

BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY

On Campus

for Bellarmine Families



Dear Bellarmine Families,

Welcome back to Bellarmine and to this new newsletter, designed to keep you posted on the important academic events and opportunities that await our students this year.

Bellarmine provides students an environment of academic excellence, ethical awareness and valuable connections with peers, professors, professionals, the community and the world to help them prepare for successful lives of leadership and service.

You play an important role in encouraging your students to take full advantage of the unique opportunities that college has to offer. Students have opportunities not only to fully discover Bellarmine, the local community, and this region, but also the global community -- through professional internships, study abroad and other mind-expanding experiences.

We hope this newsletter will keep you up to date on the many opportunities, events and developments on our campus during the coming academic year. Please let us hear from you, too. We hope this will be a valuable conversation as your students discover the good of this campus, and the best of themselves.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph J. McGowan

Bellarmine Welcomes Class of 2012!

The Bellarmine Community welcomes 567 new students in the class of 2012 to campus. Not only is the size of the class impressive, but, also the unique backgrounds and talents these students possess. With an average ACT score of 24 and an average high school GPA of 3.46, these students are among the most successful in their high schools. They come to us from 24 states and several foreign countries, and in fact, over 40% of the class resides out of state-- the largest out of state percentage Bellarmine has ever enrolled. The residence halls opened at capacity with 72% of the class residing on campus. The class is also the most ethnically diverse class, with over 13% students of color -- double the number in last year's class. We are very proud of these achievements, as it builds on our efforts to attract students from all backgrounds and locations.

Highlights on the Hill: Construction Updates and Top Awards for

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4:

Student Organization Involvement Fair, on the Quad, 11 am

September 5:

Last day to change from Audit to Credit, or in reverse or letter grade to pass/fail at Registrar's office

September 5:

Louisville Connections: Professional cooking lessons, Caio Chow, 5:30pm

September 10:

SuRF Open House, SuRF Center, 4-6pm

September 17:

Non-profit Internship & Volunteer Fair, on the Quad, 10am-2pm

September 18:

Kip Fulbeck, guest lecturer and author as featured on CNN, Cralle Theater, 8pm.

September 19:

Last Day to register for Internship, Independent Study, Contract Course, or Music Lesson at the Registrar's Office; last day for 75% tuition refund.

September 25-26:

Tuition due at Bursar's Office.

September 26:

Sadie Hawkins dance, Frazier Hall, 9pm

October 3:

Bellarmine Birthday Bash on the Quad, 11am

October 11-14:

Bellarmino University!

Returning and new students will no doubt notice the construction zones around campus. Scheduled for completion in early December are the \$1.5 million Miles Hall expansion with 4 new classrooms, 11 new faculty offices, and expanded restroom facilities -- and the completely new, \$8.5 million Siena Secondo residence hall with 146 new beds. Still in the design stages but scheduled for groundbreaking in 2009 are Sienna Quattro with 120 new beds and complete resident amenities, and a multi-use parking structure with a direct connection to Knights Hall. On the horizon, the \$40 million Horrigan Cluster will give students, staff, and faculty expanded and updated "living space" for work and play.

This summer, Bellarmine was nationally recognized for the excellence and innovation of its programming. We have been named No. 83 in the best colleges and universities in the nation in the first-ever rankings by Forbes magazine. The number 83 ranking places Bellarmine as just one of two Kentucky institutions to make the top 100. The rankings include 569 undergraduate institutions. ([more](#))... Bellarmine University has also been selected by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to receive the Wal-Mart College Success Award—a \$100,000 grant to help build on Bellarmine's demonstrated successes in enrolling, retaining, and graduating first-generation college students. ([more](#)) ...According to The Princeton Review, Bellarmine University is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education. The New York-based education services company known for its test-prep courses features the college in the just-published 2009 edition of its annual book, "The Best 368 Colleges" ([more](#))

Primer for Parents: Understanding FERPA

Many parents have heard the term "FERPA" used but may have never been told exactly what it means. FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, also known as the Buckley Amendment. This federal law protects the privacy of students' educational records. This includes information about students' grades, class schedules, and judicial files. We fully understand the often difficult position parents are in when considering their student's future and their student's academic track; however, only under special circumstances, or when a student has given written consent, is this information released. As a consistent practice we highly encourage students to establish and maintain communication with their parent(s) so that you remain informed. More information about [FERPA](#), is available at the [Department of Education website](#).

