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- Social and professional connections: to students, faculty, staff and career professionals.

In these pages you'll meet students who'll describe the studies, sports, community engagement and internship experiences that have helped them connect. You'll hear from Ryane Conroy, a young alumna who is making an impact on her community. And you'll learn about Bellarmine's exciting new farm and Center for Regional Environmental Studies.

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About

Bellarmine University is an independent liberal arts university, founded in 1950 by the Archdiocese of Louisville. In 1968, Bellarmine merged with Ursuline College and became an independent university governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees. Bellarmine continues in the Catholic tradition, the oldest continuing tradition of higher education in the history of the western world. The university is named for Robert Bellarmine – Jesuit, cardinal and saint.

Finding inspiration in the life of the internationally renowned monk Thomas Merton, who was our Kentucky neighbor, our campus community embraces the care and dignity of each individual and the quest for holiness/wholeness. In this spirit we strive for international unity and diversity, hospitality, social justice and global sustainability. In our constant searchings, we seek to honor Bellarmine's founding motto: *In Veritatis Amore* – in the love of truth.

Academics

We offer more than 50 majors in the arts and sciences, business, education, nursing and health sciences. We also offer numerous graduate degree programs covering various fields of study, a doctor of nursing practice and a doctor of physical therapy. **Learn more at www.bellarmine.edu/programs.**

Admission Criteria

Minimum: Four years of English; algebra I & II and geometry; three years of history/social studies; two years of natural sciences with labs; two years of a foreign language. Honors and AP courses are a plus. Bellarmine also looks at grades, extracurricular activities, leadership roles, part-time work, awards and honors. Middle 50 percent of SAT scores range from 1040-1220, and ACT from 22-27.

Financial Aid

Bellarmine awards more than $12 million in institutional scholarships and grants to freshmen. In fact, 100% of our freshmen receive one of these awards. Visit our website for information on scholarships, grants, financial aid and tuition.

Application Deadlines

Nov. 1: Early Action
Apply by this date and Bellarmine will waive the $25 application fee and make a decision on your application promptly. You do not have to commit to a college choice early. If eligible, your institutional merit award will be awarded in December.

Dec. 1: Priority Admission/BU Scholars Application
Recipients of Bellarmine's most prestigious academic scholarship get full tuition and a study abroad stipend. Application must be received by December 1, and must include a Bellarmine Scholar essay.

Feb. 1: Regular Decision
Applications submitted by this date will receive full consideration for institutional merit awards. No separate scholarship application is required. All admitted students are considered for these awards.

