



Birthday celebrations

- August is the most common birth month for Americans
October 5th is the most common birth date
- 2 billion birthday cards are given each year in the United States
- An average of 15 million people worldwide celebrate their birthday every day

*according to mybabyexperience.com

Students celebrate birthdays at school

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Before coming to college, freshman Kate Pillen had never celebrated a birthday away from home.

Students find ways to make their birthday celebrations special even when away from friends and family.

Pillen's birthday, Feb. 21, fell on a Tuesday, so she had to go through her busy daily routine and was unable to go home to see her family.

She got three calls at exactly midnight and calls from family members singing "Happy Birthday," she said.

While she appreciated the birthday wishes from friends and family back home, she said it wasn't the same as being there.

"Getting a call or text is always really nice, but seeing someone in person, face to face, is a little more intimate," she said.

Being at college and away from family has its benefits. For freshman Liz Marler's first birthday away from family on Feb. 13, she celebrated with friends — for an entire week.

Normally, Marler wouldn't spend a week celebrating her birthday, but this year, she said she celebrated each night with a different group of friends and different activities ranging from a pre-birthday sleepover, getting serenaded by True Men and receiving more than a dozen cards and packages from friends and family.

Junior Hannah Oberlohr said she agrees that not seeing family is the biggest difference when it comes to celebrating birthdays at school, but she enjoys the independence of being away from home.

"It's almost more fun, even

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1. Take advantage of Kirksville hotels. Rent a room with your friends, and pick a hotel with a pool for swimming.
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3. Go watch trains at the Train Bridge at night.
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5. Get a free cupcake from Ruby Tuesday.

*Suggestions from Truman State Students

though we're in Kirksville, because the focus is being with your friends," she said.

This year, Oberlohr said she got the best of both worlds when her siblings came to Kirksville to help her celebrate her 21st birthday on Feb. 10. They rented a hotel room, swam in the hotel's pool and went to the bars in town. Oberlohr said she was also able to introduce her family to one of her favorite birthday spots — the train bridge.

After the festivities with her family, Oberlohr said she still had plenty of time to celebrate with her friends. One of her friends threw a birthday party for her in his house.

Oberlohr said she likes being surrounded by friends and coming up with birthday ideas on her own.

"You've just got to be creative," she said. "There are things to do in Kirksville, so don't get discouraged."

Junior Taylor Wilson didn't get to spend her 21st birthday on Feb.

15, with her family, but being away from family is nothing new for her.

Wilson's brother was stationed in Nevada, Mo. for training for deployment to Afghanistan during her birthday. Since he began training, she said they haven't been able to talk as much. Wilson didn't get to see her brother during her birthday, but she said he still found a way to make the day special by sending flowers.

"We're really good friends so I wish he could've been here, but it was nice he was able to send flowers," she said.

Despite missing her friends and family, Wilson said she had a good birthday because of the network of friends at school that are family.

"My friends here are like family, so it's a lot of fun," Wilson said.

Wilson said her roommates always have a gift or a cake for her. These small gestures help make Truman a home away from home.

Student finds ways to serve

Sophomore keeps working toward global health equality

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Sophomore Jabari Allen is pursuing his passion despite a temporary defeat.

Allen petitioned the Center for Student Involvement to create a Truman State chapter of Timmy Global Health, a high school and collegiate organization dedicated to creating global health equity and sustainability. After the CSI denied his petition, Allen continued to work with other campus organizations to improve global health.

Allen is a pre-med psychology student and said he has been interested in health for years. At the beginning of this year, Allen was looking for a way to make a difference. When some friends who are members of the Timmy chapter at Washington University in St. Louis told him about it, he began to research the organization.

Allen found out chapters organize a medical brigade once a year and travel to an impoverished community in Latin America or Sub-Saharan Africa. Chapters provide their supplies and organize medical personnel to travel to a medical facility and continue to visit until it is self-sustaining.

Allen began recruiting friends who might want to join the club, including sophomore Tess Osborne. She said she was interested in the travel opportunities the club offered that made it unlike other campus organizations.

"[Timmy Global Health] actually gives students the opportunity to go out and get first hand experience," Osborne said.

Timmy appealed to Osborne because of the emphasis it placed on advancing medical sustainability abroad and at home. These were the characteristics Osborne said she and Allen tried to emphasize when they applied to CSI.

"We both do advocacy, but we have a bigger role in raising funds and supplies to send to our specific location that we are assigned," Osborne said. "We do a lot more sustainability, especially when we go when we do the brigades. I felt like that contributes a lot to sustainability that GlobeMed did not."

Graduate student Matt Kennedy, Service and Leadership program adviser, said the original application, and this semester's, were denied because of overlap with pre-existing campus organizations.

"When we look at [applicants] we want to make sure the group is sustainable and unique on Truman's campus, or if there are ways of doing what they are trying to do within the confines of something we already have on campus," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said Timmy was denied because it shares the same mission as GlobeMed, and overlapped with the goals and activities of American Medical Student Association, Students for Social Change and the Nursing Association.

Kennedy said five organizations were denied out of the nine that applied this semester. Allen said that while he was disappointed, he said he understood and began looking for other ways to serve.

Allen took CSI's advice and joined GlobeMed this semester because of the similarities it had with Timmy. He said he has enjoyed learning more about global health and what he can do to make a difference. Allen said the organizations are different because Truman's GlobeMed hasn't taken a trip abroad yet, and Timmy plans trips every year. Allen said their missions to achieve global health equity are overall similar.

"GlobeMed ideals are the same, but they operate a little bit differently," Allen said. "I still get to put my passion toward the exact same thing in GlobeMed, but there are so many global health problems that two global medical organizations on one campus couldn't hurt."

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