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Mid-America Intercollegiate
Athletics Association
Winter Media Guide





WHY WE ARE PROUD

CLASS TIME

Our regionalization philosophy rewards the scheduling of local or regional opponents in the regular season resulting in limited missed class time for our student-athletes.

TEACHERS AND COACHES

Many of our coaches continue to provide other services for our institutions and in the community, including teaching and mentoring.

GRADUATION RATE

Our student-athlete graduation rate is consistently 10 to 15 percentage points higher than the total student body.

PROUD ALUMNI

Our former student-athletes include governors, senators, entertainers, corporate leaders and professional athletes.

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2. Comparative records against MIAA opponents, beginning with the highest seed.
3. Road wins against MIAA opponents, beginning with the highest seed.
4. Record against non-MIAA, NCAA Division II teams.
5. Draw by Commissioner.

MIAA Media Quick Reference



Newspapers

MIAA: Kansas City Star (AM); Mike Fannin (SE), Derek Samson (ASE – Colleges), David Boyce (Beat); (816) 234-4355; Fax (816) 234-4360.

UCM: Warrensburg Daily Star-Journal (PM); Corey Edwards (SE); (660) 747-8123; Fax (660) 747-8741. Sedalia Democrat (AM); Kyle Smith (SE); (660) 826-1000; Fax (660) 826-0400.

ESU: Emporia Gazette (PM); Michael Ashford (SE), Jesse Newell (Beat); (620) 342-4805; Fax (620) 342-8108.

FHSU: Hays Daily News (PM); Randy Gonzalez (SE), Nick McQueen (Writer), Mike Kessinger (Writer); (785) 628-1081 or (800) 657-6017. Fax (785) 628-8186.

MSSU: Joplin Globe (AM); Jim Fryar (SE); (417) 623-3480, x7810 or (800) 444-8514; Fax (417) 623-8598. Neosho Daily News (PM); Cody Thom (SE); (417) 451-1520; Fax (417) 451-6408. Carthage Press (PM), Jacob Brower (SE); (417) 358-2191; Fax (417) 358-7428.

MWSU: St. Joseph News-Press (AM); Scott Pummell (SE), R.J. Cooper (Beat); (816) 271-8553; Fax (816) 271-8692.

NWMSU: Maryville Daily Forum (PM); Charlie Slenker (SE); (660) 562-2424; Fax (660) 562-2823. St. Joseph News-Press (AM); Scott Pummell (SE), Rick Dunaway (Beat); (816) 271-8555; Fax (816) 271-8692.

PSU: Pittsburg Morning Sun (AM); Bill McMillen (SE); Jim Henry (Beat); (620) 231-2600; Fax (620) 231-0645.

SBU: Bolivar Herald-Free Press (Weekly); Bill Breshears (SE); (417) 326-7636; Fax (417) 326-7643. Springfield News-Leader (AM); Joe Cress (Beat) (417) 836-1118; Fax (417) 837-1381.

TSU: Kirksville Daily Express (PM); Bud Schrader (co-SE); Jason Hunsicker (co-SE) (660) 665-2808; Fax: (660) 665-2608.

WU: Topeka Capital-Journal (AM); Kurt Caywood (SE), Ken Corbett (Beat); (785) 295-1188 or (800) 777-7171. Fax (785) 295-1230.

Play-By-Play Radio

UCM: Central Sports Network; Shawn Jones (Dir.) (660) 543-8091; Fax: (660) 543-8034; Affiliates –KOKO (1450 AM), KWKJ (98.5 FM), KTBG-FM (90.9 FM).

ESU: KFFX (104.9 FM); Greg Rahe (SD); (620) 342-1400; Fax: (620) 342-0804.

FHSU: KJLS (103.3 FM); Gerard Wellbrock (SD); (785) 625-2578; Fax: (785) 628-1822.

MSSU: KHST (101.7 FM); Kevin Greim (Play-by-Play); (417) 625-3075; Fax: (417) 625-9397.

MWSU: KFEQ (680 AM); Bob Orf (Play-by-Play); (816) 364-6397; Fax: (816) 364-6856.

