

Class of 2015



Click on the image above to watch a video collage of how the Class of 2015 spent their first year!

From the Bursar's Office: New Billing Procedures

Beginning this summer, Bellarmine University will be introducing a [new payment due date, estimated billing and paperless billing](#) for all undergraduate students. [Click here](#) and make sure you read all about the new billing procedures.

Taking Care of Business: Summer Jobs at BU

Every summer the Facilities Department hires students to work as casual labor for a variety of their crews. These are young people who need to earn money over the summer for college. Some of these students have been working steadily over the past four summers. It's a classic win-win situation. To read more about these positions, [click here](#).

Rockin' the Residence Halls—Spring Check Out and Summer Housing

Halls close for the semester on Thursday, May 3rd at 8pm. [Get all the current information](#) about how students will check out for the spring semester and proper procedures for moving into residence halls for the summer.

It's Always a Good Time to Think about Studying Abroad!

Summer is a perfect time for students to think about studying abroad whether for an academic year, semester, summer, or winter! Summer Break is a time for students to research the different programs and locations to choose what kind of experience they hope to have while [studying abroad](#).

Supplementing Your Summer: Student Enrichment Outside the Box

The best thing for students to do over the summer is anything to enrich their background or transcripts, but many of them have to work. That's no reason they should be inhibited from doing engaging things that will inspire them and make them more competitive in their fields. [Read advice](#) about this topic from Dr. Catherine Sutton, Dean of Academic Advising.

This Summer Students Can Eat Their Body Weight in Ice Cream...Or They Can Gain a Few Credits: Summer Courses and Summer Grants

Have a student who is interested in getting ahead on some course, looking to fulfill course requirements, wanting to get caught up because s/he changed majors, or needs to focus on challenging courses? Have your student consider taking a summer course at Bellarmine. For information about summer courses and how to get summer grants for them, [click here](#).

Summer Class at Another School

If your student chooses to take summer classes, it's almost always advisable for him or her to stay at BU for a summer term; however, sometimes circumstances prevent your student from taking courses at BU. Perhaps s/he got a stellar summer internship back home, or simply wants to spend a little more time with family before ramping up to a new year. These choices shouldn't deter students from taking the summer classes they need. Students can take summer classes at other universities. But there are a few steps they should make sure to take before registering. [Click here to find out](#) how students can take summer classes elsewhere.

The GRE? Make Sure Your Student is Prepared

Many students will need to take the GRE (Graduate Requisite Exam) over the summer or fall in order to begin applying to some of BU's pre-professional programs or to graduate schools. The individual schools will direct students as to what is required. Students should begin preparing at least two months in advance of their scheduled test date, and Bellarmine's Academic Resource Center recommends they use *The Official Guide to the GRE® revised General Test*. This book, free practice materials (including downloadable software), and all the other info you need about the GRE is [available online](#). BU offers free eight-week prep courses in the spring and fall. For other questions, call the Academic Resource Center at 272-7400.

"A Parents' Guide to Career Development"

An article posted on JobWeb by author Thomas J. Denham suggests the following ten tips for parents who want to help their sons and daughters with career development. [Click here](#) for the full article, or [click here to see a checklist](#), customized to BU students by Todd Reale, Assistant Dean, Career Services and Experiential Learning [Additional information in brackets is specific to Bellarmine University.]

Alternative Spring Break Demonstrates Dedication to Service

Six students, Franciscan Friar Fr. John Pozhathuparambil, and Benedictine Sister Michelle Sinkhorn were accompanied by Hannah Piechowski, Assistant Director of Residence Life and Melanie-Prejean Sullivan, Director of Campus Ministry to Lake Charles, Louisiana for Alternative Spring Break. The team worked with *Project Build a Future*, a building program which originated in the city after Hurricane Rita ravaged the area. Each year for the past 6 years, a team of students and staff from Bellarmine has returned to work on rebuilding and refurbishing homes and lawns.

Each evening, the team spends time in prayer and reflection on the experiences of the day, the trip, the southwest Louisiana culture and hospitality, and the meaning of servant leadership.

This photo is taken on the front porch of Nicole Miller Austin, the Director of the Project. The knight on the porch greets us each year as we have an evening meal in her home with her family—jambalaya and various local delicacies.

"It's encouraging to return to this community, year after year and to see the growth and improvement. It's clear the community is still struggling to rebuild and it's rewarding to be part of that recovery," says Sarah Hoffeditz, Senior who had been twice before returning in 2012.

"This year we went to the Gulf of Mexico and stopped off at the Sabine/Creole Nature Trail on the way back. The alligators, wild boar and marine fowl were plentiful again. For the first few years after the hurricane, the salt water which came ashore had destroyed so many habitats that it felt almost like a dead zone. The grasses are green again and the wildlife seems to have recovered." –Melanie-Prejean Sullivan.

Commencement Information

During the May 2012 commencement, [Bellarmine will bestow two honorary degrees](#); Kentucky Governor , Steve Beshear, and Indiana Governor, Mitch Daniels will both receive honorary doctorates in law. For all the information you need about commencement—dates, times, tickets, photography—[click here](#)

Alum-Knights

Students who graduate from Bellarmine University are welcomed into a strong, active Alumni Association with over 20,000 members both regionally and around the world. [Read more](#) about BU's amazing alumni association from Peter Kremer, Class of 2002, and Executive Director of the Alumni Association.

BU Graduate Programs

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Rhodes' Reads: *Have a Little Faith*

The last book for this academic year that I recommend for parents is Mitch Albom's *Have a Little Faith*. This book tells the age old story of how our hearts need to be a vital part of our thinking. For many of us the need to infuse our hearts with our thoughts and actions is a lesson we need to learn and practice in all that we do. This story of faith, hope and service reminds all of us our need to embrace our unique gifts and to look for and appreciate the many gifts of others.

I look forward to seeing all of our new and returning students in August.



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Do you or your student have a question about?

Living in the residence halls?

Leslie Maxie-Ashford, Director, Residence Life; 502-272-7273, lmaxie-ashford@bellarmine.edu

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

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How to find something fun to do on campus?

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Financial Aid?

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Workstudy?

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Getting a terrific summer job or internship?

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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?

Dr. Gary Petiprin, Director of Counseling Center; 502-272-8480, gpetiprin@bellarmine.edu

Studying abroad?

Erica Ward, Interim Study Abroad Advisor; 502-272-8479, eward@bellarmine.edu

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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