Making a private, liberal arts education affordable and attainable.
What makes a Benedictine degree attainable and affordable?

As president of Benedictine University, I’m often asked how we’re able to offer such a well-rounded, hands-on college experience while keeping tuition at a manageable level for our students.

The truth is, we’ve been doing this all along. We have a history of making a Benedictine education affordable and attainable. It is part of our tradition, and reflects our core Catholic values in which we believe the pursuit of knowledge, service and leadership is beneficial not only for developing the individual, but for advancing and strengthening our communities.

We are a nonprofit University, and as such, we do not run like most businesses or other universities. We do not have to answer to stockholders. Instead, the decisions we make have always been about students and what they need to succeed personally and professionally.

While it is true that the majority of our revenue comes from student tuition, we make every effort to stretch those dollars so that we use them as effectively and as responsibly as possible to offer students a college experience like no other.

At Benedictine, we are about student learning and success. It is our first priority above all else.

We use revenue from tuition to attract and retain superior faculty, while keeping class sizes small so that students have the freedom to ask questions and get to know their instructor on a personal level. We use tuition to help build innovative classrooms for the 21st century. We use tuition to enrich the student experience so students can plot a course for their future and successfully navigate the challenges that await them.

Far too many students leave college today facing overwhelming student loan repayments—an issue which threatens our nation’s economic future. Our charge has always been to provide students with proper guidance so that they understand how to leverage all forms of aid, including scholarships, to minimize their debt when they graduate.

I view scholarships as one of our biggest assets in combating the trend of students graduating with burdensome debt. The number and face values of these scholarships have grown throughout the years, helping bright students and those who struggle financially to attain a Benedictine education.

As we continue to grow and our alumni go out in the world, our scholarships will continue to shine as an indicator of our commitment to student success, and as a testament to the quality of education experienced by our generous community of donors—friends, families and former students.

In this issue, you will hear about the value of a Benedictine degree from some of these donors as well as current students. While their stories are all quite different, I think you will find their messages the same: Benedictine delivers on its promise by offering an affordable and attainable undergraduate and graduate education that creates successful, values-based leaders.

— William J. Carroll, President
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While Benedictine has worked to keep prices manageable for its students, at the same time it has made strides in maintaining high-level faculty, staff and facilities as part of its charge to serve the community, especially those students who may have believed they could not afford college or the quality of an education that Benedictine provides.

As such, Benedictine makes every effort to prepare students to pursue their dreams for a meaningful career while accumulating as little debt as possible along the way.

“We don’t have to answer to stockholders, so our costs are based on how efficiently we can run our programs,” Benedictine President William J. Carroll said. “We have a history of making education affordable. That is part of the Benedictine Promise — providing an affordable and attainable undergraduate and graduate education that creates successful, values-based leaders — a pledge that we strive to keep every day.”

Katherine Ebeling, C14, Elementary Education
First grade aide, St. Dominic School

To help with the expense of college, you should apply for any and all scholarships for which you qualify. The quality of education Benedictine provides has lifelong effects. I have benefited greatly from earning my degree at Benedictine because I received hands-on experience in the classroom to prepare me for my teaching career. I feel like I have an advantage because I was a part of a diverse community that supported independent thinking and problem-solving. The values the University instilled in me will stick with me throughout my career and life. (Above, second from left.)

Reducing student loan debt

While the national average student loan debt in 2013 was $35,000, on average, Benedictine students borrowed less than $20,000 in federal student loans to complete their degree — loans which are much more likely to be paid back after graduation.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, in 2011 only 6.8 percent of Benedictine students had defaulted on their loans (a figure which continues to decrease each year) within three years of entering a repayment program, compared to 13.7 percent of students nationally.

How is this possible? It is part of our Benedictine values which are centered on caring for one another and living in a supportive community — values which Benedictine seeks to instill in students who come from all different backgrounds and income levels.

At first glance, some students might have thought a Benedictine education was out of reach, but after receiving their financial aid package they were able to see how reasonable and affordable an education from Benedictine can be.

As of fall 2013, 98 percent of incoming freshmen at Benedictine received some form of financial aid. But what may be more surprising is that 97 percent of these freshmen received institutional grants — free money that does not have to be repaid. And the average financial assistance (financial aid and scholarships combined) awarded to freshmen students was $20,615.
Caroline Ebeling, C11, Elementary Education
First grade teacher, Berwyn North School District 98

Benedictine was able to offer me more scholarships and more opportunities for aid than any other school.

Thanks to the Margaret M. Gillett Memorial Scholarship in Education, I was able to accomplish my dream of becoming a teacher. Today, I cannot imagine doing anything else. Teaching has really allowed me to showcase all I have learned from Benedictine, especially what it means to be a leader. I also received the Arthur J. Schmitt Future Leaders Scholarship. It was unique in the fact that the participants were expected to create a leadership project that encompassed both school and community and then present their experiences to the donors, their family members, faculty and staff. Receiving this scholarship allowed me to view myself as a citizen who could truly make a difference in this world.

I definitely have an advantage with a degree from BenU. Not only is Benedictine a highly acclaimed university that is driven on a values-based education, but it has taught me what it means to be a leader in society.

Shannen Hitzeman, Junior, Radiation Therapy

I love that Benedictine is a smaller school. The class sizes are not that big and the teachers learn who you are. I’m not just a number here. While the cost for me to go to classes here and live on campus isn’t cheap, taking into account how much this school has to offer me makes it all worth it.

My transfer advisor sent me many emails making sure I got every opportunity and did not miss any financial aid deadlines. The transfer scholarship I received helped me feel better about my loan debt. I am also currently working on campus, which has taken some of the stress about money away while giving me more experience for the future. The scholarships offered by the University really do affect people who plan on coming here. I know I plan on applying for as many as I qualify for to help with next year’s tuition.

A knowledgeable financial aid staff is ready

At Benedictine, you will find advisors and counselors who want to see you succeed and help you take full of advantage of the many different scholarships and grants that are available. That is why Benedictine’s financial aid counselors make themselves available to answer questions and advise students about the steps they need to take from day one through graduation to help them utilize their aid responsibly and effectively.

“We’re trying to be proactive rather than reactive,” said Janet Hannah, assistant director of the Office of Financial Aid. “If we notice any issues with their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or aid status, we try to fix them as soon as we can so that they don’t grow out of control.”

Submitting the FAFSA as early as possible after January 1 each year is among the most critical first steps students and parents can make. Many state and federal scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be awarded without first completing this important document.

Because this process can be daunting for first-time college students and parents, the Office of Financial Aid holds informational seminars such as “Financial Aid 101” with a step-by-step overview of the financial aid process. In other seminars and one-on-one sessions, financial aid counselors also break down complex language, regulations, rules and deadlines so they are more easily understood.

While some students might know about the FAFSA, new students might not have heard about other financial aid acronyms like SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress), MAP (Monetary Award Program) and EFC (Expected Family Contribution), what they mean and how they can affect their financial aid status.

“It can all be overly technical, and you might not really retain anything if you don’t have someone to help explain it in plain English,” said Thaddeus Paskert, a senior financial aid counselor at Benedictine. “Many students
Many of my family members have attended Benedictine and have gone on to become successful doctors and dentists. I also liked the atmosphere of the school, and I appreciated the small class size, which I consider a great asset for my son. We did a lot of financial aid legwork ahead of time through seminars at my son’s high school. The remaining questions and concerns we had were answered in a very experienced and helpful way at Benedictine, and the Office of Financial Aid was very quick to answer any questions.

We don’t want the student to get to their senior year and not have enough financial aid to finish,” said Sharon Collins, a senior financial aid counselor at Benedictine’s National Moser Center for Adult Learning. “We make sure students understand that their financial aid is going to be compromised if they don’t make SAP, and that even if they do, they could still be utilizing their loans incorrectly by not taking the number of classes they need to graduate on time.”

This past year, counselors stepped up their efforts to get the word out to students — making phone call after phone call and sending email after email — to submit FAFSAs in time to qualify for the Illinois MAP grant, which has become increasingly competitive as more students apply for a limited amount of funding earlier and earlier each year.

Financial aid counselors also monitor which students have not completed their FAFSA. They make several attempts to remind them and note that even families with higher income levels may be eligible for aid. This extra effort, not often seen at universities, makes a big difference for students and their families.

Students can meet with financial aid counselors without an appointment, and even parents of students...have sought out their expertise for help with college planning.

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We strongly encourage everyone—regardless of income level—to complete the FAFSA application,” Paskert said. “The earlier students submit the FAFSA, the more aid they may be eligible to receive. We will even find returning students who were ‘merit-only’ the previous year (who did not file the FAFSA), who are eligible for state or federal grants that they didn’t know about. Another thing we are trying to do is to reach out to students who might only have one more year left of Pell Grant funds and encourage them to complete their program.”

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Patti Mazil, Parent of Nic Mazil, Junior, Psychology Major

My son received two scholarships from Benedictine. To say that it helped finance his education is an understatement. I would say it was a factor in our choosing Benedictine. We were between a couple of schools and the scholarships (the Presidential Award and Catholic High School Recognition Award) did make a difference.

We had a house fire last February and lost everything. The school gave my son books to help him complete the spring semester, and Campus Ministry reached out to my son through texts and phone calls and showered us with gift cards at the end of the semester.

Marianne Yarshen, Student in the Adult Accelerated B.A. in Management Program

At Benedictine, there are a number of excellent individuals who go the extra mile to ensure you are properly educated about the choices and the direction you need in order to pay for your education. These are skilled and caring individuals who want students to be able to attend college, enjoy college and not stress out about the bill that comes after you graduate. These skilled individuals make sure students maximize every possible benefit that can help.
Stephan Pikul, C13, Management
Consultant/Coach/Trainer for SRP Consulting and Coaching

After many years of working to provide for my family, I was not prepared to compete in today’s business environment when the economic downturn hit. Experiencing a job loss is difficult. After 30-plus years, I never thought that I would go back to school and finish my degree.