NWMSU: Bearcat Radio Network; John Coffey (Dir.); (660) 562-1163; Fax: (660) 562-1900. Affiliates –KXCV (90.5 FM), KNIM (1580 AM/97.1 FM), KRNW (87.9 FM), KCXL (1140 AM), KAAN (95.5 FM), KSFT (1550 AM); KCTO (1160 AM).

PSU: KKOW (860 AM/96.9 FM)/KBZ1 (100.7 FM); Eddie Lomshek (SD); (620) 231-7200; Fax: (620) 231-3321.

SBU: KBFL (99.7 FM); Rob Evans (SD), Geoff Burrows (Play-by-Play); (417) 345-2412; Fax: (417) 345-2410.

TSU: KRES/KIRK (104.7 FM/99.9 FM); Brad Boyer (SD); (800) 892-2300; Fax: (660) 269-8811. KTRM (88.7 FM); (660) 785-4506.

WU: WIBW (580 AM); Bruce Steinbrock (SD); (785) 272-3456; Fax (785) 272-2633; Affiliates – KTPK (106.9 FM).

Television

MIAA/UCM: KMBC (Ch. 9/ABC) John Crumley (SP); (816) 221-1821; Fax (816) 421-4163. KSHB (Ch. 41/NBC); Jack Harry (SD); (816) 932-4142; Fax (816) 932-4349. Metro Sports/KCTV (Ch.5/CBS); John Sprugel (SP) (816) 358-5360; Fax (816) 358-5479. WDAF (Ch. 4/Fox); Frank Boal (SD); (816) 932-9212; Fax (816) 932-9202.

ESU/WU: KSNT (Ch. 27/NBC); Johnny Kane (SD); (785) 582-3222; Fax: (785) 582-5283. KTKA (Ch. 49/ABC); Nick Griffith (SD); (785) 215-8503; Fax (785) 215-8495. WIBW (Ch. 13/CBS); Mark Ewing (SD); (785) 272-3376; Fax: (785) 271-0418.

FHSU: KBSH (Ch. 10/CBS); Gerard Wellbrock (Reporter); (785) 625-5277; Fax (785) 625-1161.

MSSU/PSU: KOAM (Ch. 7/CBS)/KJFX (Ch. 14/Fox); Cody Coil (SD); (620) 231-0400 or (417) 624-0233; Fax: (417) 624-3158. KODE (Ch. 12/ABC); Brett Newton (SD); (417) 623-7260; Fax: (417) 623-3736. KSNF (Ch. 16/NBC); Eric Knecht (SD); (417) 781-2345; Fax: (417) 781-9249.

MWSU/NWMSU: KQTV (Ch. 2/ABC); Ryan Menley (SD); (816) 233-1606; Fax: (816) 232-7505.

SBU: KOLR (Ch. 10/CBS)/KDEB (Ch. 27/Fox); Dan Lucy (SD); (417) 862-6397; Fax: (417) 866-6397. KSPR (Ch. 33); Daniel Holdge (SD); (417) 831-1234; Fax: (417) 831-9358. KYTV (Ch. 3/NBC); Ned Reynolds (SD); (417) 268-3220; Fax: (417) 268-3364.

TSU: KTVO (Ch. 3/ABC); Fred Beck (SD); (660) 627-3333; Fax: (660) 627-1885. KHQA (Ch. 7/CBS); Chris Duerr (SD); (217) 222-6206; Fax: (217) 222-5078. WGEM (Ch. 10/CBS); Ben Marth (SD); (800) 728-6600; Fax: (217) 224-5786.

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association



About the MIAA

The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, a 10-member conference of NCAA Division II institutions in Missouri and Kansas, was first organized in 1912 as the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Over the past 20 years, the league has undergone several changes, highlighted by increased participation in national championships.

The MIAA has gained the reputation of being one of the top NCAA Division II conferences in the nation. MIAA student-athletes have won 13 national team championships and more than 140 individual national titles.

The MIAA currently conducts conference championships in eight men's and eight women's sports. Men's championships

include football, cross country, basketball, indoor and outdoor track and field, baseball, tennis, and golf. Women's champions are determined in volleyball, soccer, cross country, basketball, indoor and outdoor track and field, softball and tennis.

