

2027 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Truman High School



Q&A with Cory Pressley



1. What is your favorite thing about being a Truman Tiger?

My favorite thing about being a Truman Tiger is being in a place of opportunity. From the business sector, to engineering, to art, to athletics, there is something for everyone to be a part of. That said, it's been a key factor in my enlightenment of what I'd like to pursue and enjoy.

2. As this year's National Honor Society President, what do you hope to achieve?

As this year's National Honor Society President, I hope to strengthen the NHS by increasing our involvement. I plan to do this by reaching out to nonprofits so that we can give back to our community—but not only to such organizations. I also plan to collaborate with other clubs that we may assist and show our service by being a force that helps put their efforts into effect. Lastly, I plan to reach out to more underclassmen that we might be an example of the pillars that the NHS upholds, setting an example for our school.

3. What do you enjoy about leading Truman's Light Bible Club?

I enjoy leading Truman's Light Bible Club because it gives me an opportunity to pour into my peers and serve God. Before I became the President, I joined simply because I knew I wanted to strengthen my relationship with Jesus and be in a community of faith. Little did I know that I was going to be used to shine my light and be an example to those around me. Now, I'm thankful to be a member because I, too, have grown and become more established because of my involvement, and I love that others can too.

4. What other activities are you involved in inside or outside of Truman?

The other activities that I am involved in are DECA and Truman Buddies. I also volunteer regularly at the MaryJoe Foundation, where we give out food, hygiene products, and anything our community might need.

5. What motivates you to take AP and Honors classes?

My future motivates me to take AP and Honors classes. I know that anything that's worth anything requires rigor. Therefore, I am putting in my time now to prepare me for the great dreams I have ahead. And though I am a man of faith, there is work that needs to be done to achieve it. AP and Honors classes are a start.

6. What is your favorite class at Truman, and why?

My favorite class at Truman has to be AP Language and Composition. Apart from the amazing instructor, Mr. Gravuer, what I learned in that class is something I will use forever. We delved into the study of rhetoric and strengthened our skills in argumentation, timing, technique, etc. These skills, no matter what area of life one finds oneself in, are to one's benefit.

7. Who is a teacher, coach, or staff member who inspires you, and why?

Mrs. Abegunde, Coach Wright, and Ms. Jones are the three staff members who inspire me most. In Mrs. Abegunde, I see the fruit of a dedicated life. She has made such an impact on so many and has walked in light for many years. Her life is an example worth studying. Coach Wright and Ms. Jones have pushed me to challenge myself academically and have been huge supporters of me. To them, I say, "Thank you."

8. What are you looking forward to in your senior year?

In my senior year, I am looking forward to putting an end to this chapter of my life. I knew this year was coming; we all have that appointment—hopefully. But I never anticipated how swiftly time flies. Now, my only wish is to finish well and maintain my academic stride so I can rest after a job well done.

9. What do you plan to pursue after graduation?

After graduation, I will attend college. There, I plan to attain a degree in a science-related field. Subsequently, I will attend dental school because it is my hope to become a general dentist and own my own practice. And when the time is right, it's my desire to travel, preaching and ministering to the lost.

10. Anything else you'd like to share with the BTSD community?

"Let your light so shine."



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