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Truman High School



1. What is your favorite thing about being a Truman Tiger? *The true beauty of the Truman Tiger community is having a family that is there whenever you need them. As a proud tiger, I love contributing to my community. Between all the grades, I have people who I think see me as someone they are comfortable with talking to and helping them with their personal problems.*

2. In Truman Drama's spring musical "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," you are playing the lead role of Willy Wonka! What do you enjoy about playing this character? *I love being able to lather on the cheese with Willy Wonka's character, as he is very eccentric, yet still emotional and reserved. I hope I can still bring the cynicism and darkness that the material needs, while also keeping a musical with dark undertones family friendly.*

3. What other accomplishments or memories from Truman Drama stand out to you? *I am proud to say I have been a part of so many Truman Drama firsts. My first year in the program, I won best actor in a play for one of my favorite monologues ever, "A Life" by Nick Payne. I also had a lead role in Truman's production of "The Prom," playing the gay and proud Barry Glickman. That role was very important to me because, in our modern times, it is hard for the LGBTQ community. Last year, I also came up with the crazy idea of writing a play for the program. Funnily enough, my graduated friends indulged my musings and we ended up writing a play, "Trauma High" to perform in our theater production class and at the Bucks County Playhouse.*

4. What do you enjoy about serving as Vice President of your class? *Over the past two years, I have served as a representative for those around me, which helps to get important actions done for my peers. The role of being a class officer has been in a reconstruction phase since the pandemic, so there is still a lot to be done before the officers have the power to work mostly independently from staff.*

5. What is your proudest moment on the Debate Team? *The Truman Speech and Debate team was one of the most unexpected turning points in my high school career, but Mrs. Wright and Coach Thomashefsky have made it such a great experience. My proudest moment on the team would have to be going to two different types of national tournaments my first year being in the program.*

6. What other activities are you involved in inside or outside of school? *I have done all of the music programs at Truman, most recently joining the marching band and indoor drumline this year. I have always been passionate about music, learning to play six*



instruments on my own, so this extends far outside of school. I have played with multiple bands, the most recent one being The Philly Expo with my friend Jackson. We are planning big things in the future, so be on the lookout! I also am a part of Brian Fitzpatrick's Congressional student task force, which helps to further represent my area of PA in politics.

7. What is your favorite class at Truman, past or present, and why? I think I have a three-way tie for favorite class this year between AP Literature and Composition, Italian, and Theater production. I absolutely love culture and art, so these classes exemplify that. I have read some of my favorite books and pieces of literature in Mrs. Lieberman's class, and it may just be my favorite AP ever.

8. Who is a teacher, coach or staff member that inspires you, and why? Mr. Joseph Marlow has had the most profound effect on my life as a whole. From the first time I met him, Mr. Marlow was always pushing me to exceed my potential. In sixth grade, I started doing the school announcements per his recommendation, and he also was the reason I decided to audition for the musical and proceeded to fall in love with the program.

Mr. Marlow single-handedly created the Giovanni that sits here today, and he still inspires me to strive for the best. I never had a dad in my life, so Mr. Marlow definitely stepped up to fulfill that role, and I couldn't be more grateful.

9. What are your plans after graduation? I plan to dual major in psychology and music, and then go to law school and become a lawyer. While this has been my plan for a while, I am still very open to the possibility of this changing very much.

10. Anything else you'd like to share with the BTSD community? From the outside, people have various opinions about Truman that may be misleading or uninformed. We have had so many great people and initiatives emerge from our halls. Our extracurricular activities are some of the best in the nation. Let me stand as proof that tragedy and strife does not define you as a person.

I feel that, especially after the pandemic, a lot of people have become passive to living and enjoying life. That has bled into students who sometimes seem to forget that life is for the taking and the world is truly your oyster. Our district has so many great opportunities, you just have to take advantage of them!



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