Jim Johnson became the MIAA's third full-time commissioner in July of 2007, after working as an administrator at the both the institutional and NCAA levels in D-II, as well as a coach. Matt Newbery, previously the assistant sports information director at Pittsburg State, is assistant to the commissioner for media relations and in his 14th year with the conference. Natasha Oakes, a former All-MIAA track performer at Emporia State, was added as the third full-time staffer in July 2005 as assistant to the commissioner for compliance.

MIAA Officers



President
Kathy Anderson
UCM



Vice President
Robert Boerigter
NWMSU



**Secretary/
Treasurer**
Jerry Wollmering
TSU

MIAA Basketball Appearances in NCAA Postseason

Men	Women
UCM – 1965, '70, '80-85 ('84 Champs), '89-91, '94-97, 2005-07	UCM – 1983-91 ('84 Champs), '93, '97-98, 2000, '05-06
ESU – 2004, '07	ESU – 1997-2001, 2003-07
LU – 1972, '77-78, '81	UMR – 1996
UMR – 1975-76, '96	MSSU – 1993-94, '96
UMSL – 1988	MWSU – 1994-95, '97-2004, '07
MSSU – 1993, '94, 2000	NWMSU – 1984, '90, 2004, '07
MWSU – 1990-92, '95, '97-99, 2001-03	PSU – 1992-93, '95, '97-98
NWMSU – 1982, '84, '89, '98, 2000-04, '06-07	SEMSU – 1983-84, '86-91
PSU – 1997-99, 2005, '07	SBU – 1996, 1998-2001
SEMSU – 1961-64, '79, '82-83, '85-90	TSU – 1982, '99
SBU – 1990-91, 2006	WU – 1991-95, 2002-07
SMSU – 1958-59, '66-70, '73-74, '78	
TSU – 1960, '71, '79, '81, '99, 2006	
WU – 1992-95, '97, 2000-01, 2003-05	

MIAA Members

School	Joined MIAA
University of Central Missouri	1912
Emporia State University	1991
Fort Hays State University	2006
Missouri Southern State University	1989
Missouri Western State University	1989
Northwest Missouri State University ...	1912
Pittsburg State University	1989
Southwest Baptist University	1986
Truman State University	1912
Washburn University	1989

MIAA Historical Timeline

- 1912:** The original Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association is formed — Cape Girardeau State Teachers, Kirksville State Teachers, Maryville State Teachers, Springfield State Teachers, Warrensburg State Teachers, Central Coll., Central Wesleyan, Culver-Stockton, Drury, Missouri Valley, Missouri Wesleyan, Tarkio, Westminster, and William Jewell.
- 1924:** The MIAA reorganized to include only the five regional state colleges — Central, Northwest, Northeast, Southwest & Southeast. Sports sponsored include football, basketball & outdoor track and field.
- 1931:** Tennis added as a conference sport.
- 1932:** Indoor track added as an MIAA sport.
- 1934:** Golf added as a conference sport.
- 1935:** Missouri School of Mines joins the MIAA.
- 1957:** MIAA joins the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) College Division.
- 1958:** Cross country added as an MIAA sport.
- 1963:** Southwest Missouri State's men's golf squad wins MIAA's first NCAA College Division championship.
- 1964:** Missouri Mines changes its name to University of Missouri-Rolla
- 1965:** Wrestling and swimming added as MIAA sports.
- 1966:** Baseball added as an MIAA sport.
- 1970:** Lincoln University joins the MIAA.
- 1980:** University of Missouri-St. Louis joins the MIAA.
- 1981:** Ken B. Jones is appointed as MIAA's first full-time commissioner. Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State) leaves for NCAA Division I. Men's soccer added as a conference sport. Swimming championship discontinued.
- 1982:** The MIAA begins sponsoring championships in women's athletics — volleyball, softball, basketball, cross country track & field and tennis.
- 1986:** Southwest Baptist University joins the MIAA. Wrestling championship discontinued.
- 1989:** Missouri Southern, Missouri Western, Pittsburg State and Washburn join MIAA in conference's largest expansion. Men's soccer championship suspended.
- 1991:** Southeast Missouri State leaves for NCAA Division I, Emporia State joins the MIAA.
- 1992:** Name changed to Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, to better reflect the geography of membership. MIAA acronym maintained.
- 1994:** Men's soccer championship play resumes.
- 1996:** Missouri-St. Louis completes final MIAA season. Northeast Missouri State changes its name to Truman State University.
- 1997:** Ken Jones retires as MIAA commissioner and is succeeded by Ralph McFillen. MIAA Office moves from Maryville, Mo., to Overland Park, Kan.
- 1999:** Lincoln forfeits membership in the MIAA. Men's soccer championship discontinued. Women's soccer added as a conference sport.
- 2000:** The MIAA enters agreement with Mineral Water Bowl, where the top team from the conference not making the NCAA-II Football Playoffs will take on a representative from the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference the first Saturday in December.
- 2002:** On Oct. 17, 26,695 football fans at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium watch Northwest Missouri State defeat Pittsburg State, 29-6 -- the largest crowd ever to witness an MIAA event.
- 2003:** First MIAA Basketball Tournament played at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium.
- 2005:** Missouri-Rolla completes final MIAA season.
- 2006:** Fort Hays State University joins the MIAA. Central Missouri State changes its name to University of Central Missouri.
- 2007:** Nebraska-Omaha accepted as 11th member of MIAA, to begin play in 2008-09. Southwest Baptist announces intention to play football as an independent in 2008. Ralph McFillen retires as commissioner, succeeded by Jim Johnson. MIAA office moves to Kansas City, Mo.

