

# BEYOND THE CAMPFIRE

May 2026 Edition

TOP NEWS 

## LONG TIME NO SEE, WE'RE BACK FROM THE GRAVE!

It's been quite a while since we've been able to get a newsletter out! We miss being able to connect with Alumni! SAB is shaking off some dust and getting back in the groove, so stay tuned for more updates in the future!

Elijah Schmidt & Lizzie Wingrath;  
Fall '25 New Mems



Eliana Steinman & Krista Baker;  
*Journey Through the Myths*

Abby Raker, Class of '26; Kayden Alderman, Class of '25



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Alumni!

I am so incredibly excited to be bringing you the newest edition of ***Beyond The Campfire!*** One of my passion projects as President is to reconnect The Student Activities Board to our Alumni. As I'm sure you know, SAB members tend to be some of the busiest people around, so it's been quite some time since our last formal update. Our board is experiencing some big transitions, and we believe now is a great time to reconnect with the generations of members who helped us get to where we are today.

The last few years have been full of growth. We are continuing to produce engaging and high quality entertainment, but we are also pursuing more intricate professional development. Former SAB President and senior, Abby Raeker, recently made proactive changes to our board structure, allowing us to be more strategic with how our portion of the Activities Fee is allocated to events. We are fortunate to have earned a class of enthusiastic, driven, and resilient Fall '25 & Spring '26 new members who are ready to take on this new planning approach.

Alongside the growth we've been seeking, external change has been inevitable. This August, our Advisor Rebecca Conover will be departing from us. She has been an incredible asset to the Board and we are forever grateful for her wisdom, professionalism, and odd ringtones. With her absence in mind, we've been reflecting on the value of having a long-term mentor. We often hear stories of Winston and hope to eventually find a second support system again. We are always looking for ways to re-incorporate that level of mentorship into our structure to help our Board grow as event planners and professionals.

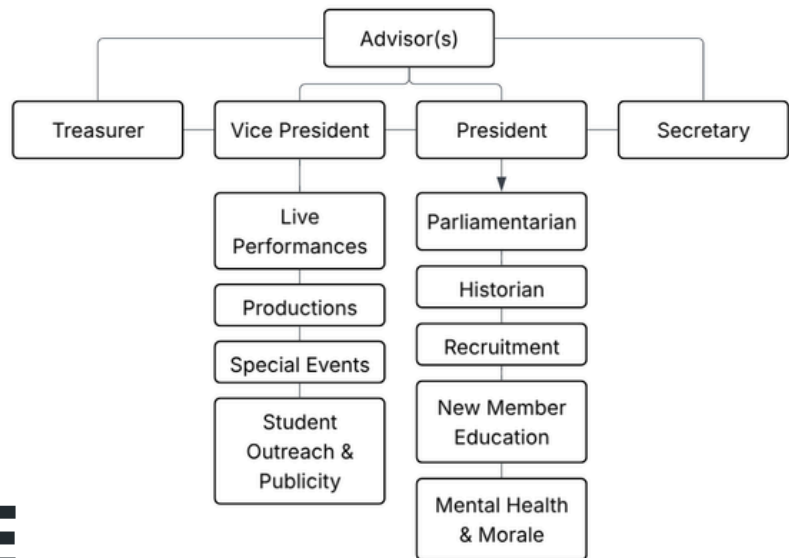
I am dedicated to reigniting Alumni connections, and I invite you to visit SAB if you are back on campus. You are always welcome to stop by our office, sit in on a board meeting, or hang out with us at events during Homecoming this October!

Your dedication and love for SAB have gotten us so far, and we are beyond appreciative for the hard work you've put in to pave this path for us. I hope to see or hear from any of you soon. Have a wonderful day!

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# COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

At the end of the 2025 Fall semester, 25–26 President Abby Raeker posed the following questions to our Constitutional Review Committee:

“Does our current structure best **utilize available resources** to meet student programming needs?”

“Does our current structure allow us to plan the **highest quality** of programming within our means?”

“Would a new proposed structure be able to accomplish these goals better than the current structure?”

Her concerns were sparked from a thorough analysis of movie event attendance and increasing costs of movie rights. Acknowledging that Truman’s low student population and the rise of streaming services have had an attendance impact outside of SAB’s direct control, the fact remains that movie events are phasing out. Since the analysis mentioned that comedians similarly presented low attendance and increasing costs, the allocation of the budget to this committee no longer made sense.

To combat these issues, the most logical approach was to reduce the number of committees to four, allowing us to distribute more members and money to each and increases our flexibility with the events we can plan. The results from the restructuring scratched Concerts and ComFi and added a Live Performances committee (redirecting any movie events to Productions, and concerts and comedians to Live Performances). Additionally, Communication & Development was renamed to “Student Outreach & Publicity” to better allocate resources to connecting with the student body, as board development now falls under the Executive committee.

You can read the Committee Reorganization Plan [here](#).

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Many exciting events have taken place across the last year!  
Here are some examples. Please visit <https://sab.truman.edu/past-events/> to  
view lists of our previous events.

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**Fall 2025 Comedian**  
SAB welcomed  
Dulce Sloan to  
Truman, bringing  
laughs and fun  
memories!



3

**Inflatafest**  
Inflatables brought  
students some  
much needed stress  
relief with fun  
included!



2

**Whole Lotta Color**  
The Productions  
committee brought  
an event where  
students created  
their own bags  
inspired by Black  
artists!



4

**The Grand Finale**  
The Ex-Officio  
members of SAB  
brought an ABBA  
Tribute Band to  
campus, along with  
Stuff-A-Plush and a  
raffle for students to  
enjoy before leaving  
for the semester!

5

**Earth-A-Palooza**  
SAB welcomed bands Almost  
Monday, Pom Pom Squad, and  
Silvertongue to campus,  
creating a fun spring concert  
where students were also able  
to enjoy yard games, food, and  
crafts!

# 25-26 EVENT RECAPS

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# MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



**Paxton**

## PAXTON KOCH

For the month of January, Paxton was selected for our Member of the Month. After some unforeseen circumstances, Paxton stepped up as a leader for the Productions committee for the remainder of their events this semester.

Major: Chemistry & Pre-Med  
Other Involvements: Delta Chi, ROTC, Student Ambassador, FSL Team



**Emily**

## EMILY MORROW

February's MOTM was Emily! Emily was selected for her dedication to SAB and her passion for planning events. Her committee is astounded by her proactivity in planning as she is working very hard on her Fall events.

Major: Psychology & Social Issue Advocacy  
Other Involvement: Delta Phi Epsilon, Psychology Club



**Emelia**

## EMELIA MACEDOINE

Emelia was our pick for March's Member of the Month for her stellar work behind the scenes of Drag. Alongside contributions to Greek Week and her sorority, Emelia exemplified dedication to her involvements and to SAB.



Major: Political Science & History  
Other Involvements: Sigma Kappa

# OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

## AS WE LOOK AHEAD...

Our focus is to build upon the strong foundation of SAB by working toward better intentionality and professionalism. By refining our internal structure to better support our members, we are crafting leaders who will bring more diverse and high-quality entertainment to the Truman State student body. It's an exciting time to be a part of SAB.

I am so proud to be leading this team. Their dedication to the board and their ability to have fun along the way is truly reflective of SAB's legacy of resilience.

We ride together  
We die together  
SAB for Life!  
-KT  

### FALL DATES

SEP. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day
SEP. 22-23	Fly High With SAB
SEP. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hypnotist
OCT. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Oktoberfest
OCT. 19-24	Homecoming Week
DEC. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holiday Lights

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