The Center for Campus Ministry and Service (CCMS) oversees all faith-based initiatives on campus, encouraging students *to live and grow in faith and service*. While deliberately promoting our Catholic identity, we are equally dedicated to ecumenical and interfaith experiences through faith-based organizations and events. Mass in Our Lady of the Woods Chapel is celebrated on Sunday evenings at 6; throughout the week, daily prayer, scripture studies, and social activities also welcome new participants. We also promote service throughout the year, by organizing domestic Alternative Spring Break trips. Our office is located in Horrigan Hall, room 113 and our telephone number is 502-452-8051.

Fall Break

Do you or your student have a question about?

Living in the residence halls?

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

Dr. Catherine Sutton, Dean of Advising and Director; 502-452-8071, csutton@bellarmine.edu

How to find something fun to do on campus?

Sarah Fromm, Assistant Director of Student Activities; 452-8433, sfromm@bellarmine.edu

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; 502-452-8480, gpetiprin@bellarmine.edu

Is your student considering graduate or professional school?

Although graduation seems far away during the junior year, the time will fly. For those considering going straight into a graduate program after graduation, the Career Center suggests the following timeline. These guidelines will assist you in asking about your student's progress during the junior and senior years. Assistance is also available in the Career Center, Academic Resource Center (ARC) and academic departments.

Junior Year:

1. Begin to investigate graduate programs and professional schools.
2. Speak to Career Center advisors and professors about possible career directions and relevant graduate degree programs.
3. Shadow a professional within your intended field of work to get insight into the field.
4. Join pre-professional organizations on campus, such as the Pre-Law Society or the Pre-Physical Therapy Club.
5. Begin to research programs and check on admission requirements, graduate test requirements and prerequisite coursework.
6. Plan to take appropriate graduate school exam: GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, GRE, DCAT. Prep courses for these exams are highly recommended.
7. Budget for taking exams and application fees: GRE \$140; MCAT \$210; DAT \$190; LSAT \$127 + LSDAS \$117; PCAT \$125. All fees subject to change.
8. Plan campus visits for summer.

Senior Year:

1. Prioritize your programs and schools.
2. Identify the schools where you will be competitive for admission.
3. Request viewbooks and applications.
4. Watch for graduate school application deadlines and prepare in advance.
5. Develop an understanding of how your academic and co-curricular experiences set you apart from other candidates.
6. Identify faculty members to ask for
7. Research sources of financial aid.
8. Utilize services in the Career Center and/or Academic Resource Center to prepare your Statement of Purpose.
9. Ask a faculty member, career counselor and/or graduate admissions advisor to read your essays and provide feedback. Take their advice!
10. Ask faculty for letters of recommendation. Provide faculty with a copy of your transcript, each program's recommendation form, your statement of purpose and a current resume.
11. Arrange for your official transcript to be sent to each program to which you apply. Request that the Registrar hold your transcript until the fall semester grades are in.
12. Applications for graduate assistantships, fellowships and other sources of financial aid may require a separate application.
13. Keep a copy of your applications and other admissions materials

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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for each school, including dates submitted and method of application.

14. Most schools send an email or postcard upon receipt of each application. Keep track of these. If you don't receive a postcard or letter, contact the admissions office by email or phone to ensure that your application has been received before the deadline.

SAVE THE DATE: Family Weekend October 24-25

Knights, Camera, Action! Make plans to join us for a full weekend of excitement with your student and the Bellarmine community. Reserve your hotel room today at Holiday Inn Airport East 502-452-6361 and be sure to mention BU's Family Weekend for the reduced rate.

More information especially for parents is available at our [Parent Association page](#).

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