Jim Johnson, Commissioner

Jim Johnson became the third full-time commissioner in MIAA history when he succeeded Ralph McFillen on July 1, 2007.

He was the director of athletics at Texas A&M-Commerce from 2005-07. In his short time at the NCAA Division II school, which competes in the Lone Star Conference, Johnson spearheaded renovations to the football stadium, a new radio network, and a revamped web site for Lions athletics.

Johnson has been active in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) -- he was voted to the group's Executive Committee as a college division representative in June of 2006.

He also is involved within NCAA Division II as a member of the Membership Committee being selected as chair in 2006. He also served terms on the Division II Community Advisory Group, Division II Management Council, along with project teams for Championships Eligibility and Issues Related to Diversity.

Johnson spent nearly two years (2003-05) at what is now the University of Central Missouri as associate athletics director for development. While at UCM, he also was the institution's government relations director.

Johnson has experience in the NCAA national office. He was in member-



ship services from 1997-02, working as membership coordinator and Division II governance liaison. During this time, Johnson provided staff liaison support to the Division II Legislation Committee, Membership Committee, Management Council and Presidents Council.

He left the NCAA in 2002 to take a position as an intercollegiate athletics consultant with the law firm of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath and Lyman, PSC. As a consultant, he worked with many NCAA member institutions, as well as the NCAA Division II Conference Commissioner's Association and several Division II conferences.

A graduate of Tarleton (Texas) State University with a bachelor of business administration degree in 1988 and a master of education degree in 1991, Johnson's career in collegiate athletics began at the school in 1990.

He held a variety of positions in his seven years at TSU, including stints as assistant to the AD, men's athletics coordinator, and as head coach for both men's golf and women's volleyball. He was Tarleton's NCAA compliance coordinator from 1993-97, and actively involved in the school's move to NCAA Division II membership from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in 1994.

Jim and his wife, Cindy (a former athletics administrator and cross country student-athlete at UCM), have two sons -- Ely (7) and Riley (5).

Matt Newbery, Assistant to the Commissioner

Matt Newbery begins his 14th year with the conference, coordinating the league's media relations and statistics, as well as designing and editing of the association's publications.

Over the past 13 years, he has overseen the growth of the MIAA's sports information operation, including the implementation of a desktop publishing system and advanced information dissemination with a presence on the world wide web at the www.themiaa.com.