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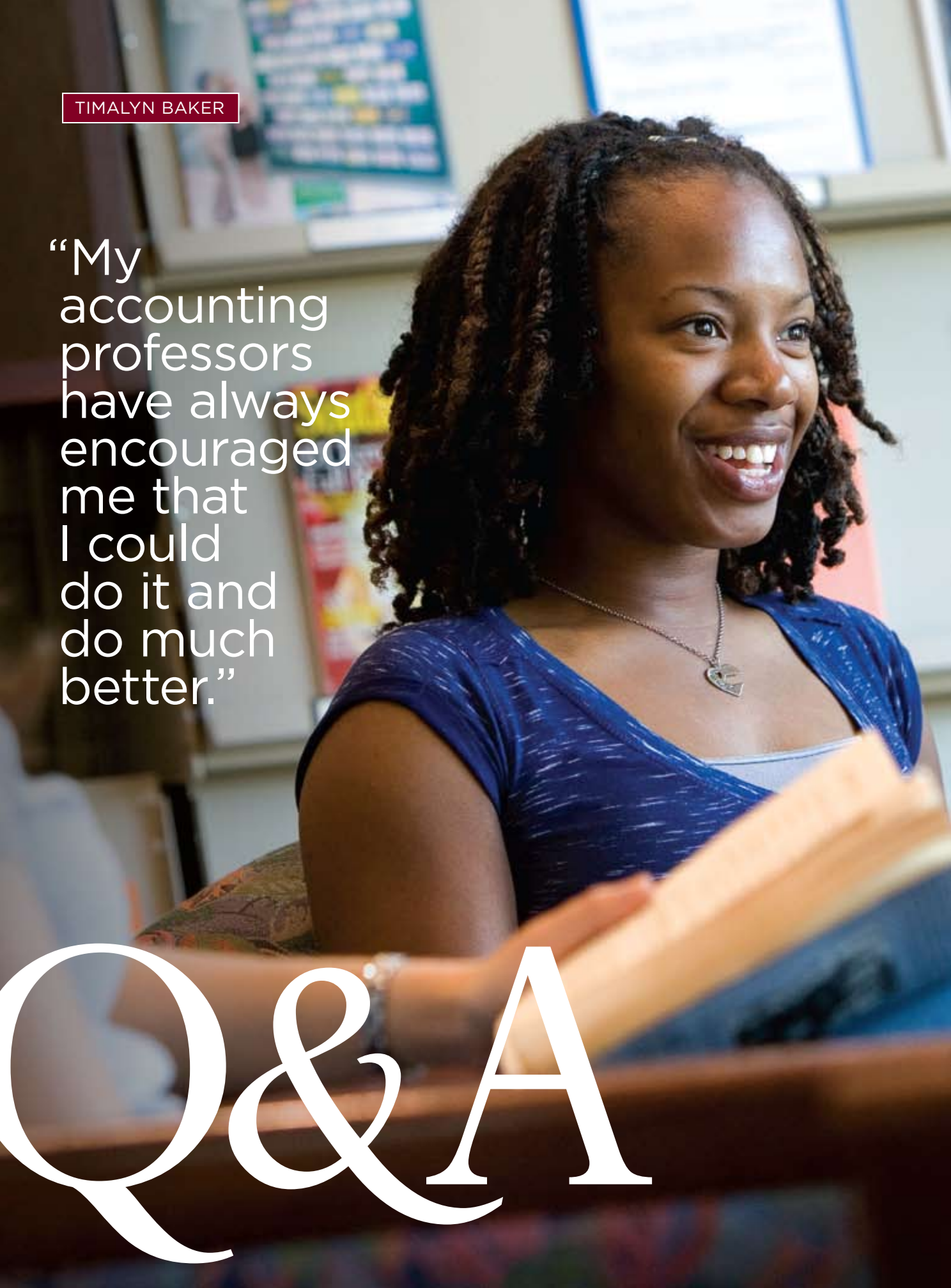


TIMALYN BAKER

"My accounting professors have always encouraged me that I could do it and do much better."

Q&A

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE BELLARMINE?

I chose Bellarmine because of the accounting program. I knew only one person coming to Bellarmine in my class and knew of a few people but I did not have any close friends coming into freshman year. I came early as an Early Entry Accounting Scholarship recipient so it was tad bit scary but at the same time exciting. It was not too hard for me to leave home because I was ready to do things on my own and have my own experiences.

IS IT IMPORTANT TO MAKE A CAMPUS VISIT BEFORE CHOOSING A COLLEGE?

It is very important to make a campus visit, just to make sure that you have a feel for the place that you will be spending the next four years of your life. It is also important to come on a visit to make sure that you and the people that you will be interacting with have good chemistry.

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME OTHER THAN ACADEMIC WORK?

Most of my time is devoted to being a Resident Assistant and being involved in the Bellarmine University Accounting Association. I'm also involved in different intramurals, such as flag football and basketball.*

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO FOR FUN OFF CAMPUS?

Hang out with friends on Bardstown Road. We find something new there almost every time we stroll it!

HAVE YOUR PROFESSORS MADE AN IMPACT ON YOU?

My professors have made an impact on me. The accounting path here at Bellarmine is quite rigorous and at first I did not take it for how serious it actually is. Although I did not start on a good foot, my accounting professors have always encouraged me that I could do it and do much better. They have always been available to help me with whatever I needed help with.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO AFTER GRADUATION?

After graduation I'm not sure where exactly I want to go, but I want to work for a public accounting firm and also do a little bit of writing.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN?

Take advantage of the opportunities that you have to meet new people that are different from you, and while you are having fun don't forget the main reason that you're here, for school!

*With more than 70 clubs and organizations as well as a full compliment of intramural sports teams to join, there is something for everyone. At BU, you can truly be you.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

RACE to the TOP

"The more experience and work I have the better off I will be down the road."

One of the most important components of a Bellarmine education is an opportunity to become an intern at a Louisville company or non-profit organization and get on-the-job experience. More than 70% of Bellarmine students complete internships for academic credit and nearly all students participate in some kind of "experiential" – on-the-job – learning.