It seemed like Benedictine was the only institution willing to invest in people with experience who were caught in the economic downturn. Through the Illinois Back to Work Program (which Benedictine launched in 2011 to provide long-term unemployed Illinois residents who had not yet earned a bachelor’s degree with free tuition), Benedictine focused on crucial skill sets necessary to update and prepare the unemployed for today’s business world.

Everyone in my graduating class agreed that our time at Benedictine was life-changing — something we will never forget. There are many institutions with far higher and lower costs, but they don’t provide for the needs of their students.

— Stephan Pikul


Julian Brown, M.B.A.’82, retired, manager of corporate contributions for Nicor Gas

THE CARLA J. AND JULIAN E. BROWN BOOK AWARD

We received a wonderful letter from a student who received funds from the scholarship. She explained how worried she was about purchasing books and that the scholarship enabled her to stop worrying. I am amazed that students receive scholarships for tuition and housing, yet still struggle to afford books, which are essential for their study. I am so proud that we are able make such a difference in someone’s life.

Amber Johnson, Senior, Writing and Publishing Major

At first, the cost of attending might seem high, but the University’s Office of Financial Aid works with you. They help to make your future more pronounced and manageable. I consider Benedictine affordable given all the many resources and opportunities that it has to offer.

Our goal is to make sure there are applicants for every scholarship, and that as many students as possible have access to scholarship dollars.
Mary Roe, Parent of Kelly Roe, C09, Biology, and Kathleen Roe, Sophomore, Elementary Education Major

Benedictine made both of my daughters feel valued and important. They were not just another number — they were people and recognized as such. As a parent, I appreciated the fact that everyone is family at Benedictine, and the number of resources that are available to students to excel and achieve their goals exceeded my expectations.

The Office of Financial Aid was more than willing to help with the FAFSA and financial aid forms, directing us how to correctly complete each document for our family’s situation.

Benedictine was extremely generous to Kathleen (she received the Arthur J. Schmitt Future Leaders Scholarship, Family Recognition Award, Benedictine Leadership Award and Presidential Award) and she is paying her own way through school, so financial assistance is a high priority for her. I know she weighed many options — get some scholarships and be with 200 students in a class or get more scholarships and be with 20 students in a class.

The decision was also made due to the comfort and ease that was felt on campus. She was accepted at eight other colleges and visited all of them, but did not feel they were a good fit for her.

My daughter’s experience has been so positive and rewarding. She has joined many clubs and engaged in many volunteer activities such as a student mission trip to New York working with underprivileged children, which really struck a chord with her. She has made wonderful friends on campus and shares a camaraderie with them off campus, too. The quality of education that students receive is first-rate. Benedictine is held in high regard from corporations and throughout the educational system. Just look at the corporations and schools that partner with the University for internships and work programs. These are big-name places that hold a high value on quality education.

Scholarships make a difference

n addition to financial aid, counselors and other University staff encourage students to look for additional sources of aid. Each year, the Office of University Development oversees and awards more than 150 scholarships ranging from $500 to as much as the full price of tuition.

“I always try to be as impartial as I can be when talking to students,” Paskert said. “The state and federal funds a student is eligible to receive at Benedictine are going to be similar at the other institutions they are looking at. However, the big difference is that we have so many institutional scholarships catering to a wider variety of students. Coupled with our lower than average cost, that makes attending Benedictine noticeably more affordable.”

The institutional scholarships are made possible by individual University alumni and outside donors. They are also funded by alumni groups and individuals who wish to remember a loved one or faculty member and the annual President’s Invitational Golf Outing, which supports approximately 180 students with scholarship funds each year.

Last year, there were more than 3,638 applications for scholarships—up from 2,986 applicants in 2013.

“The majority of our donors give back because they’ve received help,” said Pat Ariano, executive director of University Development. “They are giving back because they were supported by the donors who came before them. They have a passion for giving back because it helped them to earn their degree.”

Students can apply for a majority of these scholarships beginning each November by visiting ben.edu/scholarships.

“Our goal is to make sure that there are applicants for every scholarship, and that as many students as possible have access to scholarship dollars,” Ariano said.

Other scholarships may have the potential to assist a greater number of students in the future, said Adrianna Saccone, University Development specialist.

“We have scholarships that continue to give and give, but there are still so many out there that need that extra push to become fully endowed,” Saccone said. “There are a lot of scholarships that are trying to grow, but just need that little additional support.”

The University is thankful for the generosity of Benedictine’s alumni and supporters. Their help is essential in providing a values-based education for students to lead and succeed in life and in the workplace.

Learn more about scholarships and how you can help. Call (630) 829-6003.
Heriberto Diaz, C13, Political Science
Conflict mediator and account specialist at Katz Law Office LTD., and law student at Chicago-Kent College of Law

One thing that I like to point out to students who are researching universities is that they should consider how much they will be able to stand out. Benedictine’s small class sizes allow professors the opportunity to help every student on an individual level, and also to get to know them on a personal level. These relationships open the door for undergraduate research as well as leadership and internship opportunities.

The University also offers a wealth of scholarship opportunities which greatly help reduce the financial burden. All things considered, I can say as an alumnus that I might not have been able to have the experiences I was able to have had I not gone to Benedictine.

I was very fortunate to receive scholarships during my time at BenU and by taking advantage of those opportunities, I was able to earn my bachelor’s degree with no debt.

The school makes a great effort to alleviate the financial burden through a wealth of scholarships and by limiting tuition increases.

— Heriberto Diaz

Dorota Blaszczyk, BenU Parent

The fact that Benedictine was a Catholic University was a big thing for us. We really treasure the Catholic values. It is also in a very good business location and what we found out is that a lot of Benedictine graduates stay in the area, so there is a great network here as well as companies nearby which depend on graduates from Benedictine. We like the diversity here, the wonderful Campus Ministry, instruction, values, financial help, scholarships and athletics. All together, it made so much sense for us. We also like hearing how the University is the fastest-growing University in the country. There’s a new campus in Arizona, the new College of Business building and other new facilities on campus. It shows that something good is happening, that the University is growing and we like that very much.

Alexes Hernandez, Freshman, Sociology Major

Although I applied late to Benedictine, the University’s financial aid staff was very mindful and helped take a lot of the stress out of the process. Scholarships played a big role in attending Benedictine. The scholarships that I have received cover about three-fifths of the cost of attending Benedictine. If I did not achieve the amount of scholarships that Benedictine had offered, I might have considered other colleges.

This experience will help me in the future because Benedictine prepares you for real-life situations and jobs. The University teaches hands-on skills and concepts that you need for your career and life rather than teaching things that you will never use.

Students who are concerned about accumulating debt after graduation need to consider the benefit of attending a smaller campus where they will be competing against fewer students for private scholarships than if they were to attend a larger public school.

The quality of the education, learning from very intelligent professors and receiving personal attention, all provide a great opportunity for students to shine and get the most out of their education. My relationship with my professors greatly contributed to my academic success because I always felt comfortable seeking help when I needed it.
To reach more middle class students who sometimes don’t receive enough aid, the Office of Financial Aid established the Benedictine Need Award.

“We looked at a lot of indicators and realized some students were having to pay quite a bit out of pocket after exhausting their financial aid,” said Janet Hannah, assistant director of the Office of Financial Aid. “So we said, ‘What else can we do?’ If Benedictine is a student’s top choice and they really want to come here, why can’t we provide them with a little more help?”

Counselors evaluate potential students who could benefit from the award by employing a number of indicators, including the FAFSA and other financial documentation.

Jerry Marshall, C14, Management
Assistant vice president at BMO Harris Bank

The attraction to Benedictine was not only the excellent reputation of the University, but the creative thinking of the faculty and administration to assist individuals that were negatively affected from the recession and declining job market in 2010. Benedictine’s Illinois Back to Work program allowed me to complete my bachelor’s degree within a very short time while providing me with the resources to continue with my career.

I know new doors will continue to open during the rest of my career. When people hear I have a degree from Benedictine, they realize the work, dedication and sacrifice associated with this achievement.

Ray Konopka, C89, Mathematics and Computer Science
Founder and president of Raize Software

RAIZE SOFTWARE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

I started the Raize Software Scholarship in Computer Science because I wanted to give something back to the University. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at Benedictine — from my advisors and the faculty, to campus life and meeting my future wife, not to mention the outstanding education I received.

For me, I cannot imagine how my life would be without my experiences at Benedictine. Without the scholarships that I received, I would not have benefited from those experiences. Establishing the scholarship was a way to say “Thank you” to the University, but it is also my hope that in some small way, the scholarship will enable other students to experience Benedictine like I did.

Lindsay Dillon, Graduate Student in the M.S.N. Program
Pediatric intensive care unit/RN clinical research coordinator, Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Advocate Children’s Hospital

I chose Benedictine because the tuition was more affordable when compared to other programs.

Being that this is my first experience as a virtual learner and because I have been out of school for more than a decade, my communication with advisors, etc., was critical. I had to change my course plans many times due to decreasing reimbursement and general life changes, and the transition was made stress-free.

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Bob Cebryznski, Parent of former student Cindy Cebryznski
THE CINDY CEBRYZNSKI MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Although our scholarship was established as a result of a very tragic event (the loss of Cindy at the hands of a drunk driver) we feel blessed that an opportunity has arisen to help other students financially at Benedictine.