Six MIAA publications, the latest being the 2005-06 Winter Media Guide, have earned "Best in the Nation" status from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), and he's earned 15 other citations for excellence with publications produced for the conference.

Newbery came to the MIAA after four years as assistant sports information and marketing director at Pittsburg State University.

The department earned seven publication awards from CoSIDA for its work, including "Best in the Nation" for the 1992 Football Game Program and the 1994 Track & Field Media Guide, after he was put in charge of publications in January 1992.

Newbery also aided in promoting PSU's two Harlon Hill Award winners (Division II Football Player of the Year) in 1991 and 1992.

He also served as a volunteer assistant softball coach at PSU in 1993.

Newbery was assistant sports editor at the Pittsburg *Morning Sun* from 1988-89, after three years as a sports writer. He also worked at several Pittsburg-area radio stations from 1982-87.

Newbery graduated from PSU in 1990 with a bachelor of arts degree in communication. He's a member of CoSIDA and a regional coordinator of the Gene Upshaw Award for Division II Football Lineman of the Year. He also served as chairman of CoSIDA's Publications Contest Committee for five years.



Natasha Oakes, Assistant to the Commissioner/Senior Woman Administrator

Natasha Oakes became the MIAA's third full-time staff member on July 1, 2005, after beginning as an intern for the conference office the previous year.

She is responsible for assisting with internal operations of the conference office, coordinating rules compliance and eligibility within the MIAA, monitoring rules compliance issues and coordinate conference rules education. Oakes also coordinates the National Letter of Intent program the NCAA Coaches Recruiting Test program within the MIAA.

She also serves as primary liaison for the MIAA's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). During her internship, Oakes coordinated two leadership seminars within the conference, a program which continues under her guidance.

A May 2004 graduate of Emporia State University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, Oakes helped ESU athletics in event marketing and fund-raising, and assisted in administrative duties within the track program.

As a member of the ESU SAAC, Oakes served as the advertising chairperson in 2003, during which time she developed and distributed an athletics department newsletter. She also assisted in the promotion of ESU's efforts to celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day and coordinated National STUDENT-Athlete Day from 2002 to 2004.

Oakes was a national qualifier for the 2004 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships in the long jump and as a member of the 400-meter and 1600-meter relay teams. She placed ninth in the long jump at the national meet.

In 2005, she served as a volunteer assistant coach for jumpers at Johnson County (Kan.) Community College.

A native of Topeka, Kan., Oakes graduated from Highland Park High School in 1999 -- where she competed in track and field, volleyball and basketball.



Larry House, Coordinator of External Affairs

Larry House joined the MIAA staff in the summer of 2007 to assist in the marketing of the conference and its events, as well aid in the league's external affairs.

He brings 15 years of sales and marketing experience to his position. House has served as a consultant to several sports-related organizations in the areas of marketing and event management.

Currently, House is the Executive Director of the Greater Kansas City Basketball Coaches Association. He helps the organization conduct coaching clinics throughout the area, as well as its annual All-Star Game.

He is a former high school teacher and coach, working in both the Joplin (Mo.) and North Kansas City (Mo.) school districts.

House earned his bachelor of science in education and master of science in sports business administration at the University of Central Missouri. Larry and his wife, Anne, live in Lee's Summit, Mo.



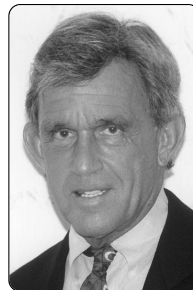
Ron Zetcher, Dir. of Basketball Officials

Ron Zetcher enters his 20th year of responsibility for the selection, evaluation, training and assignment of MIAA men's and women's basketball officials.

Zetcher began officiating basketball (along with football and baseball) in 1968, retiring in 2005. He worked the NCAA Division I Tournament each season from 1982-2005 and the NIT each season from 1980-2005. He also has called Big Eight, Metro and Missouri Valley Conference championship games.

He conducts basketball officiating clinics throughout the area to identify officials to work on the MIAA staff.

A 1964 graduate of Washington (Mo.) University, Zetcher has five daughters -- Stephanie, Jennifer, Kimberlie, Emilie, Jessica. He resides in O'Fallon, Mo.