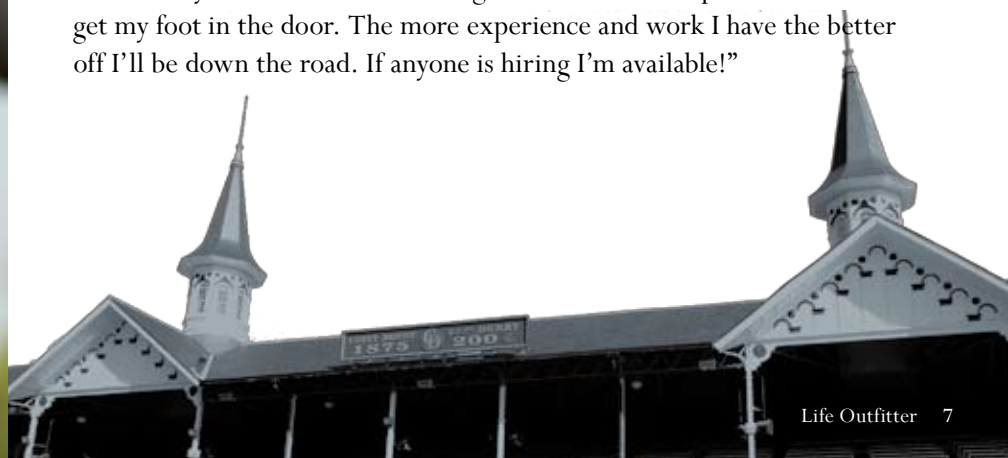
Bellarmine Communication major Sarah Flood recently got the opportunity of a lifetime, working as a graphic design intern at the Kentucky Derby Museum. The museum, on the grounds of historic Churchill Downs, documents the rich history and tradition of The Kentucky Derby and thoroughbred racing. Each year, over 200,000 guests visit the museum to explore the 20,000 items in its permanent collection, including audio, video and photography of past races, sculptures, paintings, trophies, saddles, silks and much more.

Sarah's internship helped her enhance her graphic design acumen in an exciting real-world environment. "I created print pieces for publications, including the Churchill Downs, Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks programs, and Louisville Magazine," she said. "I also worked on interior signage and participated in marketing meetings" at the museum.

The museum recently underwent a $6 million renovation project and Sarah got to help with that, too. "I helped take pictures of the renovation," she said. "I was also able to go to Millionaire's Row at Churchill Downs and take pictures for the museum."

So, did she get to hobnob with the rich and famous on Millionaire's Row? "I have yet to meet any famous people," she said. "But I was able to observe the process of getting Anna Nicole Smith's Derby outfits for museum exhibits."

"My major is Communication with a heavy emphasis in visual communication," Sarah said. "I'm now more confident with my skills as a graphic designer. I have a better portfolio and résumé to show future employers. With Derby over, I'm now searching for other internships in the area to get my foot in the door. The more experience and work I have the better off I'll be down the road. If anyone is hiring I'm available!"



A Day in the Life

Being involved is the most important part of your transition from high school to college. I learned this early on during my Bellarmine experience, and I've had an absolute blast. There are so many clubs and organizations to choose from, not to mention the dances and events. Playing in the mud volleyball tournament has been more fun than I could imagine!

Being on the Crossroads CREW was one of the best experiences of my college career. As a member of the CREW, I welcomed incoming freshmen so their transition to college was as smooth and comfortable as possible.

Singer/songwriter Sara Bareilles headlined the Hillside Concert, a popular concert series on campus. Students on the Bellarmine Activities Council (BAC) – one of more than 70 clubs and organizations at Bellarmine – organize the concert each year. It's just one of many concerts, lectures, drama productions and athletic contests that are always happening on campus.

If you're looking for a university where you can be yourself and have a blast doing it, then you should "Be You at BU!"

As Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, **Dr. Carole Pfeffer** is a keen student advocate. A longtime professor of English at Bellarmine, she is legendary among students for her caring attention, passion for teaching, demanding class work and generous bowls of candy. She also has the rare gift of seeing the good in everyone. As one former student put it, "If you can't get Carole Pfeffer to like you, you're just not likeable." She graciously agreed to answer our probing questions.

"a-ha" The Moment

As professor of American Literature, what were your favorite works to teach?