Through the scholarship, our family has now personally been made part of a great new family that is the Benedictine University family. The warmth and generosity of the entire Benedictine staff has been a godsend in helping us fund the scholarship on a yearly basis through the Cindy Cebryznski 5K Memorial Run/Walk.

Knowing that we have helped students achieve their college goals gives us great personal fulfillment.

We would highly encourage others to investigate, and if possible, start their own endowed scholarship program at Benedictine. We cannot express enough how awesome it is to know that the memory of our daughter will live on for countless years at Benedictine through many, many students. It is definitely a two-way street. One gives to the University, but in return receives so much personal satisfaction.

Establishing or contributing to a scholarship is such a simple way to make a big difference. We feel we are directly impacting students’ lives and hopefully helping to ensure their future success.

— Bob Cebryznski

Leonna S. Ameduite,
M.S.N.’14
U.S. Army Public Health Nurse, Army Nurse Corps

I believe Benedictine is extremely affordable, especially for those in the military. It has been a great experience and well worth the investment. My degree has broadened my knowledge base and given me the tools to be a more well-rounded leader and professional.

Maurice Bell, C87, Political Science
Senior director, sales strategy and brand development at Gatorade
THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

My motivation for establishing the endowment was to give a helping hand to African-American students who desire to further their education but may struggle financially.

It is important to set an example for giving back when we have the means to do so. This scholarship also allows me to recognize those who came before me who paved the way so that I could attend Benedictine.

I would definitely encourage all alumni to either contribute or start their own endowed scholarship program at BenU. We are all challenged to leave this world a better place than when we arrived, and what better way to pay it forward than to assist others and help leave a legacy?

Personally meeting the scholarship recipients over the years has given us the chance to learn how the scholarship has helped students achieve their goals at Benedictine.

— Bob Cebryznski
Maraea D’Lonn Mason, C13, Communication Arts  
Financial aid specialist, Benedictine University

As a financial aid specialist at Benedictine, I help our students and their families understand the financial aid process by breaking down the terminology and federal guidelines for them. Our main goal is to help make going to school more affordable once students complete their FAFSA application. We also focus on assisting students who have special circumstances and financial needs by providing information about private loans, outside scholarships and Benedictine endowed scholarships.

As a prospective student, I was deciding between Benedictine and another institution in Chicago. I felt that I needed more of a balance and needed to really channel my academic abilities. Aside from wanting a more rounded college experience, Benedictine definitely offered more scholarships. Living in Chicago alone would have been a financial strain on my family. With Benedictine, I was offered several merit scholarships in addition to federal aid. Throughout my undergraduate career, I was able to apply for additional need-based scholarships as well. I received the Family Recognition Award and the Benedictine Incentive Award. I also received the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship twice and the Dr. Cheryl B. Richardson Award. Along with federal aid (loans, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and MAP) Benedictine and the financial aid I received covered more than 80 percent of my tuition each semester.

I always knew Benedictine was the right fit for me. I liked the small classroom sizes, the diversity and the overall campus. The resources available to the students are priceless. With endless opportunities from networking with professional alumni, to sitting in with guest speakers and building your resume, Benedictine offers a lot for students with no additional costs.

Jermeen Wadie, Junior, Biology Major

When I first came to Benedictine, I didn’t have any job experience, but now I have a strong resume that I have no doubt will be a competitive one when I apply for positions after college.

Benedictine University provides institutional aid to make a private, values-based Catholic college education affordable. It also guides students toward earning degrees that lead to sustainable careers.

The University makes every effort to educate and prepare students and to help them make informed decisions every step of the way so that they enjoy the best outcomes after graduation. Students receive personalized care and detailed checklists to help them at every stage of their college experience so their resumes stand out and make employers take notice.

In 2014, Benedictine ranked among the top 15 most affordable Catholic colleges and universities in the country with the highest starting salaries earned by graduates, and among the most affordable colleges in Illinois for its online programs.

Benedictine alumni can be found nationwide and abroad, and they continue to support new generations of students by giving back to the University with their time, talent and treasure. In 2012 alone, more than 1,000 Benedictine alumni invested in the University, donating nearly $400,000 to the institution.

Today, 88 percent of Benedictine graduates can be found either working or in graduate school within 12 months of Commencement.
I was very concerned about having an excess of student loan debt after graduating college, but I only had to take a small amount of student loans compared to my friends at other schools.

— Stephanie Saghafi

Stephanie Saghafi, Freshman, History Major

I chose Benedictine University because of the community feel. When I walk around campus I always see my friends and classmates. Due to the small size, people really get to know each other and make strong friendships. Classes are also smaller, allowing for more one-on-one time with the professor and interaction with classmates.

Benedictine has higher tuition than state schools. However, the financial aid here is incredible and greatly lowers the cost of attendance. It is easy to renew year after year, too.

My admissions counselor was always available to call or email and was very prompt in answering my questions. Once I got to school, I had a few questions about my financial aid, but was able to go to the Office of Financial Aid for immediate help and guidance. The staff is extremely helpful and presents a level of understanding that helps them to personally connect with students.

Benedictine students do not need to be wealthy to receive a rich values-based education. By filing the FAFSA early, heeding the advice of financial aid counselors, and by the approximately $21.7 million in institutional grants and scholarships the University makes available each year, students at Benedictine can enjoy all the benefits of an affordable and attainable undergraduate and graduate education that creates successful values-based leaders.

Because the University is a nonprofit institution, it runs on a limited budget where tuition is used to strengthen the student academic experience. Here are a few examples of where tuition goes:

- To compensate faculty and underwrite faculty development. Eighty-seven percent of Benedictine’s faculty have the highest degree in their fields, but professional development is ongoing and so is the cost of hiring and maintaining an excellent faculty.

- To build new classrooms. Benedictine continues to bring new classrooms online to accommodate our growing number of students and expanding programs. Part of the buildout of the lower levels of Birck and Kindlon Halls included the addition of new classrooms, and the University is now building the 125,000-square-foot Daniel L. Goodwin Hall of Business, scheduled to open in fall 2015.

- To provide new laboratories and science equipment. Benedictine’s reputation in the sciences is partly based on our ability to provide students with the latest tools and advances.

- To build and maintain new facilities for the physical well-being of our students. In addition, the recent renovations to the Dan and Ada Rice Center were partially achieved through donations and bonds, but the University must also pay for maintenance and upkeep of these facilities.

- To support programs like the College of Science Summer Research program, which allows students to gain hands-on experience by working closely with faculty on a variety of projects.

- To maintain Benedictine’s residence halls, which are an integral part of academic life. Room and board only covers part of the cost of maintaining these buildings. The University recently provided Benedictine helped ease my concerns by offering counseling about financial aid, my major and future career options.

The number of scholarships (including the Presidential Award and Benedictine Leadership Scholarship) that I received were significant. Compared to a state university, I received triple the amount of money in scholarships here. However, even without my scholarships I would still have attended Benedictine for its small class sizes and many opportunities.

You are always meeting new people and being exposed to new opportunities. After graduating, I know I will have contacts, experience and real-world knowledge to help me gain an edge over others when applying for jobs.

Read more from students and alumni at ben.edu/webextras.
all residence halls with new furniture, including twin XL-size bunk beds, double-drawer wood wardrobes, maple desks and upholstered two-position chairs. Free washers and dryers are also included on the lower levels of every residence hall.

- **To subsidize student clubs and organizations**, which provide students with the opportunity to hone their leadership and interpersonal skills and to sponsor activities that promote social interaction among all students, such as Carnival, Spring Ball, Homecoming Dance, Pancake Night, Tie-Dye Day and Canoe Lake St. Benedict. The activity fee only covers a portion of these operations.

- **To support academic centers of learning** like the Center for Civic Leadership, which helps students become better citizens and community leaders through seminars and visiting speakers.

- **To provide athletic programs** which develop leadership and cooperative skills among students and serve as a source of pride for the entire community. More than 450 students participate in intercollegiate athletics annually.

- **To develop new degree programs** such as the major in Business Analytics. Developing relevant, meaningful academic programs means better job opportunities for students following graduation.

- **To provide our students with the latest technological tools, computer software and hardware.**

- **To support campus recreational programs** like yoga and Pilates. We are committed to developing student’s physical well-being as well as their minds.

- **To support student services** such as the Student Success Center, which provides supplemental teaching, tutoring, textbook assistance and disability support services, and the Career Development Center, which helps students prepare for life after college.

These are just a few of the areas which rely on tuition dollars. As a nonprofit, every dollar that the University takes in is reinvested in the success—present and future—OF OUR STUDENTS.

Watch **The Benedictine Promise** video—it’s a great way to learn what the Promise means to faculty, staff, students and alumni. ben.edu/promise.

Thank you for helping us keep the Promise.
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ADLER AFTER DARK
Alumni enjoyed a night under the stars at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago for “Adler After Dark” on August 21. It was a great time for attendees who were able to explore the museum and learn more about the universe, while being with fellow alumni.

BOTTLE & BOTTEGA
Alumni and friends (below) gathered in the Fr. Michael E. Komechak, O.S.B., Art Gallery on the fifth floor of Kindlon Hall on October 24 to enjoy a night of food, wine and painting. With the help of Bottle & Bottega art instructors, everyone had the chance to paint one of four masterpieces to take home with them.

BENEDICT10 AND WHO’S WHO DAY AT THE GAME
Benedict10 alumni networked with the 2014 Who’s Who Among Benedictine University Alumni award winners at the Benedictine football game on November 8. Everyone enjoyed food, a great game and V.I.P. seating in the presidential suites.