Ken B. Jones Award – MIAA Student-Athlete of the Year

Men's Winner

**Ryan Meredith • Senior
Pittsburg State University
Football • Bartlesville, Okla.
3.915 undergraduate GPA as a management major**



2006-07 Athletics Accomplishments: Earned All-MIAA honors for a fourth consecutive season, garnering second-team all-conference recognition... Named to the second-team All-Southwest Region squad by Don Hansen's *Football Gazette*... Recorded 61 tackles (26 solo) with 9.5 tackles-for-loss and 6.0 quarterback sacks, helping Pitt State post a 10-2 record and claim a 35-27 victory in the 2006 Mineral Water Bowl over 23rd-ranked Bemidji State University... Ranked in a tie for third place in the MIAA in quarterback sacks... Recorded 3.5 quarterback sacks in the Mineral Water Bowl, earning Defensive MVP honors.

2006-07 Academic Accomplishments: Was the 2006 CoSIDA/ESPN *The Magazine Academic All-America*® of the Year for College Division Football... Earned first-team CoSIDA/ESPN *The Magazine Academic All-America*® honors for a third straight year... A national finalist for the Draddy Trophy (Academic Heisman)... A 2006 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete, receiving an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship... Earned All-A Scholastic Honors during the Fall 2006 semester... Graduated Summa Cum Laude in December.

2006-07 Campus/Community Service: Served as President of the PSU chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, organizing weekly meetings and activities... Spoke at several area high schools for FCA Youth Rallies... Led the college-aged Bible Study for his church... Also served in the nursery and on the worship team throughout the year... Involved in the 2006 Pittsburg YMCA Youth Football Clinic, sponsored by the PSU Football Team... A member of PSU's Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honors Society... Spoke at the Uniontown (Kan.) High School Baccalaureate, prior to the school's graduation ceremony.

Career Athletics, Academics and Service Accomplishments: A two-time NCAA Division II All-America defensive end — earned first-team All-America honors from Daktronics and second-team All-America honors from Football Gazette in 2004, helping the Gorillas post a 14-1 record and reach the NCAA-II National Championship Game; earned honorable mention All-America honors from Football Gazette in 2005, helping Pitt State post a 10-4 record and reach the NCAA-II National Quarterfinals... Earned honorable mention All-MIAA in 2003, first-team All-MIAA in 2004-05, second-team All-MIAA in 2006... Had 243 career tackles (126 solo) with 57.5 tackles-for-loss and 32.5 quarterback sacks in 53 career games... Ranks third all-time at PSU in career QB sacks... A two-year member of the MIAA All-Academic Team (2005-06)... Four-year President and five-year member of the PSU chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (2003-06)... Highly involved in the chapter's daily activities throughout college years, with numerous speaking engagements... Volunteered at a Bible Camp in Wisconsin in the Summer of 2005, helping with camp maintenance and upkeep... Also active in Pittsburg's YMCA Youth Football Clinics the past five years (2002-06).

Women's Winner

**Sarah Shearman • Senior
Truman State University
Volleyball • Manchester, Mo.
3.77 undergraduate GPA as a psychology major
4.00 graduate GPA as an education major**



2006-07 Athletics Accomplishments: A first-team All-American... Was named an American Volleyball Coaches Association First Team All-America for the second time in her career and third time named to an All-American squad by the AVCA... A third-team Daktronics All-America... First-team all-MIAA and MIAA Most Valuable Player... Was eighth in the MIAA in points per game (4.04), hitting percentage (.295) and kills (3.53)... Led the Bulldogs to a 36-2 overall record with a 13-0 conference mark and the conference tournament title... The Bulldogs were ranked number one in the nation for five weeks during the season by the AVCA Division II Coaches Poll and hosted the South Central Region tournament... Was named the Truman State University Female Student-Athlete of the Year.

