



Macon Tigers

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian (and Students):

This letter is to inform you that your student has been nominated for the 2025 Joseph Baldwin Academy (JBA) hosted at Truman State University each summer. Your student's nomination was based on their academic standardized testing last spring. Students must score advanced in either the Math or ELA portion of the test to be nominated for this young scholars program. I have attached information about JBA for you and your student to review. You should receive an application package via email from the Academy with additional information regarding how to proceed if your student wishes to attend this program next summer. Packets should be emailed out towards the first week of November.

Since its inception in 1985, the JBA has grown to over 500 students each summer, representing many states. JBA offers highly-talented students a head start on their future university careers by allowing them to spend three weeks as college freshmen: they move into a residence hall, adapt to living with a roommate, eat dorm food, make new friends, attend classes, and work with Truman faculty. JBA provides motivated students with an educational experience that will change and stimulate them academically in ways that go beyond middle school curriculum. The primary goal of the program is for students to leave with an increased appreciation for the pleasures of intellectual engagement and the college experience.

Please note there are **strict deadlines** that must be adhered to for testing dates and applications as well as tuition fees. These deadlines include: **1) Nomination-** due October 23, 2024 (already completed by school counselor), and **2) Application-** due December 2, 2024 (priority date) and final date is January 8, 2025 (completed by student and parent- must request student transcripts to be sent by school counselor), **3) Acceptance-** notification of acceptance mid- March, 2025, and **4) Securing Course-** students accept placement and secure their course no later than April 1, 2025. More deadlines may be included in the email package you receive from the Academy. I would strongly encourage you to explore more about this program at <http://jba.truman.edu/>. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Thank you,

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Middle School Counselor