

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS BY THE NUMBERS 2022-2023



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

In reflecting upon the 2022-23 academic year, our campus is vibrant; community engagement, campus ministry events, and first-year engagement is back above pre-pandemic levels. Students and student affairs team members alike prioritized academic, spiritual, social and community engagement. The Bellarmine impact is transformative.

This past year, the Division of Student Affairs left nothing to chance. We intentionally bolstered students' sense of belonging, provided opportunities to reflect upon their calling and purpose, supported academic performance, fostered holistic wellness, and encouraged them to engage with one another in inclusive ways. I have never been prouder to be a Knight and am enthusiastic about what lies ahead.

In Veritatis Amore,



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OUR VALUES

Bellarmino University finds its Catholic identity in the inclusive spirit of Thomas Merton. We believe in the search for the true self, the interconnectedness of life and the solidarity of the human spirit, which transcends ethnic, religious, and social divisions. We educate the whole person to realize his or her highest potential as part of an interconnected world. Our values are Academic Excellence, Intrinsic Dignity, Social Responsibility, Integrity, Hospitality, and Stewardship.

Academic Excellence: Promoting academic inquiry rooted in the liberal arts tradition—critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, and compassion—with an expectation of excellence

Intrinsic Dignity: Respecting the intrinsic value and dignity of every individual

Social Responsibility: Cultivating grounded citizens who contribute to and advocate for the public good, environmental sustainability, global understanding, and informed civic engagement

Integrity: Fostering strong ethical principles, honesty, fairness, transparency, and trustworthiness

Hospitality: Creating an inclusive community that welcomes all and models a spirit of goodwill

Stewardship: Exercising thoughtful stewardship of our university resources



Division of Student Affairs

MISSION

Guided by a commitment to Bellarmine's mission and our Catholic values, the Division of Student Affairs provides transformative, holistic, educational experiences and services where students develop the capacity to lead authentic lives and to serve the common good within a global community.

ABOUT THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Bellarmino's Division of Student Affairs scaffolds students' success academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Alongside our committed faculty and academic leaders, we offer co-curricular opportunities promoting intellectual, cultural, and social growth.

The Division of Student Affairs is informed by the dynamic Bellarmine University Strategic Plan and newly adopted vision of *Bellarmino Forward*. *Strategic Priority One: The Transformative Student Experience*, guides the work of Student Affairs in collaboration with campus partners to ensure Bellarmine delivers a distinctive and transformative student experience, grounded in the Catholic and liberal arts traditions, that uniquely prepares each student for lifelong success. *Bellarmino Forward* emphasizes career-ready graduates, preparing students for life, community engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion & belonging, and guaranteeing a return on investment for all Bellarmine students.

The 2022-2023 *By the Numbers* document for the Division of Student Affairs focuses on four initiatives within *Strategic Priority One: The Transformative Student Experience* and *Bellarmino Forward*:

Initiative 1: Academic Engagement and Student Success

Initiative 2: Involvement and Sense of Belonging

Initiative 3: Wellness

Initiative 4: Career, Calling, and Purpose

In addition to our work around *Strategic Priority One*, The Division of Student Affairs is deeply committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. As such, the Division has developed an individualized diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) plan that aligns with *Strategic Priority Four: Commitment to Equity & Inclusion*. Within this document, DEI efforts and accomplishments are displayed within Initiative 2: Involvement and Sense of Belonging.

By the Numbers is published annually, displaying our student-centered programs that transform Bellarmine students' lives.

Foster Purposeful Student Engagement and Development

Initiative 1: We create opportunities for meaningful connection and intentional student development through purposeful programs, activities, and services, ultimately supporting student success and persistence.



23 students participated in Access BU, an early transition program for students with disabilities.

The combination of our career courses provided 152 students with direct career education regarding career exploration, decision-making, readiness, and preparation.

675 campus community members participated in various campus civic panel discussions hosted by the Center for Community Engagement.

123 students received “professional excellence” designations and honor cords for scoring “exceptional” or “highly effective” in all 8 areas of career readiness, as determined by the student’s supervisor at their internship site.

10 international students were able to complete internships or clinicals this year, engaging in cocurricular learning.

328 students participated in two Alumni Mentoring programs with 179 alumni mentors.

98% of alumni said they feel more connected to Bellarmine because of the Alumni-Student Mentoring Program and 100% of students reported they would recommend the program to other students.



Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) had 500 consultations: a 7% increase from AY22.



Center for Community Engagement trained 15 students as National Tutors by Metro United Way: a 114% increase from AY22.



Advance Equity and Belonging

Initiative 2: We advocate for an inclusive, community engaged environment in which students embrace cultural humility, identity exploration, social justice, and intrinsic human dignity.



INVOLVEMENT/ SENSE OF BELONGING

Louisville Connections, a long-standing tradition to connect students to the Louisville community, offered 16 events bringing 538 students to experience all the fun the Louisville community offers, compared to 15 events with 348 students attending in AY22.

2,823 events were offered on campus, including 1,286 by RSOs, 82 by the Student Activities Center (SAC), 1,453 by various departments, and 85 athletic sporting events.