NEW ALUMNI WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION FOR DECEMBER GRADUATES
As part of the November Graduation Fair, Alumni Development hosted a New Alumni Wine and Cheese reception for Class of 2014 December graduates to celebrate a job well done and provide them with an opportunity to learn more about their Alumni Association.

ALUMNI HOLIDAY CRUISE
The holidays were celebrated with a cruise on Lake Michigan aboard the Spirit of Chicago on December 7. The Alumni Holiday Cruise was a great way to kick off the holiday season with a spectacular night of dinner and dancing.

HOMECOMING 2014: BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE
As the University continues to grow, its celebrations at Homecoming are getting bigger and better each year.

The theme for Benedictine’s Homecoming 2014, “Building for the Future,” highlighted a record-setting period of growth that included the new Daniel L. Goodwin Hall of Business, scheduled to open in fall 2015.

Judges awarded the UNICEF student organization first place in the float category for embracing a superhero theme with their design and decor during the Homecoming parade. Student Senate took first place in the walking category for their level of student participation and overall Homecoming spirit as they walked along the Memorial Walkway dressed as construction workers.

On Homecoming day, the Neuzil Hall parking lot quickly transformed into “Tent Row” with nine tents representing every Benedictine college as well as the Offices of Student Life, Athletics, Admissions, and International Programs and Services.

As the grills heated up, alumni, friends and family came together to reconnect with faculty and staff. Each tent had its own distinct selection of food and activities. Cover band Maggie Speaks played classics from the 1950s to the latest Top 40 hits. People of all ages enjoyed the petting zoo and nearby children entertained themselves in a bouncy house, played games and got their pictures taken in a photo booth.

There was also a health fair organized by the University’s Department of Nursing and Health. The fair helped children and parents learn about bicycle helmets, healthy food choices, the importance of exercise and using technology appropriately.

Afterward, all attendees headed to the Sports Complex to watch the Eagles take on the Adrian College Bulldogs. Unfortunately, the Eagles were defeated 23-6, but the crowd kept its support strong.

Come back to campus next year and have some fun while reconnecting with your alma mater at Homecoming 2015 on Saturday, October 17. For more information, visit ben.edu/homecoming.
ALUMNI RECOGNIZED AT HOMECOMING

Three outstanding alumni were honored as recipients of the 2014 Alumni Awards at the University’s Homecoming football game.

The Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in a career field or personal endeavor, was presented to Richard Grimley, M.B.A.’84 (pictured far left). Grimley is the president and CEO of Chicago-based Rexam Beverage Can North America, a $2 billion per year revenue business serving some of the largest and most recognizable beverage brands in the world.

He serves on the boards of trustees for the Museum of Science and Industry and Big Shoulders Fund, a charitable organization with a mission of providing support to Catholic schools in the neediest areas of Chicago. He also leads Rexam’s charitable endeavors with such groups as Naperville Responds For Our Veterans, United Way and the Ronald McDonald House.

The 2014 Alumni Service Award was presented to Amania Drane, M.S.’08 (Management and Organizational Behavior) (far right) in recognition of service to Benedictine with her time and talent.

Drane is an alumna who is truly dedicated to student success and supporting the values and mission of the University. She began her career in the auto claims division and later moved into human resources at State Farm Insurance, where she has worked for 24 years. From helping to set up a mentorship program and working with students from the Black Student Union to founding the Celebrating Success Scholarship for African-American students, Drane leads by example in every endeavor she embraces. She has a passion for education and ensuring that students and alumni of Benedictine live up to their potential.

The Benedictine Spirit Award, which is given to an alumnus who exemplifies the Benedictine values of service, hospitality and dedication in their personal and/or professional life, was presented to Scott Filer, C99, Health Science (center).

Filer is the president and CEO of One Hope United, a large, multistate nonprofit organization that provides an array of supportive therapeutic, early learning and residential services to nearly 30,000 children and families. Prior to joining One Hope United, he served as the president and CEO of the National Children’s Center in Washington, D.C.

An innovator for nearly 25 years, Filer’s leadership resume in human services includes programs directed at improving public health infrastructure and enhancing the lives of children and people with disabilities. He serves on several boards, including the Public Health Foundation Enterprises in Los Angeles, Calif.

Nominations for the 2015 awards can be sent to Trente Arens at tarens@ben.edu.
As a young priest who marched alongside the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Bernard Kleina witnessed several seminal moments in history—moments in which he was fortunate to document with the camera by his side.

Today, Kleina’s pictures of King are among the rarest and most visually striking ever taken. They are important because they are some of the only known color photos of King in Chicago, marking the time when the civil rights movement shifted from the South to northern cities where racism and segregation were more subdued and equally as difficult to fight.

“When you see photos of King on his birthday, you are going to see him in his ‘I have a Dream’ speech or in Selma and Montgomery, Alabama,” Kleina said. “You are never going to see him in Chicago.

“I was trying to change that to help people understand that what Dr. King faced in the South, he also faced up here in the North. There was so much criticism of Dr. King in the South and in Chicago that he was the one who was starting the violence and I wanted to show that was not correct.”

The photos have since been displayed at civil rights museums and galleries across the country. This past August, some of Kleina’s photographs became part of the Smithsonian’s national collection and will appear in the upcoming photo book, “Through the African American Lens: Double Exposure,” from the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Kleina, who graduated from Benedictine University (then St. Procopius College) in 1957 and became an ordained Catholic Priest in 1961, was compelled to join the movement after learning about the beatings of protesters near Selma as they attempted to make their way to Montgomery to call for an end to discriminatory voting practices. Their efforts were stalled after they were attacked with billy clubs and tear gassed by Alabama State Troopers. One week prior, a white Unitarian minister who had traveled from Boston to lend his support was beaten to death by a group of white supremacists.

“Two days before the marches resumed on March 21, 1965, Kleina was arrested after walking with four other individuals—three of whom were black—in a public street, purportedly for parading without a permit. The incident made the front page of the Selma Times-Journal, and was described by Selma’s public safety director at the time as “an activity which was calculated to get someone injured or killed.”

“It was somewhat intimidating, although I think because I was young and had played football at St. Procopius I thought I was invincible,” Kleina said. “I was fairly naive. I thought the discrimination I saw was pretty limited to the South, but after I went down to Selma I found that wasn’t the case. It opened my eyes to the extent of discrimination not only in the South, but in the North as well. Frankly, going down to Selma changed my whole life.”

Kleina said his decision to join King in Alabama was reinforced by many priests and teachers he came in contact with at Benedictine, such as Fr. Adolph E. Hrdlicka, O.S.B., who was the school’s groundkeeper and librarian before becoming president of the college in 1956, and Fr. Clement Sohr, O.S.B., who was vice rector at St. Procopius Seminary.

“The priests had a great value system and I tried to emulate the people I admired in many ways,” Kleina said. “Going to St. Procopius at that time was really the perfect choice for me.”

Five months after the Selma-to-Montgomery march, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act, which prohibited racial discrimination in voting and outlawed literacy tests and other devices that were used historically to deprive minorities of the right to vote.

The next year, King set his sights on Chicago, where housing discrimination and a lack of services were contributing to urban decay in the city’s black neighborhoods. After several marches and little-to-no progress, King decided to take the marches out of the black community and into largely white neighborhoods.

“Some of those marches were pretty rough,” Kleina said. “Sometimes, the people outside the protests would throw rocks, bottles and cherry bombs at us over the heads of police, and the police did nothing so long as you did not hit them.”
Both Kleina and King were hit by flying objects in a particularly combative march in Marquette Park. Tires were slashed and cars were overturned. Some cars even caught on fire, while others ended up in a nearby lagoon.

“I think the people from Mississippi ought to come to Chicago to learn how to hate,” King would later say of the experience.

While the city agreed to make some concessions, for the most part they turned out to be empty promises. After Chicago, King went on to give speeches expressing his opposition to the Vietnam War and the need to concentrate on more domestic issues, like the needs of the poor. He was preparing to organize another massive march on Washington, D.C. to advocate for the creation of a poor people’s bill of rights when he was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn.

Although he managed to get close to King in a way no one without credentials could today, Kleina never spoke directly with the civil rights leader.

“I always thought, ‘OK, well I can’t do it at this demonstration, I will do it tomorrow or the next day,’ but the next day never came,” Kleina said. “When I get over that I think, I am doing what he would really like me to do, but it still is really one of my biggest regrets.”

Kleina left the priesthood in 1968, dedicating the rest of his life to advocating for the fair housing rights of individuals in DuPage County as the executive director of the HOPE Fair Housing Center from 1970-2011. He is also a founding member of the National Housing Alliance, on whose board he still serves to this day.

He has received numerous awards for his work including “Humanitarian of the Year” from the West Suburban Philanthropic Network, the “Lifetime Achievement Award” from the DuPage County branch of the NAACP, and the Freedom Flame Award from the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute.

Through the HOPE Fair Housing Center, Kleina and others have helped more than 25,000 renters, potential renters and homeowners better understand their rights. The organization has also investigated more than 12,500 complaints of housing discrimination and filed more than 290 fair housing complaints.

One case Kleina is particularly proud of forced a racetrack to upgrade and expand its on-site housing to include running water, showers and bathrooms for Hispanic workers and their families.

“I felt good we could intervene and do something about that, and that we’ve been able to accomplish things locally and nationally as well,” Kleina said. “I feel my photography has been a big help in getting people to understand these problems and to figure out how to solve them.”

Enacting change, of course, did not come easy. Just like King, HOPE had to overcome a lot of resistance in its early days.

“We had our windows shot out, we got threatening letters and phone calls,” Kleina said. “The county was difficult to deal with at the time and would try to undercut us in many ways. There was a great deal of opposition to what we were doing, and all we were doing was representing people who were denied housing because of their race or national origin, or because children in the family were on disability.”