I love Nathaniel Hawthorne, which is a surprise even to me, given how typically upbeat I am. He's not exactly a "feel-good" kind of writer (adultery, mad scientists, haunted ministers, secret sin – there's a reality show here, for sure!), but I find many of his themes, such as the nature of the artist and the nature of evil, very compelling. And given my penchant for mysteries/thrillers, you know I'm going to have to be an Edgar Allan Poe fan.

"Dr. Pfeffer is like comfort food."

One of your former students said, "Dr. Pfeffer is like comfort food." If you were comfort food, A) would you change your first name to "Hassen?" and B) if not, what would you be?

While I obviously love the exotic sound of "Hassen Pfeffer," I think I'll opt for the more mundane pasta. Of any sort. In massive quantities, please. Don't skimp on the grated parmesan, either.

Tell me about your gig.

It's truly interesting work – overseeing academic programs through formal assessment, working with the interdisciplinary core, Honors and Brown Scholars programs, and collaborating with a number of great people on a multitude of topics/issues related to excellence at the university. Every day offers new opportunities to learn, and I find that both fun and energizing. I'm finding a whole new Bellarmine to fall in love with.

What is your favorite part of teaching?

I love the intimate setting of a seminar room with 15 students, learning new ideas, stretching our minds, laughing on almost a daily basis, and experiencing that "a-ha moment" when something clicks for all of us. I love teaching and think it's good to keep grounded in the everyday life of learning at the university.

Any hobbies?

I love to read, and my interests are varied. But it's tough to beat a good mystery when I'm tired and simply want to relax. And – all modesty aside – I'm a pretty good cook; being in the kitchen is another way I unwind after a busy day. When I'm not being a nerd poring over assessment reports, I'm often reading through cookbooks. And dogs? Did someone mention dogs? They provide a lot of entertainment. Walking them, throwing the "ball-ball" till my arm drops off, spending half my salary on food, treats and the vet visits – what's not to love about the pooches?

ILLUSTRATION BY EMILY RUPPEL

NEW PROGRAM, FARM PART OF CENTER FOR REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Back to Nature

HOW "GREEN" ARE YOU? It's a question we must all ask ourselves in this age of global industrialization and growth. For Bellarmine, that means making sure our policies and facilities are as environmentally friendly as possible. One way we're doing that is by using a new, state of the art geothermal field that heats and cools buildings on campus. We're also capturing rainwater, using compact fluorescent lighting and recycling.

A potentially bigger solution to environmental sustainability lies in Bellarmine's ambitious Center for Regional Environmental Studies. The center supports an undergraduate program in environmental studies, campus-wide initiatives in environmental sustainability, new research agendas and the Bellarmine Farm.

The program prepares Bellarmine students to land jobs in the fast-growing environmental technology and management fields, as well as to approach business with a stronger environmental conscience. Dr. Robert Kingsolver is the founding dean and director of the center.

"We have two primary functions," explained Dr. Kingsolver. "One is to develop academic programs in the area of environmental studies, which includes both environmental sciences and social sciences. The other half of the job is to help the university carry out sustainability initiatives, to try to walk

the walk, so to speak, in living the way we believe is necessary in order to sustain a viable, healthy environment for us and generations to come."

The Bellarmine Farm includes teaching gardens, research plots and an outdoor classroom surrounded by perennials, vegetables, cut-flowers and an apple and pear orchard. "As a biology teacher, I've found that students have a better intuitive understanding of living things if they've helped with growing things," said Dr. Kingsolver. "We live in an age when people believe that food comes in plastic packages from the grocery store and people aren't really aware of what goes into food production. They don't have that direct experience that their grandparents and maybe even parents had."

"Bellarmine can play a role in building regional consciousness and putting urban people in touch with farming systems that feed them, and also giving rural people within our region an opportunity to develop economically," he said. "Wendell Berry* talks about urban-rural partnerships as being very important, and we're in an ideal location for that."

**Kentucky farmer Wendell Berry is an award-winning novelist, poet and essayist.*

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

RYANE CONROY

What's it like being a busy prosecuting attorney juggling 115 cases, including murders, assaults, robberies, and persistent-felony offenses? Just another day on the job for Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Ryane Conroy.

After graduating *summa cum laude* from Bellarmine and *magna cum laude* from the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law, Ryane established herself as one of Louisville's top young lawyers. She took on some high-profile cases, including the double-murder conviction of a notorious gang. After another conviction, the victims' family gave her one of her most prized possessions, a T-shirt proclaiming "Ryane Rocks!" The framed memento hangs on her office wall.

