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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Truman High School



Q&A with Nicolina Harkins



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

My favorite thing about being a Truman Tiger is the diversity among programs offered at Truman. Every student has a club or sport they can fit into, regardless of their interests or background. I love that about our school.

2. What instrument do you play in marching band and concert band, and what do you enjoy most about performing?

I play clarinet in both concert band and marching band. What I enjoy most about performing is the almost indescribable feeling of pure joy and accomplishment I get in the middle of playing a piece. I absolutely love being consumed in the music and hearing each instrument play its own separate parts within the song as a whole. I will also always love how performing music portrays a story to the audience without the presence of words.

3. Do you have any favorite memories from field hockey?

Yes, one of the many favorites I have is from my freshman year. I met my best friend, Kalea, through field hockey. We sat together on the bus on the way to an away game in New Hope. Every favorite field hockey memory since then has been with her by my side.

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

At Truman, I have been involved in Bible Club, Varsity Club, lacrosse, jazz band, and am currently serving as our National Honor Society's secretary. Outside of school, I am heavily involved within my church. I serve in children's ministry, go on mission trips, and am a part of the youth group.

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

My parents motivate me to take AP and honors-level classes. They have always pushed me academically, and I am very thankful for that. If they did not push me, I probably would not challenge myself with the same amount of rigor. Another motivational factor is my future. I want to become an optometrist.

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

Anatomy and Physiology. I loved my teacher, Mrs. Rago, and everything we learned throughout the year. I don't think I've ever been more genuinely interested in the curriculum of any other class.

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

Coach Adams and Miss Ballance are two staff members who inspire me the most. Coach Adams was my middle school basketball and track coach. He never failed to make me believe I could overcome whatever challenges I was presented with, whether it was ankle injuries or breaking a PR. He taught me so much more than just how to become a better athlete.

I only met Miss. B recently through the Just One Life program. For anyone who doesn't know her, she is like a beam of sunshine. I am really inspired to be as positive and kind as she always is to everyone around her.

8. What do you plan to pursue after graduation?

After graduation, I plan to attend college and pursue optometry. I want to become an optometrist and maybe even open my own practice one day.

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

One day you'll look back and realize God was with you every step of the way.







