Faculty up at academy

Writing contest creates bonds

Truman students find support in groups as they participate in NaNoWriMo

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This month, Truman’s most avid writers are challenging themselves to write 50,000 words in 30 days. Writing an average of more than 1,000 words a day — can be overwhelming, but with the support of fellow writers, novices can handle and even enjoy the challenge.

National Novel Writing Month is organized by the Office of Letters and Light, a national literacy and advocacy group. The idea for NaNoWriMo came about in 1999 when author NaNoWriMo founder, author Kevin J. Anderson, read about a group of his students who were writing 50,000 words in 30 days — can be overwhelming, but with the support of fellow writers, novices can handle and even enjoy the challenge. The primary focus, though, is not on the novel itself but on the group experience.