In addition to his photography, Kleina has produced several award winning videos, education materials and presentations on fair housing and lending discrimination for numerous government agencies, municipalities, banks, realtors and apartment associations.

He is currently working on a video about home foreclosures and the preference for banks to maintain foreclosed homes in majority white neighborhoods, while leaving homes in black neighborhoods to fester.

“(When people look back at the civil rights era) I don’t want them to look back and think ‘Oh, that was then and everything is OK now,’” Kleina said. “So I always try and include contemporary visuals in my work so people understand Dr. King’s work is not finished.”

Watch a portion of the interview at ben.edu/kleina.

See more of Kleina’s photographs at ben.edu/webextras.
Benedictine is the source of many fond memories for Lauren and Chris Trifilio. It’s the place that helped them launch their careers and it was where they first met in 1997 as students in American History class.

“As the quintessential ‘good student,’ I sat in the front row and Chris sat in the ‘bleachers’ in the back row,” Lauren recalled of their meeting. “As the semester progressed, I moved back a few rows, Chris moved up a few and we literally ‘met in the middle.’ It has since become a good motto for our marriage.”

The classroom meeting would eventually lead to marriage, children and success in their personal and professional lives. Today, Chris works at Mesirow Financial where he is senior vice president of Institutional Sales and Trading of Convertible Securities. In his first position after graduating from Benedictine, he was one of the youngest people in the history of William Blair, the global investment and wealth management firm, to make partner due to his ability to generate new business. In 2013, he was named one of Benedictine’s “Top 40 Under 40,” a group of young Benedictine alumni who have displayed vision, leadership and innovation in their career field.

“My professors at Benedictine gave me a solid education in business and finance,” he said. “They gave me both theoretical knowledge and practical experience.”

Lauren is currently an adjunct professor in the Adult Studies Education program at Trinity Christian College, where she prepares Education majors for their state licensing exam. She is also an instructor at Moraine Valley Community College, where she teaches “College 101,” a course which prepares full-time freshmen students for their college classes.

“Not only did I receive a wonderful education at Benedictine, but I gained practical knowledge of the classroom as well,” she said. “My professors inspired me to teach and gave me the skills to pass this inspiration on to my own students. Having grown up in the Chicago suburbs and planning on staying here, Benedictine gave me big horizons and local roots. The ties to local schools and knowledge of the classroom environment gave me an insight that students at other universities did not have.”

The positive experience the Trifilios had as students is why they continue to come back to campus and share the advantages Benedictine’s values-based education can provide future generations.

“I would absolutely recommend students attend Benedictine due to the great education, its commitment from professors, its small, welcoming atmosphere and a location central to Chicago and the suburbs,” Lauren said. “Most importantly, it’s a place where students can grow and make a mark on campus and in turn, the University will leave a mark on the student.”

The couple has volunteered for projects that reach out to other alumni and encourage them to re-connect, such as the Homecoming invitation videos. They also support the University financially through such efforts as the Alumni Plaza brick project.

Each time they stop by for a visit, they create new memories and rekindle old ones.

“It’s the intangibles that make us come back to the University,” Lauren said. “While the physical campus is beautiful and has evolved in ways that I would not have predicted back in 2000, it is the sense of belonging that brings us back.”
Student callers want to connect through Phonathon

The Annual Fund’s Student Phonathon callers value the financial support received from the University community. They also look forward to learning how Benedictine helped alumni get where they are today.

Students such as Nikki Millar (left), a senior Political Science major; Carlos Castillo (right), a freshman Marketing major; Mona Sharma (center), a junior Health Science major; and many others are looking forward to speaking with you about your Benedictine experience. These students are truly thankful for the kindness of alumni and donors who welcome their call.

It is through our donors’ generous contributions that these students have received scholarships which have helped make their education at Benedictine affordable and attainable. This level of support greatly assists the University in its mission to grow and prepare students for a life of learning, leadership and service.

Please consider investing in the future of Benedictine students when you receive your call from the Phonathon.

President’s Invitational Golf Outing

Two decades supporting student scholarships

The 2014 President’s Invitational Golf Outing at Cantigny Golf in Wheaton was a celebration marking 20 years of great golf, fundraising for student scholarships and President William Carroll’s 20th year at Benedictine.

Each person who participates in the outing helps make it possible for many Benedictine students in need to earn a college degree. In exchange for their support, each golfer received a new Titleist Vokey Wedge.

At the dinner portion of the event, CBS Sports analyst Gary McCord (above, right) interviewed golf legend Lee Trevino (above, left). The two shared stories of their time on the PGA tour and their take on the world of golf to the delight of all in attendance. ➤ Page 18
On July 27, 2015, the University will again welcome two great golf personalities to the event—Annika Sörenstam, one of the most successful female golfers in history, and David Feherty, CBS Sports commentator and former golf professional.

Visit ben.edu/golf for a listing of sponsorship opportunities and to register for the event.
Chinese Faculty Study Teaching Methods at Benedictine

Last fall, 14 faculty members from Dalian Nationalities University (DNU) in China came to Benedictine for a certificate program in University Teaching that will help them enhance classes back home with fresh ideas, new content and innovative teaching styles.

DNU faculty in English and Humanities, Journalism, Economics, Food Science and Mathematics attended classes led by Benedictine faculty members and observed their performance with students inside the classroom. They were also paired with individual faculty mentors to reinforce concepts and discuss different approaches to teaching, textbooks and other strategies to help students learn more effectively.

Victor Wang, an associate professor of history and international business at DNU, said he decided to participate in the fall exchange to further his knowledge of American History and English and learn new techniques for instructional delivery in his courses.

“Learning more about the teaching methodology can help,” Wang said. “In China, we are supposed to lecture a lot. Sometimes the class can be as big as 150 students and that is such a big class that all you can do is give a lecture. Here you have smaller classes, and you can have a discussion and an activity students can learn from. That’s fun and impressive because it really engages students and helps them apply their memory longer.”

Other DNU faculty members said they were impressed with how Benedictine faculty were able to guide students in group discussion.

“The most impressive thing to me is that teachers here can respond to everyone, no matter what the student’s answer is,” said Nicole Ning, a lecturer at DNU. “There are no wrong answers necessarily. It just means the students have to be very communicative and have the ability to express themselves, and the teacher has to be able to understand them and lead them.”

This kind of exchange is one way Benedictine strives to keep the classroom interesting. It is an opportunity for professional development with an international perspective which keeps faculty on the forefront of the latest trends and advances in academia.

“Anytime you have scholarly and pedagogic exchanges with other colleagues in your field it’s bound to be valuable,” said Steven Day, Ph.D., an assistant professor of Chinese Language and Literature at Benedictine. “Being aware of other educational systems and cultures can help our faculty better address our international student population’s specific needs. And, by adopting other practices to enrich our teaching, Benedictine faculty can also enhance the general educational experience for our students with an international dimension.”

The visit was coordinated through Benedictine’s Global College, the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Education and Health Services, and the College of Science.

Throughout the past five years, DNU has hosted similar international faculty seminars in China for visiting Benedictine faculty. This ongoing partnership helped lead to the exchange at Benedictine, said Alan Gorr, Ph.D., dean of Benedictine’s Global College.

“This is the latest development in what has become a vast collaboration between our two universities,” Gorr said. “It has laid the groundwork for future cooperation in numerous areas and it has furthered our development as a global learning community.”
President Carroll Recognized for Efforts to Create Atmosphere of Inclusion

President William J. Carroll was named as a recipient of the INSIGHT Into Diversity Visionary Award, which recognizes individuals who have made significant past and present contributions to diversity in higher education and who have made an indelible mark in broadening diversity and inclusion at their college or university.

INSIGHT Into Diversity is the oldest and largest diversity magazine and website in higher education today, connecting potential employees with institutions and businesses choosing to embrace a workforce more reflective of local and national communities for nearly 40 years.

The award acknowledges Carroll for his “vision, dedication and long-term commitment to diversity and inclusion.”

Under his leadership, Benedictine has grown from a small local college to a university with regional, national and international reach.

Since he became president in 1995, he founded the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast (celebrating its 20th year this January); established the First Responder Program, which provided free or reduced tuition to area first responders during a long period of funding and the Illinois Back to Work Program to help the unemployed in Illinois; formed partnerships with universities in Asia where students from Benedictine and Asian campuses can exchange and study; and has been a leading architect in making Benedictine University one of the most diverse campuses in the country as recognized by U.S. News & World Report.

Other initiatives include launching an Interfaith Cooperation Committee to ensure campus religious diversity while remaining faithful to the University’s Catholic and Benedictine heritage, and spending the 2013-14 academic year in cooperation with Interfaith Youth Core, who assessed campus interreligious diversity with a survey and focus groups of faculty, staff and students, and provided recommendations which will serve as the core of a new interreligious diversity plan.

Benedictine’s enrollment, which includes a diverse student body with about 24 percent of students surveyed indicating a religious preference toward Islam, has grown significantly during Carroll’s tenure, from fewer than 3,000 students when he arrived to nearly 10,000 today.

Opportunities that allow students to explore and appreciate different cultures at Benedictine include the Catholic-Muslim Student Dialogue group, where students of both faiths come together in a respectful atmosphere to discuss the Bible and the Quran, and religious issues and customs; the Intercultural House, a special residence hall where students are randomly assigned and encouraged to interact with a roommate with contrasting life experiences; as well as several interfaith dinners, cross-cultural events and dozens of study abroad opportunities.