2006-07 Academic Accomplishments: Was the fourth Bulldog ever to earn CoSIDA/ESPN *The Magazine Academic All-America*® first-team honors... Named to the first team CoSIDA/ESPN *The Magazine Academic All-District*® squad... Completed her undergraduate work after only three years with a bachelor of science degree in psychology last May with a 3.77 GPA and currently has a 4.00 graduate school grade point average... Using her fourth year to complete a masters degree in education... Named to the Vice President's Honor List (3.50 semester GPA) and President's Honor List (4.00 semester GPA) multiple times... Inducted into Kappa Delta Pi (future teachers' honor society).

2006-07 Campus/Community Service: Active member of the Campus Christian Fellowship (CCF) and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)... Spent spring break 2004 on service trip to Oklahoma City to repair youth campus damaged by tornados... Has spoken to Kirksville-area youth, including over 100 high school students at the fall FCA kickoff... Was a finalist for the FCA College Athlete of the Year for North Missouri... Last spring, she spent eight weeks as an after school reading tutor... During the summer she has been a volunteer care giver for the children of her church and a summer camp counselor at basketball and volleyball camps.

Career Athletics, Academics and Service Accomplishments: 2006 Ken B. Jones Award Finalist... A three-time AVCA All-American (First team in 2006 & 2005, second team in 2004)... 2003 AVCA National Freshman of the Year... Three-time AVCA All-Region... Honorable mention all-region AVCA in 2003 along with Freshman of the Year honors... A two-time NCAA Division II Elite Eight All-Tournament team... First team All-MIAA three times... 2003 MIAA Freshman of the Year... Truman's all-time leader in kills per game (3.97) and fifth in MIAA history with 1,875 kills and eighth in digs with 1,714... The Bulldogs went 136-14 during her four years winning three MIAA championships, four MIAA tournament titles, two NCAA Division II regional championships and appeared in the 2004 NCAA Division II Championship match.

The 2006-07 academic year was the 14th in which the top student-athletes have been honored in the MIAA with the Ken B. Jones Award. The winners are chosen by an 11-member panel representing each of the MIAA-member institutions, as well as the conference office. The group includes directors of athletics, senior woman administrators, faculty representatives, and sports information directors.

The panel judged the nominees on their athletic and academic accomplishments, along with any campus/community service during the 2006-07 year as well as their career.

Seven men and nine women were nominated, all completing at least their junior season of eligibility and holding a minimum GPA of 3.00 as of April 1, 2007.

The awards are named for the MIAA's first full-time commissioner (pictured top left), who retired in 1997 after 16 years of service to the conference, and passed away in May 2004 at age 74.

MIAA Ken B. Jones Student-Athlete of the Year Award Winners

Men		Women	
1993-94	Michael Obertop, SBU, Tennis	Becky Wilson, UMR, CC/Track & Field	
1994-95	Bob Poisal, UCM, Baseball	Shally Lundien, MSSU, Softball	
1995-96	Michael Dritein, WU, Football	Jenny Pracht, PSU, Basketball	
1996-97	Aaron Christensen, UCM, Baseball	Deandra Doubrava, ESU, VB/T&F*	
1997-98	Brian Moorman, PSU, Football/T&F†	Nikki Olberding, WU, Basketball	
1998-99	Brian Moorman, PSU, Football/T&F	Julie Cobb, UCM, Softball & Deandra Doubrava, ESU, Track & Field	
1999-2000	Jason Reinberg, TSU, Basketball	Leslie Dudley, PSU, Basketball	
2000-01	Matt Meyr, MSSU, Baseball & Clint Steiner, UCM, Football	Emily Bloss, ESU, Basketball	
2001-02	Tucker Woolsey, NWMSU, Track & Field	Jeanette Mott, PSU, CC/Track & Field	
2002-03	Mark Eori, SBU, Tennis*	Sarah Wuertz, ESU, Track & Field	
2003-04	Tyler Paul, ESU, Football	Kate Hamera, UMR, CC/Track & Field	
2004-05	Clint Prange, NWMSU, Track & Field	Sara Murray, TSU, Soccer	
2005-06	Josh Lamberson, NWMSU, Football	Kristin Anderson, UCM, Indoor T&F	
2006-07	Ryan Meredith, PSU, Football	Sarah Shearman, TSU, Volleyball	

*=won as a junior †=unanimous selection