

# Annual Impact Report

2023-2024



This executive summary is an overview of the important work Bellarmine University is doing to educate students in mind, body and spirit for meaningful lives of leadership and service and to strengthen Louisville and the region.

## PRIORITY 1 | Transformative Student Experience

**2,885**

Total enrollment for Fall 2024, including 2,242 undergraduate and 643 graduate students

**539**

Number of students in first-year class, the most diverse in Bellarmine's history

**94.9%**

First-year students who participated in three or more co-curricular activities

**855**

Degrees awarded in May 2024 (585 undergraduate and 270 graduate or doctoral)

**4,284**

Academic Advising appointments in 2023-24 academic year (increase of 11.8 %)

### Bachelor's Degree Recipient Outcomes Class of 2023

**99%**

working or continuing education within six months of graduation

**97%**

pursuing full-time opportunities in their career field of interest

**88%**

participated in 90+ hours of experiential education

**71%**

remained in Louisville MSA after graduation

**100%**

of student-athletes had career success within six months of graduation

## PRIORITY 2 | Model for Academic Innovation

### Notable Grants Received to Enhance Academic Excellence

**\$150K**

Bridge to BU Program  
C.E. & S. Foundation

**\$147K**

Biology Department  
Education Development Center (Amgen)

**\$64.2K**

School of Nursing  
Health Resources & Services Administration

**\$15K**

Bridge to BU Program  
CPE

**\$15K**

Community Engagement  
CIC NetVUE

**\$12K**

Biology Department  
GE Appliances, a Haier Company

**\$5.5K**

Political Science  
Jack Miller Foundation

## PRIORITY 3 | Diversify Enrollment & Geographic Reach

Of our 634 first-year students enrolled for Fall 2023:

**34%**

are students of color, compared to 33% in Fall 2023

**43%**

are first generation, compared to 44% in Fall 2023

**46%**

are Pell Grant-eligible, compared to 46% in Fall 2023

**22%**

are NCAA student-athletes

**68%**

live on campus

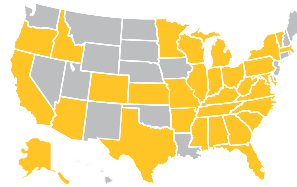
### Student-Athlete Success

**100%**

Student-athlete graduates with career success within six months of graduation (50% working, 50% continuing their education)

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Rank in ASUN Conference for Academic Performance - 4th year to be in Top 3



### Students From

**31**

States

**9**

Countries

**28%**

Out-of-state

*includes non-US*

## PRIORITY 4 | Commitment to Equity & Inclusion

**49%**

Increase in students of Latino/Hispanic ethnicity

**38%**

Percentage of HOPE Kentucky Scholars in incoming first-year class

**17%**

Increase in number of Identity and Inclusion events from 2022-23

**11%**

Increase in use of Knights Pantry and Knights Closet in the past year

### Programming & Engagement Highlights

- Created position of VP for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in the Student Government Association
- Expanded affinity groups on campus to include faith-based and caretaker groups
- Offered professional development/outreach opportunities including:
  - » Four-part Faculty Development Series, with more than 40 participants
  - » A Sistah's Voice discussion group, which connects Bellarmine faculty, staff and students with women in the community
  - » Post Affirmative Action Discussion Series, a three-part series held on campus

## PRIORITY 5 | Meaningful Engagement & Partnerships

### Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement

Bellarmine University received national recognition for its work to build collaborative partnerships throughout Louisville and the surrounding region by achieving the Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement in January 2024. Bellarmine is one of only 368 universities in the nation to receive this distinction. Participating institutions provide robust support for high-quality community engagement experiences that connect with classroom learning and deliver measurable outcomes for both students and the community.

## PRIORITY 6 | Enhancing Access & Affordability

### Record-setting Philanthropy

Fiscal Year 2024 was a record fundraising year for Bellarmine, with the university securing over \$18M. This was the first full year that the development team operationalized a relationship-based fundraising model, empowering academic and athletics leaders to build more direct philanthropic relationships and secure gifts in a coordinated manner. As a result, Bellarmine closed a record number of major gifts.

### Institutional Aid

**\$65M+**

Bellarmine's total investment in institutional student aid

**\$19M+**

Bellarmine's investment in institutional aid for new first-year students

### Philanthropy

Philanthropy Total (Gifts, New Pledges, Planned Gifts)

**\$18M**

Total FY24 Realized Support from Donors

**\$11.2M**

Total Athletic Gifts and Sponsorship

**\$2.9M**

Bellarmine Fund (Annual Fund)

**\$1.7M**