ENCOURAGE STUDENTS AND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY TO EMBRACE DIFFERENCES, WORK TOGETHER

MOSAIC’S INTERFAITH DINNER

Students at Benedictine understand no matter who you are or where you’re from, good food can really bring people together.

Recognizing this universal truth, Benedictine’s Movement of Students Achieving Interfaith Collaboration (MOSAIC) student-led organization held the “B Inspired Together Interfaith Dinner” in September to provide students from various religious backgrounds the chance to break bread and discuss the importance of interfaith collaboration and service.

“There were three objectives,” said Zach Oesterreicher, a senior Biochemistry/Molecular Biology major, who helped organize the event. “First, to bring students together who were already active in service work but involved in different groups; second, to create a space where people would feel comfortable about sharing their thoughts about faith; and lastly, to explain future MOSAIC projects and encourage other students to participate.”

The dinner included an overview of MOSAIC and the University’s work with the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to uniting young people of different backgrounds around service and dialogue. Earlier this year, students from Benedictine attended the IFYC...
Interfaith Leadership Institute in which college students from across the nation brainstormed how they could improve interfaith interactions and opportunities on campus. At the conference, Oesterreicher and Sandya George, a junior Health Science major, won $100 for their idea to host the interfaith dinner at Benedictine, which they used to pay for some of the event’s expenses.

“These kinds of events, which focus on bringing people together, are very important because although our campus is extremely diverse, we have a tendency to work separately on projects,” Oesterreicher said. “This event is also important on a global level because it prepares our students to tackle the increasingly large number of conflicts that our world currently faces due to conflicting ideas—often times relating to religion.”

LEADERS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA
A delegation of community leaders from the Republic of Georgia (above) attended the interfaith dinner at BenU as part of a week-long exchange program administered by the Council of International Programs USA, a nonprofit organization that promotes global understanding through professional development and cultural exchange.

The Georgian participants engaged in discussion about interfaith challenges in their country and listened to presentations from students on how interreligious dialogue has served to increase student knowledge and understanding of other cultures and people while strengthening their own faith.

PAKISTAN CONSUL GENERAL
Benedictine hosted Pakistan Consul General Faisal Niaz Tirmizi, (above, seated center) who discussed the dynamic sources of conflict within different Muslim groups and other factors that contribute to internal political turmoil in countries like Iraq and Syria.

At Benedictine, we believe dialogue is eye-opening. We believe that bringing people together from a variety of backgrounds to live, work and play helps our students to participate and lead in an increasingly global society.

ST. FRANCIS AND THE SULTAN
Other interfaith events this year included a lecture given by John Tolan, Ph.D., acclaimed international scholar of medieval Christian-Muslim relations and professor of History at the Université de Nantes in France. His talk focused on the emblematic encounter of St. Francis and Sultan Malik al-Kamil of Egypt in the 13th century and its believed influence on early Christian-Muslim dialogue.
Benedictine Shifts Focus in Springfield to Adult, Graduate Students

Citing an increased demand for adult education in the greater Central Illinois region, Benedictine University at Springfield has begun transitioning to an adult undergraduate and graduate campus.

The transition will allow the branch campus to refocus solely on the swelling adult student population and its educational needs for job growth and career change. “To stay viable in higher education, the University must evolve to meet the growing needs of the changing consumer and job markets,” said President William J. Carroll. “We believe that this transition will benefit the greater community by stimulating the economy through adult education, which in turn can lead to better jobs and better pay for those already tied to their community.”

The Springfield branch campus has ceased accepting new freshman and transfer students. All traditional undergraduate academic programs for current freshmen and sophomore students will close at the end of the Spring 2015 Semester along with the University’s athletic programs.

To ensure current juniors and seniors can still earn their bachelor’s degree in Springfield at the university where they began, Benedictine is developing a completion plan with the Illinois Board of Higher Education so that students may graduate by August 2016, Carroll said.

Benedictine has frozen tuition for all other Springfield branch campus traditional undergraduate students who desire to transfer to the University’s other campuses in Lisle or Mesa, Ariz., and is assisting those who plan to transfer to other universities.

The decision to focus exclusively on adult programs was made after the Board of Trustees and University administrators carefully considered the future of Benedictine in the region and how it can...

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Serving the Poor in Bolivia

A group of Benedictine students spent part of their 2014 summer break volunteering in day care centers, psychiatric hospitals, orphanages and soup kitchens in service to the poor and underprivileged in Sucre, Bolivia.

On the trip, students shared meals and prayer time with children and adults, played soccer and toured the capital city. The students encountered many Bolivians who, despite their circumstances, had a positive outlook on life and placed a great importance on the well-being of others.

“I learned that we are so lucky and that so many of us do not even know it,” said Anna MacLachlan, a sophomore Health Science major. “We take for granted the fact that our water is clean, our food is fresh, our cars work and we have a roof to sleep under at night.”

“I don’t think I will ever forget the people I met in Bolivia,” said Lillian Vargas, C14, Psychology. “I’ve met many Bolivians who have an amazing character and a very caring personality toward the poor in the community. I also met Bolivians who have very simple lives but were also very happy. Seeing someone who can be happy with very little is something worth seeing and a lesson well-learned.”

This was the 14th group of Benedictine students to visit Bolivia since Benedictine’s Campus Ministry joined the Joliet Diocese...
The Chronicle of Higher Education recently reported that nearly 40 percent of the nation’s higher education students are adults who are looking to accelerate their careers or change jobs, and the U.S. Department of Education indicates the number of nontraditional students (those older than 22) has surpassed the traditional undergraduate student population and is expected to increase another 23 percent by 2019.

The University has experienced great success with its adult programs through its National Moser Center for Adult Learning in the Chicago area and at the branch campuses in Mesa and Springfield.

In recognition of American Archives Month, the library held an “Archives Open House” for members of the campus community to learn more about the history of Benedictine through some of the oldest and rarest materials housed in the University Archives collection as well as preservation techniques used in handling the items (above).

For one week, several information tables highlighting archives-related topics were also strategically set up across campus. A table in Brink Hall featured the University’s history in the area of scientific research, while in the Rice Center, a table focused on the University’s history in athletics. A third table in the Krasa Student Center displayed more general Benedictine history.

These activities enabled the library to educate the campus community on the role of the University Archives in preserving the history of the institution and making archival resources available for research.

Events Highlight Value of Library’s Many Resources

The Benedictine University Library held several events this past fall showcasing everything it has to offer from its vast archives and comprehensive collections to book discussions and workshops for budding writers.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY HOSTS PANEL DISCUSSION

The Charles E. Becker Library was the site of a panel discussion on the award-winning book “The Kite Runner.” Panelists Maryam Mostoufi, D.Min. (below), from the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield; Phillip Volkman, Ph.D., lecturer at Benedictine University at Springfield; and Ali Nizamuddin, Ph.D., associate professor of Political Science at University of Illinois Springfield, discussed the historical and religious themes in the novel, which is about a 12-year-old Afghan boy and his betrayal of his best friend. The story takes place during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the later rise of the Taliban.

The event was held following Banned Books Week, as the book has been challenged or banned in a number of libraries for its sexual content. During the event, the library also provided information to those in attendance about intellectual freedom and censorship.

AMERICAN ARCHIVES MONTH

For National Academic Writing Month, the Library held a “Kickstart Your Writing” workshop with a presentation by Anne Marie Smith, writing learning specialist for the Student Success Center, on how to overcome obstacles to starting a writing project, followed by a “write-in” during which participants received assistance on their own writing. The event reflected the Library’s mission to help students succeed academically.

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mission to Bolivia in 2000. Today, the country remains one of the poorest in South America with more than 60 percent of inhabitants living in poverty and nearly 38 percent living in extreme poverty, according to the Center for Economic and Policy Research.

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Marking the 50th Anniversary of Civil Rights Act

Benedictine University honored the 50-year anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act by bringing prominent speakers to campus this past fall to discuss the impact of the landmark legislation.

The event, “The Civil Rights Act of 1964: Past, Present and Future,” featured discussions with John Marks, one of the first black students to integrate Florida State University (FSU) in 1965 and who is now mayor of Tallahassee, Fla.; Fannie Rushing, Ph.D., founding member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Chicago and professor of History at Benedictine; and the Rev. F. Willis Johnson, D.Min., pastor of Wellspring Church and one of the key community members involved in organizing nonviolent protests in Ferguson, Mo., after Michael Brown, an unarmed black teen, was shot and killed by a white police officer.

“We were honored to bring this important event to our campus to help us reflect on the significance of the 1964 Civil Rights Act in the year of its 50th anniversary, and to examine the issues and problems that we continue to struggle with as a society,” said Phil Hardy, Ph.D., assistant professor of Political Science and director of the University’s Center for Civic Leadership (CCL).

At a luncheon held earlier in the day, Marks spoke about his decision to apply to the then all-white FSU rather than the historically black college, Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University (FAMU), which his parents had attended, on the other side of Tallahassee.

“The disparity of resources between the two institutions was clear,” Marks recalled. “FAMU was a wonderful place, but at that point in time the comparison between the resources, buildings and the grounds was incomparable. As I walked through Florida State, I said, ‘This is where I’m going to go to school.’ Low and behold, I was accepted and I’m grateful to this day.”

Today, Marks is Tallahassee’s longest serving mayor.

In the evening, Johnson presented “The Injustice of Just Us: Ferguson’s Struggle to Restore Hope in Humanity.”

Johnson addressed the events in Ferguson, which erupted into weeks of daily protests, occasional riots and a highly critical police response.

In the days immediately following Brown’s death, Johnson offered counseling through the Wellspring Church and sought to keep young people from getting hurt as confrontations among protesters and police intensified.

