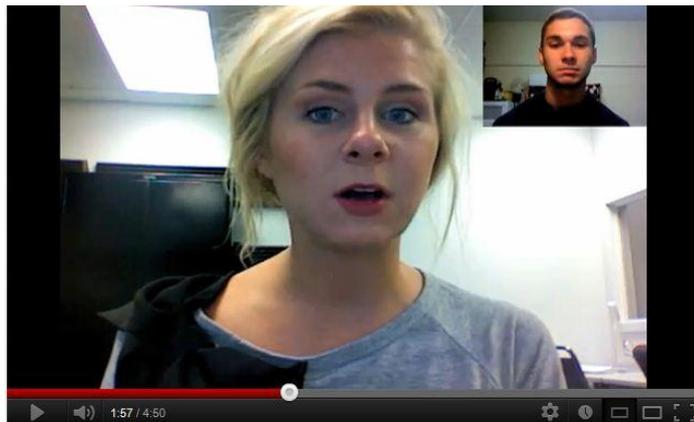


## October 2012 Edition



[Click here](#) to see this month's video. The ARC's video intern, Jennifer Greb, introduces parents to four Bellarmine Freshmen and their dilemmas. She offers some sound advice!

### 99% of the Freshmen Class Complete MAP-Works Survey

MAP-Works (Making Achievement Possible) is a new Bellarmine initiative this year. The survey is designed to assess students' transition to college more holistically than grades alone. MAP-Works covers areas such as connecting with others, study habits, and financial stability. To see some results, analysis, and what a student's MAP-Works report looks like, [click here](#).



### The Bursar's Office is Now Paperless!

The Bursar's Office has taken one more step to reduce our Carbon Footprint. As of August 1, 2012, we no longer mail student account statements. Your student's Bellarmine University email is the official email address. All communication regarding statements and charges will be sent to this email address. Text messaging can also be set up for users via our online services. [Click here](#) for more information from the Bursar's office regarding viewing statements and setting up authorized users to view statements.

### **Mid-term Grades: From the Academic Resource Center**

Professors of 100- and 200-level courses report on students' performance in the form of mid-term grades. In mid-October, mid-term grades will be mailed to those students who signed the FERPA waiver. Primarily designed for freshmen, this process allows students to gain a sense of their overall progress in their academic coursework. Since the grades represent approximately the first third of required assignments, there is still significant time remaining in the semester for students to make improvements by changing study habits. Freshman advisors will review mid-term grades on an individual basis with their advisees, making recommendations and offering encouragement. As you discuss your child's mid-term grades with him or her, keep in mind some thoughts regarding several mid-term grade "profiles." [Click here](#) to read more about the "profiles."

### **Withdrawal Symptoms: What Parents Should Know about Student Withdrawal from Classes**

Now that most students have completed the first big wave of tests, students who achieved a less-than-desirable grade may be wondering what to do next. But before your student decides to throw in the towel and withdraw from the class, it is important that he or she carefully consider the situation. To read important info from Erica Osborne, Developmental Advisor for the ARC, about the consequences of withdrawal, [click here](#).

### **Roommate "Honeymoon" Over?**

During the first month or so of the semester, residents start to realize that their roommate is not exactly what they expected. Their conversations at the beginning of the semester may have seemed to cover everything that roommates would come to expect from each other, but then unique circumstances start coming up: sharing food and who's paying for it, lights out, having guests over, sharing personal items, or "he said/she said" situations. [Click here](#) to see how Residence Life can resolve the discord!



*On September 12<sup>th</sup>, students, faculty, and ResLife staff mingled at the "Major Mixer."*

### **"So, are you like an RA for academic stuff?"**

#### **Layne Porta, APA, overviews Bellarmine's Academic Peer Advocate program**

For the first time in Bellarmine history, there is an Academic Peer Advocate on every floor in the first year residence halls. The staff has more than doubled this year from six to thirteen. In light of this momentous accomplishment, [Layne explains the roles the APAs play in the lives of your students.](#)



*On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Pioneer mentors discussed professor expectations with Pioneer Scholars.*

### **Updates from Pioneer Scholars and Galileo Learning Community**

Two important groups on campus this year, Pioneer Scholars and Galileo Learning Community, both report strong attendance and participation in programs and events so far. “Pioneers” has completed four successful events and boasts almost 200 active and involved members. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, first-generation faculty and staff will join the Pioneers to share their experiences and stories of success. The Galileo Learning Community (GLC), a new venture this year for Bellarmine, reports that 98 students are active in the program and enjoy learning experiences inside and outside the classroom. [Click here](#) for more GLC updates.



