THE VISION

Bellarmine University is a vibrant community of educational excellence and ethical awareness that consistently ranks among the nation’s best colleges and universities.

Since 1950, Bellarmine has been educating students in the liberal arts – and in the distinguished, inclusive Catholic tradition of educational excellence, the oldest and most rewarding in the western world.

It is a lifelong education, worthy of the university’s namesake, Saint Robert Bellarmine, and of his invitation to each of us to learn and live in veritatis amore – in the love of all that is beautiful, true and good in life.

That tradition and history, humbly begun in 1950, now reaches an ever-expanding enrollment, served by a faculty, staff and administration committed to the highest academic standards.

That quality of everyday educational excellence and continuous improvement, along with annual record-setting enrollment, distinguish Bellarmine as the premier independent Catholic university in the South and the leading private university in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and our entire region.

It is here in Louisville, on our three majestic hills, that we prepare each Bellarmine student in the knowledge, skills and values for successful living, work, leadership and service, not merely for the benefit of the student but for a sustainable future for Louisville and wherever our distinguished alumni live around the country and around the world.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN

- celebrates our Catholic identity in the inclusive spirit of Thomas Merton as the foundation to our commitment to student fulfillment and global consciousness;
- establishes and sustains a climate of excellence throughout the university;
- integrates international awareness, focus and sensibility into all curricular and co-curricular programs;
- creates a sustainable future for our region, nation and world through an abiding respect for nature, through interdisciplinary environmental education and through moral leadership grounded in our Catholic heritage;
- improves the human condition through service to our community, region, nation and world;
- enhances our reputation, expands our market and dramatically grows our enrollment; and
- develops our financial, physical and human resources to the level required to achieve our vision for the new Bellarmine University.
From its humble beginnings in Pasteur Hall in 1950, Bellarmine has grown to become one of the most beautiful and strategically designed college campuses in the nation.

Blessed with its original 109 rolling acres in the Highlands, Bellarmine has since added 15 acres of Collings Estate property on the southwest side of Newburg Road, 13 acres with the addition of the Allen Hall property and seven acres with the addition of Glenview.

The college’s first buildings were PASTEUR HALL and “the Administration Building,” which is now HORRIGAN HALL. The campus had two entrances, with the Norris Place entrance serving as the front door of the college. The two campus roads connected together in the location of the present-day campus quad.

Under the leadership of Bellarmine’s first president, Msgr. Alfred Horrigan, Bellarmine College built the KENNEDY, NEWMAN, BONAVENTURE and LEHMAN RESIDENCE HALLS. KNIGHT’S HALL, the home of countless athletic conquests, commencements, lectures and other events, was built on the northwest corner of campus. Parking lots were located near Knight’s Hall. Pasteur Hall was also expanded with additional labs and a large theater lecture hall.

The 1970s saw very little expansion and construction. A small STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUILDING was built during this time. This building was later consumed and is part of Miles Hall today.

The 1980s saw an expansion of construction on Bellarmine’s campus, thanks to the leadership of Bellarmine’s second president, Dr. Eugene Petrik. The college built the GEORGE G. BROWN ACTIVITIES CENTER, WYATT HALL, THE NORTON MUSIC, ARTS and ALUMNI HALLS.

The addition of these halls closed the road that came from Norris Place and formed the CAMPUS QUAD. This construction also rebuilt and simplified the Norris Place entrance. The terraced parking lots in front of Horrigan Hall were added to support the growing student population.
The 1990s brought the construction of MILES HALL and the PETRIK RESIDENCE HALL under the leadership of current Bellarmine President Dr. Joseph McGowan. In the late 1990s the school built the W. L. LYONS BROWN LIBRARY. The old library space in Horrigan Hall was renovated to include meeting rooms, Hilary’s, the café and the campus living room. The late 1990s also saw the addition of the President’s Home at 3605 Glenview Avenue.