“Pastor Johnson has been a leading voice in the community creating paths of dialogue with the police and FBI,” said Vince Gaddis, Ph.D., professor of History at Benedictine. “He was an excellent person to come and share his insight to help us better understand some of the underlying issues into what happened in Ferguson.”

The event was co-sponsored by the CCL, the History and Global Studies Programs, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Center for Mission and Identity at Benedictine.
Art Gallery Exhibits Rarely Seen Work by Noted Imagist Painter

Fans and friends of the late painter Edward Francis Paschke had the chance to see some of his rarely seen artwork up close during a special exhibit this past fall in the Fr. Michael E. Komechak, O.S.B., Art Gallery.

The exhibition, which was also featured on WTTW Channel 11’s “Chicago Tonight,” was comprised of family members’ collections and organized to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the artist’s death by celebrating his lively and pop art-influenced representational imagery.

A graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, which has nearly two dozen of his works in its collection, Paschke was a member of the late-1960s Chicago Imagist movement, a group of artists whose expressive style of figurative painting was rooted in outsider art, popular culture and surrealism.

“Although Ed Paschke is perhaps the best known of the Chicago Imagists, unlike many of his compatriots, Ed’s interest in image was so much more fused with his interest in painterly matters,” said Lynne Warren, curator of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.

“His bold use of color and the pictorial space it creates; his willingness to let his striking figuration dematerialize into blurs of color and retinal ghosts was certainly unique among Chicago-based artists and indeed in contemporary art in general.”

Paschke’s influence and popularity extend well beyond his native Chicago, however. His work has been included in exhibitions at numerous institutions around the world, including the Whitney Museum of American Art (New York), the Museum of Modern Art (New York), the Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden (Washington, D.C.), and the Louvre (Paris).

The exhibition underscores the University’s mission—and that of the late Fr. Michael, for whom the gallery is named—to instill within students an appreciation of art, music and culture, and to develop well-rounded individuals who will become better learners, leaders and world citizens. The gallery also provides a venue for students to display their own creative talents.

For information on future exhibits, visit ben.edu/artgallery.
Taking Shape
Construction on Hall of Business Progresses

After a summer and fall of construction on campus, much of the outer walls and interior floors of the 125,000-square-foot Daniel L. Goodwin Hall of Business have been completed. Workers have started on the next phase of the project and have moved indoors to build out classrooms, study areas, offices, a Starbucks, a 40-seat, state-of-the-art trading laboratory, auditorium and space to house all College of Business programs, including the University’s Master of Business Administration program and the innovative Ph.D. in Organization Development and Ph.D./D.B.A. in Values-Driven Leadership programs.

Construction will continue throughout the year with the building expected to open in fall 2015.

ben.edu/COBconstruction

Graduates Celebrate, Move on to Next Stage in Life

The University celebrated the hard work of the many graduates who completed requirements to earn their degree at the University’s 123rd Commencement Convocation at the Rice Center on December 13. Congratulations and best of luck to all of you in your future endeavors!
Catholic Mission and Identity in Mesa

Benedictine’s Center for Mission and Identity (CMI) is supporting the ongoing development of Catholic social teaching and the Catholic intellectual tradition at the Mesa branch campus.

In November, the CMI’s Visiting Scholar in Catholic Thought series brought William C. Mattison III, Ph.D., (right) an expert in the area of fundamental moral theology and the virtue and work of St. Thomas Aquinas, for a lecture on the Beatitudes presented during Jesus’ famous Sermon on the Mount and their significance on virtue and Christian life.

Alicia Cordoba Tait, D.M.A., assistant to the president for mission integration, also held a workshop to help faculty identify ways they can further implement the Catholic and Benedictine mission and strengthen institutional practices that better reflect the University’s Catholic heritage and identity across campus.

“This is such a unique time in our history for the CMI to reach students in Mesa, demonstrating solidarity of purpose and growth in our love of God, love of learning and love for each other,” Tait said.

City of Mesa, BenU at Mesa Campus Recognized for Environmental Innovations

Benedictine University at Mesa’s main campus building, Gillett Hall, once welcomed new life into the world as the city’s former Southside Hospital. Now, it welcomes college students entering a new chapter of their life.

After a joint venture with the City of Mesa to renovate the unused space and bring Arizona its first Catholic University, the city and University have forged one of the best adaptive reuse collaborations in Arizona.

In September, the City of Mesa received an Environmental Excellence Award of Merit from Arizona Forward for the adaptive reuse of Gillett Hall, the former Southside Hospital building located at 225 E. Main St. that now serves as the University’s academic building.

Arizona Forward is an association of nonprofit, government, business and community members advocating for the thoughtful balance of economic development and environmental sustainability, and rewards innovative work for environmental excellence in the areas of technology, construction, education, transportation and public art.

Gillett Hall underwent a $10 million, yearlong renovation before opening to students in September 2013. The revamped building includes classrooms, nutrition and computer labs, faculty and administrative offices, a community room, chapel and spirit store, and features automatic lighting shutoffs, recycled materials and energy-efficient lamps.

City officials attributed the award to the joint effort between the City of Mesa and Benedictine to maintain much of the historical context surrounding the building and for creating a sustainable end product.

“I am thrilled that the partnership between the City of Mesa and Benedictine University to keep this historic property an important part of our downtown has been recognized,” said Mesa Vice Mayor Chris Glover. “The cooperation between the city and BenU to not only make this project happen, but to also make it environmentally sustainable, is a testament to the two organizations’ commitment to making Mesa a great place to live and work.”
Go Redhawks!

New Athletic Programs Making Their Mark in Mesa

Benedictine University at Mesa students wrote a new chapter in school history this fall by competing in intercollegiate men’s and women’s golf and cross country for the first time.

Both men’s golf and women’s cross country made their presence felt during their inaugural events.

Junior Ben Potter shared the individual title at the National Collegiate Club Golf Association’s Southwest Regional Meet in Sun Lakes, Ariz. The Phoenix native shot even par for the event with a two-round total 144.

Juniors Ryan Witte and Justin Hyden also turned in strong showings this fall, tying for fifth place at the Arizona Christian Firestorm Classic with two-round totals of 144.

“It is surreal to see the campus up and running with sports programs,” said Steve Schafer, BenU at Mesa’s associate athletic director and head golf coach. “Our student-athletes, coaches and staff are faced with a very unique opportunity of building an athletic program up from the ground floor.”

Both cross country teams competed in four events this past fall, including Northern Arizona University’s George Kyte Classic, University of Arizona’s Dave Murray Invitational, the Embry-Riddle Arizona Invitational and the Thunderbird Classic hosted by Mesa Community College.

Freshman Monica Soliz led the Redhawks, placing 15th at the George Kyte Classic and 18th at the Embry-Riddle Arizona Invitational. At the Thunderbird Classic, she recorded a personal record of 20:24.0.

The Redhawks’ men’s and women’s tennis and volleyball teams get set to open their inaugural seasons this winter and spring.

“I am very proud of our student-athletes thus far,” Schafer said. “They are representing BenU at Mesa with class and excellence. We are making history and writing record books each day we compete. It is an exciting time to be a part of BenU athletics.”

MEN’S SOCCER WINS FIRST EVER NACC TOURNAMENT MATCH

For the second straight season, head men’s soccer coach Rich Nassif guided the men’s soccer team to the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) tournament. The Eagles finished conference play with an 8-1-1 record in the regular season and defeated Edgewood College 4-0 to win their first-ever NACC tournament game.

BenU fell to eventual tournament champion Milwaukee School of Engineering in the semifinals, but received several all-conference awards. Forwards Nick Kapetanos and Ante Markotic (top photo); defender Anes Kadiric; and midfielder Edgar Reyes (above) were named first team All-NACC, and Kapetanos’ 18 goals and 10 assists also earned him the conference’s Freshman of the Year award. Goalkeeper Steve Mack and defender Gio Ovalle were named to the second team All-NACC and to the All-Freshmen team.

This past November, BenU at Mesa’s application for membership with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) was approved. The University is currently working with the NAIA to fulfill other necessary requirements with the goal of obtaining full membership as early as April 2015. Once accepted into the NAIA, the University’s athletic programs will have the opportunity to qualify and compete in national tournaments and championships.

Keep up with Mesa Redhawks athletics at BenUMesaSports.com.
FOOTBALL ADVANCES TO THE NCAA DIVISION III TOURNAMENT

After a 1-4 start to the 2014 season, the Benedictine football team put together an impressive run that included a Northern Athletic Collegiate Conference (NACC) title and a berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III football championship.

The Eagles’ midseason surge included consecutive wins over Aurora University, Concordia University-Chicago, Concordia University-Wisconsin, Rockford University and Lakeland College. During the five-game streak, Benedictine outscored its opponents 175-37.

Benedictine beat Lakeland 16-0 in its regular-season finale to earn the NACC title and an NCAA berth. However, the Eagles’ third postseason appearance in five years was short-lived. Benedictine was eliminated by Wheaton College in the first round of playoffs, 43-14.

Senior quarterback Ryan Keener was named Co-Offensive Player of the Year and named first team All-NACC after throwing for 2,000 yards and 18 touchdowns. Sophomore safety Jarrett Lecas was the conference’s Defensive Player of the Year and a first team all-conference selection, collecting 111 tackles and a conference-high six interceptions.

Head coach Jon Cooper was named NACC Co-Coach of the Year.

Also earning first team all-conference recognition were tailback Artie Monaco, wide receiver Greg German, left tackle Alvin Taylor, defensive end Alex Davis and defensive back/linebacker Drew Keil. Fullback Greg Simms, defensive lineman Niko Paaloalo, linebacker Micayel McKechnie and cornerbacks Stefan Herron and Rodney Nichols received second team all-conference honors, while safety Kris Rosemann earned an honorable mention nod.
**St. Procopius Academy/College**

‘64  
**Ed Karch**, Biology, retired after practicing dentistry for 44 years. He has been married to his wife, Gail, for 46 years and has four children and four grandchildren.

