people. Doing what you love is great, but doing it with people you love is even better.

4. What do you enjoy the most about playing in the Truman Tiger Marching Band? After five years of playing in the Truman Tiger Marching Band, one repeated note of enjoyment I had was the satisfaction at the end of the season. Typically, our final competition is the last weekend of October, so we work hard from July on. Playing the last note, and marching the last set, knowing how much effort and dedication I, as well as the entire band, have put into each show, is easily one of the most satisfying feelings I have ever had. Joining the Marching Band was one of the best experiences I have had in high school, and I will sure miss it.



5. What other activities are you involved in inside or outside of school? I am also involved in Jazz Band, National Honor Society, and SWPBIS student team. I am on the Unified Track team in the spring, and am also on the Student Council. On a weekly basis, I tutor students at the local library. I'd also like to note I was a one-hit-wonder in the fall play; it was my big break for Hollywood.

6. Who is a teacher, coach or staff member that inspires you, and why? Ms. Wright! She inspires me because she is 150% dedicated to her students, family, and her commitments. Not only does she teach multiple subjects, including a hefty AP World, but she is also one of the coaches for the Truman Speech and Debate Team. Despite having all of these stressful commitments, she still has all of her ducks in a row and teaches like it's no big deal. Her zeal and dedication is truly inspiring.

7. What is your favorite class at Truman, past or present, and why? There is a tie for my favorite class at Truman, and it is between AP Physics 2 and AP Biology. Both of these courses, taught by Mr. Wright and Mr. Koder, have given me the chance to grasp a more developed understanding of complex subjects. Before I took these classes, I had surface-level knowledge of the sciences. I have always been interested in science, as it is my favorite subject, but never understood why. Taking both courses piqued my interest in science because I got to learn such interesting, complex topics by amazing teachers before I even got to college.

8. How will you be spending the holidays and winter break? I will be spending some much needed time relaxing with my family, friends, and boyfriend. I celebrate Christmas, and it is definitely my favorite holiday, so I am anxiously awaiting to see everyone's reactions when they open up the gifts I got them.

9. Congratulations on your full academic scholarship to Vanderbilt University! What do you plan to study there and pursue a career in? Thank you! I plan to study neuroscience, and possibly double major with biochemistry to pursue a career in the medical field. My overall goal career wise is becoming a neurologist or neuroscientist! I am beyond blessed and grateful to have received such a prestigious scholarship to help kick-start my future.

10. Anything else you'd like to share with the BTSD community? Parents, if your child needs that push to get involved in extracurriculars, give them it! Being involved in so many communities besides being a Truman Tiger has not only given me experiences of a lifetime, but also given me opportunities and families I would not have had if I didn't join.



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