

**Bellarmino University Athletic Department
2005-06 Student-Athlete Handbook**

Section 1: Bellarmine Athletic Philosophy Statement

Throughout the history of the institution, Bellarmine has concentrated on creating for its students opportunities that will become an integral part of the education and development of the "whole student". The University firmly believes that athletics has a very important role to play in this regard and as such has great interest in the student's physical well-being and development. As a consequence, athletic programs are designed that will benefit the entire student body.

The growth of athletic activities and facilities over the years has provided the University the opportunity to develop an athletic program that compliments the academic program of the University, providing quality athletics with quality academics, while providing opportunities for the students to enrich their talents in the area of leadership, cooperation and fair play.

The diversification of the athletic activities can be found in the intramural, recreational, club sport or intercollegiate programs being offered. This variety of activities allows a degree of competitiveness so that each student can find his/her level of participation an enjoyable experience, while meeting and socializing with as many fellow students as possible. There are assorted awards offered in the various programs, but the real reward for any student is opportunity to participate with some degree of efficiency, success and enjoyment.

Bellarmino offers students, through these athletic activities, a valuable co-curricular experience as part of student campus life. The premise is that these activities will provide every student moral, social, physical and education values. The ultimate goal is that during an academic year, something special is offered each student as an opportunity to participate at his/her level of interest and physical capabilities.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Bellarmino University admits qualified students of any age, gender, sexual orientation, race, disability, color, religion, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, disability, color, religion, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletics and other school administered programs. Bellarmine University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.