The 2000s and early 2010s saw a major expansion of the now-Bellarmine University campus. The purchase of NOLEN C. ALLEN HALL from Catholic Health Initiatives added classrooms and office space.

At the same time, construction of both OUR LADY OF THE WOODS CHAPEL and ANNIVERSARY HALL began. They were completed in 2000 and 2001 respectively. This was followed by the addition of the SPORT RECREATION AND FITNESS CENTER, which was a renovation and expansion of the old Tennis Center.

The growth of the Nursing and Health Sciences programs created a need for additional science labs, so in 2004 Bellarmine built the NORTON HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER, creating a dramatic new high-tech landscape near the Norris Place entrance and a seamless back-to-the-future connection to Pasteur Hall. The university then built the OWSLEY B. FRAZIER STADIUM for lacrosse, track, soccer and field hockey competition.
Due to the dramatic annual increases in freshmen enrollment (especially from outside the local area), Bellarmine needed a major expansion of residence-hall space. The university razed the decaying Bonaventure and Lenihan Halls to make room for the Siena Residence Hall Complex (Primo, Secondo, Terzo and Quarto) adding 519 new beds. In addition, the University Dining Hall in the Brown Activities Center was expanded along with an additional classroom and faculty office wing. Upgrades to the SuRF Center included locker rooms, HVAC system and lighting.

During the 1990s through 2010s the university has also purchased residential properties contiguous to the main campus. These residences, on Newburg Road, Sheffield Boulevard, Norris Place and Richmond Drive are rented out to the general public.

The early 2010s saw the completion of the Siena Residence Hall Complex and the extensive expansion of Allen Hall, primarily for the physical therapy program. In 2013, the university added one of its most prominent features: St. Robert’s Gate, the beloved new gateway at the Newburg Road entrance to campus.

The university has taken great care to strategically manage this dramatic growth to sustain but not outpace the growth in enrollment. With further enrollment growth projected, the stage is now set for the next round of capital improvements outlined in this master plan.
THE CAMPUS TODAY
Our master plan makes possible the success of our strategic plan by continually evaluating our increasing enrollment, assessing our campus facilities and ensuring that faculty, student and staff needs are ideally met. The master plan also presents a strategy to enhance the aesthetic character of the Bellarmine campus and makes specific recommendations of major facilities needs.

Based on the master plan study conducted from June 2012 through December 2013, the president recommends that the plan be implemented in the following near-term, mid-term and long-term phases (right).

The cost for the first three projects of the near-term projects is estimated to be $56,200,000. Cost estimates have not yet been calculated for the balance of the projects.

As we plan and build, we will need a traffic and pedestrian circulation study.

The execution of the near-term portion of the master plan will satisfy existing and projected future classroom and faculty office needs for at least the next ten years. Together with its newly developed strategic plan, Bellarmine University will be well positioned for the future.

### NEAR TERM
1. Centro Project
   a) Classroom/Office Building (Data Analytics, Business School, Enrollment Management)
   b) Horrigan Hall Renovation (vacated space, HVAC, and sprinklers)
   c) Treece Hall Renovation (Student and Academic Affairs)
2. Sports, Recreation, and Fitness (SuRF) (renovation and expansion)
3. Frazier Stadium Expansion
   a) East Locker Room Addition
   b) Field House Addition and Renovation (offices, meeting rooms, elevator, concessions and storage)
   c) West Stadium Seating & Locker Room (including offices and storage)
4. New Fields (Allen Hall area, Creason area)
5. New Residence Hall (near Petrik)
6. Facilities and Grounds Complex/Athletic Offices (also including mailroom, copy center, central receiving and storage)
7. Parking Facility (offices, classrooms, multi-level parking, fields)
8. Library/Technology Upgrade
9. Campus Pub
10. Grotto, Campus Ministry Space
11. Amphitheatre