So how does a bright young woman go from tiny Walton, Kentucky, to becoming one of Louisville's most promising prosecutors? Talent, hard work and an excellent education.

"I wanted a school with small classes in a big city," she said. "I wanted my professors to know me." She was also attracted to Bellarmine's liberal arts education. "I wanted to be a cultured person. "The liberal arts open your eyes to all of these other subjects."

Ryane majored in English because she loved to read and write. She now credits her professors with helping sharpen her skills for writing powerful opening and closing arguments. But it was when she learned about Bellarmine's Mock Trial Team that she knew she wanted to be a trial lawyer. Ryane went on to become a three-time All American and led her team to the national championship in 1999.

So, what's next for this talented young attorney? "I love being a trial lawyer, and I love the feeling that I can make a difference. Eventually, I want to be known as a top prosecutor."

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

We offer more than 50 majors in the arts and sciences, business, education, nursing and health sciences. We also offer numerous graduate degree programs covering various fields of study, a doctor of nursing practice, and a doctor of physical therapy.

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Theatre Emphasis
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50+

*Doctoral program

BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY KNIGHTS

More than 20% of students play on one of Bellarmine's 19 intercollegiate sports teams. The Knights compete in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, regarded as one of the premier conferences in NCAA Division II. Lacrosse is a member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference and competes in NCAA Division I. Bellarmine also offers a full complement of men's and women's intramural sports.

WOMEN:	MEN:
Basketball	Baseball
Cross-Country	Basketball
Field Hockey	Cross-Country
Golf	Golf
Soccer	Lacrosse
Softball	Soccer
Tennis	Tennis
Track *(Indoor/Outdoor)*	Track *(Indoor/Outdoor)*
Volleyball	

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Just five miles from downtown Louisville, Kentucky, Bellarmine is located in the Highlands neighborhood.

DAY-TRIPPER

Cincinnati, OH - *1.75 hrs*
Indianapolis, IN - *2 hrs*
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OVER-NIGHTER

Charleston, WV - *4 hrs*
St. Louis, MO - *4.5 hrs*
Chicago, IL - *5 hrs*
Cleveland, OH - *5.75 hrs*
Detroit, MI - *5. 75 hrs*
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Milwaukee, WI - *6.5 hrs*
Pittsburgh, PA - *6.5 hrs*

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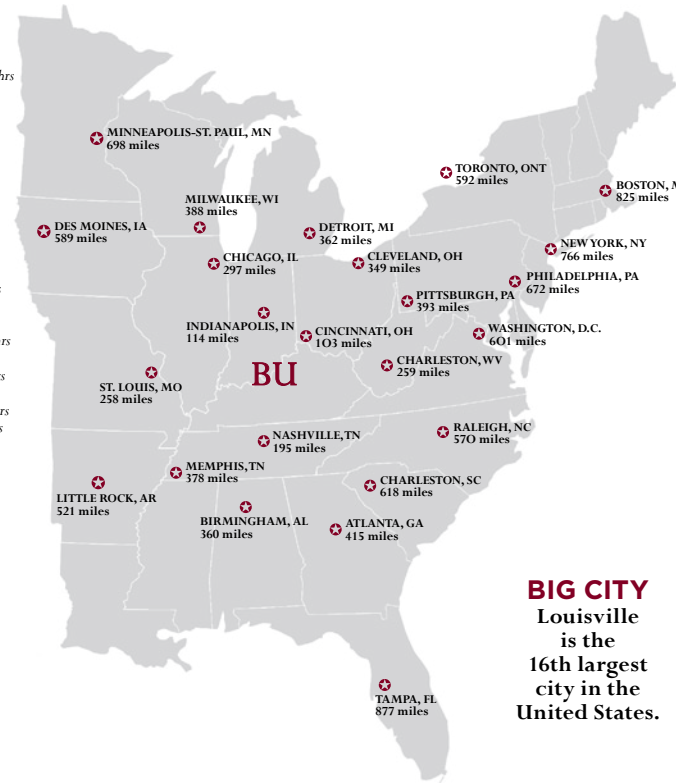

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Louisville is the 16th largest city in the United States.

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AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

Student Body Makeup

29 DIFFERENT STATES
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