*On August 25<sup>th</sup>, GLC students participated in Knights in Action day of service with their Freshman Focus class.*

### **Residence Life Continues the “Hall-O-Treats” Tradition**

Residence Life hosts this event for local children to trick-or-treat in a safe environment. For residents, there will be a hall-decoration contest among the Siena floors, a banner-decoration contest among Petrik & Anniversary floors, and Kennedy-Newman will compete to decorate the best lobby/classroom space in the Siena Complex. [Click here](#) to find out more and how your student can be involved.

### **A Balancing Act: An Update on Student Athletes from the Athletic Advisors**

**By: Andrew Schroeder and Erin Burke**

Our semester is in full swing and so are our athletic programs. Fall sports are off to a great start and the winter and spring teams are conditioning and practicing. [Click here](#) to see how Erin and Andrew help student athletes succeed in their demanding role.

### **Campus Ministry Celebrates *Utsaw* and Plans the Blessing of the Animals and Sukkot**

[Click here](#) to see how busy Campus Ministry has been and what else they have planned for the semester.



*On September 1<sup>st</sup>, students and facilitators participated in the Franciscan Spirituality Retreat at Mount Saint Francis.*

### **Hey, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois! Out of State Students can use TurboVote to Sign-up for Absentee Voting A Message from Helen-Grace Ryan, Dean of Students**

As the 2012 Presidential Election approaches, Bellarmine University has been making efforts to garner student voters. One such effort has been to develop a partnership with TurboVote. TurboVote is a non-partisan service that makes the processes of registration and absentee voting simple and modern for college students. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **An Invitation to Family Weekend from Junior Clare Gandenburger, Family Weekend Chair**

Ladies! Gentleman! Siblings and relatives of all ages! This October 19th through the 21st, Bellarmine University welcomes our students and their families to The Big Top to participate in the greatest family weekend on earth! A circus full of fun awaits you, featuring a movie night, scavenger hunt, service project, hypnotist, and delicious meals. And be sure to watch the spectacular circus performance on Saturday night. Please register online at <http://www.bellarmino.edu/familyweekend/>.



*Students wait for their turn in the students' annual Bellarmine Mud-volleyball Tourney.*

### **Rhodes' Reads: The Last Lecture**

This month, Dr. Fred Rhodes, Vice President for Student Affairs, selected a book that is touching and personal to anyone involved in higher education. Dr. Rhodes has a few words to share about his selection:

"I have selected "The Last Lecture" a moving and insightful book by Randy Pausch. I read this book about two years ago and have kept several of the principles in mind as I approach my role at Bellarmine each day. I have also thought about what I would say, what words of encouragement and words of wisdom I would want to share with the wonderful students at Bellarmine if I were giving my last lecture. Dr. Pausch's last lecture is filled with witty and inspirational stories of his life and journey as a professor. There is a message and story in all of us. The challenge is often when, where and how will I leave my story, my legacy. Enjoy the read and discussion with family and friends."



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### **Do you or your student have a question about?**

Living in the residence halls?

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Trouble with a class, an assignment, or making a change in class schedules?

Dr. Catherine Sutton, Dean of Advising and Director of Academic Resource Center; 502-272-8062, csutton@bellarmine.edu

How to find something fun to do on campus?

Elizabeth Cassady, Director of Student Activities; 502-272-8477, [ecassady@bellarmine.edu](mailto:ecassady@bellarmine.edu)

Financial Aid?

Jennifer Likes, 502-272-8134, [jlikes@bellarmine.edu](mailto:jlikes@bellarmine.edu)

Work-study?

Alie Willer, 502-272-7923, [awiller@bellarmine.edu](mailto:awiller@bellarmine.edu)

Getting a terrific summer job or internship?

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Todd Reale, Assistant Dean, Career Services and Experiential Learning; 502-272-8242, [treale@bellarmine.edu](mailto:treale@bellarmine.edu)

Joining an intramural sports team?

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What to do when sick or injured?

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Who to talk to about personal problems?

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Studying abroad?

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Spiritual programs, service, or faith-based networks?

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Disability Accommodations?

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A more general question about life on campus?

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