### MID TERM
12. Entrances (St. Robert’s Gate & St. Angela’s Gate areas)
13. Houses (owned houses contiguous to main campus - Richmond & Newburg priority)
14. Multi-Purpose Facility (Art, Music, Performance Venue, Humanities, Convocation Center)
15. Chiostro e Cortico (includes reflecting pool)
16. Norris Place Improvements

### LONG TERM
17. Montepulciano Group (residence halls and common areas)
18. Artificial Turf Fields, Lights (Baseball, Softball, Intramural)
19. Two Entrance Lakes, Anniversary Hall Fountain
20. Campus Inn
21. Residence Hall/Siena parking area (convert to green space)
22. Wyatt Renovation
23. Research Center
THE MASTER PLAN: NEAR TERM

1. Centro Project
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   b) Horrigan Hall Renovation (vacated space, HVAC, and sprinklers)
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For decades, Horrigan Hall has been the heart of Bellarmine’s campus. But, like most aging facilities, it no longer satisfies today’s educational needs. As Bellarmine grows its enrollment, its faculty, its staff and programs, we must have commensurate growth in classroom and office space. The proposed CENTRO expansion, including a new Treece Hall and renovated Horrigan Hall, will add 58,500 square feet of space and a renovation of 18,000 square feet of existing space.

Centro will be home to the Rubel School of Business, the Department of Enrollment Management, Career Services, Campus Ministry and the Institute for Advanced Analytics. It will also include a new Welcome Center that will make a dynamic first impression on prospective students and their parents.

The total estimated cost of Centro is $25,000,000. We are well underway raising funds for the Centro project. Our plan is to complete the Centro shell and the interior of the first floor, then continue raising funds to renovate Horrigan Hall and the new Treece Hall.
NEAR-TERM PROJECTS
THE SURF CENTER

The SPORT, RECREATION & FITNESS CENTER has a quirky and much-loved history at Bellarmine. Its indoor and outdoor tennis center, training rooms and lockers have kept generations of Knights physically fit. But this facility too has grown long in the tooth. A major renovation of the SuRF Center is in the schematic design phase. Concept plans include a building addition with indoor training facilities, natatorium, batting cages, court expansion and offices. A beautiful new brick exterior will take its proper aesthetic place alongside other prominent campus buildings. Preliminary estimated costs for this concept are $25,200,000.
NEAR-TERM PROJECTS
FRAZIER STADIUM LACROSSE CENTER

Bellarmine’s highly competitive and accomplished outdoor athletics teams who compete at Frazier Stadium need more space for locker rooms, training, team meetings and offices. Our men’s Division I lacrosse team and a planned women’s DI lacrosse team will take advantage of these new facilities, as will track and field, soccer and field hockey teams. Besides locker rooms, the expansion will include coach’s offices and conference rooms.

THE FRAZIER STADIUM LOCKER ROOM EXPANSION AND FIELD HOUSE renovation and expansion are currently in schematic design. The locker room expansion will comprise 4,530 square feet and cost $2,200,000. The field house renovation and expansion will comprise 9,505 square feet and cost $3,800,000.
Bellarmine University’s master plan finds its creative inspiration in the distinctive architecture and landscapes of the hill towns of Tuscany. It was there that St. Roberto Bellarmino S.J., was born in Montepulciano, Italy, on October 4, 1542. Like Bellarmine University, Montepulciano, sits majestically high upon a hill. So as we add new architecture, we look to Tuscany for artful guidance.

The **Siena Residential Cluster**, for one example, suggests the Piazza del Campo in Siena, Italy’s, main town center. The residence halls surround a major piazza that welcomes students to congregate around water features, a fire pit and an amphitheater.

Similarly, **St. Robert’s Gate** welcomes students and visitors to Bellarmine, much like the gates that once protected the small hill towns in Italy.

The gentle campus skyline of Bellarmine also evokes Italy, as it includes several human-scale towers and campanile reminiscent of memorable landscapes like San Gimignano, another medieval hill town in Tuscany.