The Fall 2022 Involvement Fair had a record number of 761 attendees representing over 85 organizations and campus departments.

The Bellarmine Activities Council (BAC) hosted events which garnered nearly 2,184 attendees and engaged 70% of the first-year class.

Housing and Residence Life (HRL) staff offered 229 programs totaling 3,259 student touch points.

The Residence Hall Association distributed 312 care packages.

We experienced the largest residential population we have housed since COVID with 1,019 students.

The three-year residential retention average has increased across the board - sophomore retention average increased 3%, junior retention average increased 5%, and senior retention average increased 12%.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The India Day festival welcomed 120 people to learn about India, including music, dance, poetry, food, and culture of India and specifics of the annual Bellarmine trip to India.

Campus Ministry hosted the second annual Human Library event creating more inclusive and cohesive communities across cultural, religious, social, and ethnic differences. 462 participating readers (compared to 117 in AY22) contributed to the experience.

Dr. Patricia Carver Office of Identity and Inclusion (COII) worked to support the creation of Vice President for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, which was a new position within Student Government Association.

Knights of Color (KOC) Mentors hosted 10 workshops, the annual KOC Prom, as well as the Inaugural Multicultural Scholarship pageant.

Over 90% of students attended at least one SAC-sponsored activity, outside of the Week of Welcome.

Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) hosted a total of 1,286 events during the academic year.



Carver Office of Identify and Inclusion (COII) and Identity RSOs hosted a total of 145 programs, a total increase of 25% over the last 2 years.

Design Meaningful Lives and Career-Ready Graduates: Self-Discovery, Calling and Purpose, Career Connections, and Community Engagement

Initiative 3: We empower students, through intentional self-discovery, to design meaningful professional pathways, a robust return on their educational investment, contributing to lifelong success, and the improvement of the human condition.



469 students were employed in part-time jobs on campus this year.



Knights Pantry assisted 286 unique users compared to 256 in AY22, an increase of 11.7%.

Career Development facilitated 165 programs providing 6,722 student engagements, compared to 147 programs providing 4,571 student engagements, an 11% and 32% increase respectively from AY22.

257 employers met with 1,583 student career fair participants, generating \$30,115 in revenue that supports paid non-profit internships for students.

The 2022 First Destination outcomes continue to support the value of a Bellarmine degree with an 81% knowledge rate, 98% success rate of graduates working or continuing their education, and 95% in their field, full-time.

Student-Athlete First Destination outcomes included a 100% knowledge rate, 100% success rate of graduates working or continuing their education, and 97% in their field, full-time.

70% of Bellarmine University graduates stayed in the Louisville area. 338 unique employers hired 545 Bellarmine graduates.

Students completed 19,787 community engagement hours, compared to 18,512 for AY22. Experiential learning through community engagement is designated as a high impact practice for student retention.

95 students completed either a 90-hour internship or 30-hour practicum with a nonprofit organization and 27 of those students received community engagement access funding to overcome financial barriers working within the community.

623 students completed PathwayU Assessments with 481 being first year students (88% of first-year class). The app offers enhanced major/career decision-making support through interest, values, personality, workforce preferences, and purpose assessments.

Cultivate Holistic Well-Being

Initiative 4: We create an environment that motivates students to adopt and apply lifelong individual and community well-being practices by providing signature holistic wellness experiences.



Campus Recreation experienced a reported number of 56,995 SuRF Center users, an overall increase of 11.7% year over year.

Campus Recreation hosted 5 new intramural sports events during the academic year including sand volleyball, 4v4 flag football, big 3v3 basketball, grass volleyball, and pickleball.

There was a total of 1,629 Intramural (IM) Sports participations.

1,448 group fitness class participants represented an 8.5% increase year over year.

Campus Wellness hosted the national Fresh Check Day event for the fourth year. 250 students attended (Fall 2021=215; Fall 2020=75), a 16% increase from Fall 2021.

BraveBU engaged a total of 1,411 students, a 45% increase from 973 in 2021-22.

The Counseling Center provided counseling services to 405 individual students and held a total of 2,499 individual therapy appointments.

The Counseling Center experienced a 4% increase of BIPOC users from the previous year.

Health Services provided patient care for 2,821 students, including 450 flu shots, 301 allergy shots, 581 TB tests, and 554 COVID tests.

Public Safety trained over 200 campus community members in Hands-Only CPR, 100 in CPR/AED, 150 in self-defense, and reached just over 800 Bellarmine community members with active aggressor presentations.

310 community members signed up for the Guardian app, which provides emergency protocols and a “walk with you” program, allowing students to text with Public Safety.

Campus Wellness offered a total of 150 programs (+13% from the 2021-2022) and a total of 5,302 students attended the programs (+65% from 2021-2022).



The Relaxation Station, a collaborative initiative that provides self-care opportunities for students, had a total of 2,635 students attend. Fall 2022 to Fall 2023, a 67% increase.

Collected a total of 18 lbs. of prescription drugs/over-the-counter drugs as part of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.



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