‘65  
**Robert Martin**, Ph.D., (1961-1963) retired from Truman State University as a professor of Education in 2013, but still remains active with the school by attending and participating in musical and theatrical events. He composed the music for “Embrace the Wind: A Celebration of Wind and Wind Energy,” a performance of string quartets, solos and duets celebrating wind and wind machines, which premiered in Minneapolis, MN, in June.

Richard Pajtas, Pre-Law, (1961-1963) planned to retire at the end of 2014 after serving 30 years on the bench of the 33rd Circuit Court in Charlevoix County, MI.

**Ed Stoessel**, Ph.D., Physics, was ordained as a deacon in 1990 and has served as a prison chaplain since 1998. He retired from BP as a global consultant in 2001 after 32 years in the oil and gas industry where he helped develop exploration technology. That same year, he earned a master’s degree in Theology. On June 6, he celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Cathey. They have two children and five grandchildren.

**Illinois Benedictine College**

‘72  
**Ray Barkus**, Biology, retired in 2013 from Cook County School District 130 in Blue Island after teaching music education classes for 15 years.

**Bill Giannini**, Psychology, is a senior process improvement analyst for FedEx, where he supports the quality group, providing leadership in improving systems and training frontline management for optimization.

‘80  
**Corinne (Galgano) Nawrocki**, D.O., Literature and Communications and M.B.A.’85, met her husband, Andy, at Benedictine and they have been married since 1981. She has been an owner, partner and physician at CR Medical Group in New Lenox since 2007. Their oldest son, **Andrew Nawrocki**, C07, Management and Organizational Behavior, played on Benedictine’s soccer team for three years. He is working in Information Technology for West Monroe Partners, a business and technology consulting firm in Chicago. Their younger son, Alex, is the operations manager for Windy City Wire, a low-voltage wire innovations company owned by Corinne’s brother, **Rich Galgano**, C89, Physical Education.

‘91  
**David Pavlik**, M.S. (Management and Organizational Behavior), retired in February 2012 from the IBM Corporation after more than 34 years with the company as a global project manager. In November 2012, Pavlik began a second career with BP as a business integration analyst.

‘93  
**Timothy Brown**, Management, is working on a master’s degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. He is currently a mental health professional at the Association for Individual Development in Aurora, where he serves adult individuals in a 24-hour supervised living apartment complex.

**Benedictine University**

‘96  
**Vince Stulga**, Physical Education, began his journey to become an ordained priest at the Mundelein Seminary in 2011 and looks forward to serving the Archdiocese of Chicago.

‘04  
**Genica (Zdenek) Miller**, Chemistry, her husband, Devin, and son, Mason, welcomed Madden Cade to the family in September.

**Thaddeus Paskert**, Political Science, and his wife, Erica, welcomed a son, Nicholas James, in December 2013.

‘05  
**Jessica (Davis) Triebe**, International Studies, celebrated three years with Midwest Disability and has taken on the role of office manager. Her husband, Kurt, works as a computer programmer in Oak Brook. They live with their 2-year-old daughter, Claire, in Naperville.

‘07  
**Jason Alice**, Accounting and Marketing, and his wife, **Jennifer (Abel) Alice**, Elementary Education, C08, welcomed their second son, Gage, last August.

‘08  
**David Norman**, Special Education, was a special education teacher at West Aurora Public School District 129 for the past five years, and recently accepted a position as the assistant principal of Geneva Middle School North for Geneva Central Unified School District 304.

‘11  
**Amanda Grady**, Marketing, was promoted to office manager at Derick Dermatology in Barrington.

**John Hurley**, M.B.A., is the executive director of St. Paul’s House, a senior living and healthcare community in Chicago. He led efforts to modernize a more than 90-year-old building for a state-of-the-art dementia unit called Crossroads that opened in spring 2014.

**Enjolique McCullough**, Accounting, is working for Capital One as a senior associate/senior accounting specialist.

‘13  
**Karen Bubrowski**, M.B.A., was recently promoted to marketing director for Hilco Global, an independent financial services company, and is responsible for marketing strategy and planning, event marketing, public relations, traditional media campaigns and all other digital marketing efforts. Her recent projects include updating and streamlining the Web presence for Hilco Global and their related businesses and implementing a new customer relationship management platform for the organization.

**Michael Robinson**, Health Science, and his wife, Amber, were married June 14, 2014. He is a naturopathic/chiropractic assistant and phlebotomist at Vital Life Health Alternatives and is enrolled in the doctor of naturopathic medicine program at National University of Health Sciences in Lombard.

‘14  
**Victoria Sobol**, History, is a history teacher at Queen of Peace High School in Burbank and is teaching three sections of World History, Advanced Placement World History and Sociology. She is also the junior varsity softball coach.
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Springfield College in Illinois

‘72
Barbara (Reid) Farris, A.A., and her husband, David, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last August.

‘80
Steven Keldermans, A.A., and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on August 29, 2014.

‘99
Melanie Dineen, A.A., was selected as one of Springfield’s “Forty Under 40” for 2014, according to The Springfield Business Journal.

‘00
Wendy Jo Griffitts, A.A., and Jon-Robt. Brehmer were married on September 13, 2014.

‘03
Amy Ihnen, A.A., co-chair of the Springfield chapter of the Benedictine Alumni Association, was selected as one of Springfield’s “Forty Under 40” for 2014, according to The Springfield Business Journal.

Benedictine University at Springfield

‘10
Meaghan Buecker, M.Ed., was selected as one of Springfield’s “Forty Under 40” for 2014, according to The Springfield Business Journal.

‘11
Morgan Manning, M.B.A., co-chair of the Springfield chapter of the Benedictine Alumni Association, was selected as one of Springfield’s “Forty Under 40” for 2014, according to The Springfield Business Journal.

‘12
Alex Batten, M.B.A., and wife, Lindsey, welcomed their daughter, Laiken Sophia Batten, last August.
Jennifer Rae (Heid) Kissner, B.S.N., and her husband, Brandon, celebrated the birth of their son, Jackson Lee Kissner, last August.

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Your Class Notes can win you a prize.

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Kathy (McKenna) Fader, Psy.D., C82.

Please contact Trente Arens at (630) 829-6077 or tarens@ben.edu by February 28 to collect your Benedictine prize.

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in memory

St. Procopius Academy/College
Phil Trotter, C63, passed away November 23, 2013.

Springfield Junior College
Morton Hoyt, SJC’36, passed away June 4.
Rosemary (Gauer) Costa, SJC’46, passed away July 13.
Alma “Jean” (Schafer) Walsh, SJC’46, passed away July 17.
Edward Hamann, SJC’48, passed away September 21.
Mary Ann (Foster) Benya, SJC’54, passed away July 17.
Ron Hall, A.A., SJC’57, passed away August 21.
Charles H. Bolton, SJC’59, passed away July 7.

Springfield College in Illinois

Simon Richard Cory, SCI’69, passed away June 5.
David C. Myren, SCI’69, passed away July 19.
James Wade Power, SCI’72, passed away June 18.
Rita Ann Barlow, SCI’90, passed away September 5.
St. Benedict’s Rule for Monks begins with a powerful imperative: **Listen.** And at Benedictine University, we believe in the importance of listening to one another. We therefore have named our magazine *Benedictine Voices*. We pledge that within these pages, members of the Benedictine Community will speak with candor about issues facing our University and our world. We cordially invite you to enter into dialogue with us.

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Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 15
Valentine's Day Fondue Party*
Le Chocolat du Bouchard
Naperville

FEBRUARY 20
Festival of Asia
Krasa Student Center
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
ben.edu/FOAtix

FEBRUARY 21
Adult Undergraduate and Graduate Spring Open House (Lisle)**
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
ben.edu/AUGOH

MARCH 1
Mesa Undergraduate Spring Open House**
12:00-3:00 p.m.
ben.edu/mesa/springOH

MARCH 8 and APRIL 12
Lisle Undergraduate Spring Open House**
12:00-4:00 p.m.
ben.edu/springOH

APRIL 1
Benedictine Day at the Park:
Chicago Cubs vs.
Milwaukee Brewers*
Mesa, Ariz.

APRIL 21
Center for Civic Leadership Presents:
Michelle Alexander, author
“The New Jim Crow”
7:00 p.m.
ben.edu/ccalexander

MAY 9
124th Commencement Convocation

JUNE 9
Happy Hour*
Lagunitas Brewing Company
Chicago

JULY 27
21st Annual President’s Invitational Golf Outing
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For a list of National Moser Center (accelerated adult undergraduate and graduate programs) open house events, go to ben.edu/moser.

** ALUMNI EVENTS: For more information, go to ben.edu/alumnievents.

** SPREAD THE WORD: These events are for prospective students.
Happy New Year! As we reflect on this past year, our students and families continue to face a challenging landscape within higher education. The cost of education continues to be a topic of great conversation within our government, and how much debt students should have to incur remains at the forefront of conversation.

In preparing for the future, we must take a step back, celebrate the milestones we have made over time and ensure a continual focus on our mission, our values and our promise to our students and alumni.

Since Benedictine University was founded in 1887, the University has expanded regionally, nationally and internationally with a diverse domestic and global student population. We have evolved into a University with more than 9,500 students worldwide. From 2002-2012, The Chronicle of Higher Education ranked Benedictine the No. 1 fastest-growing campus in the country among private nonprofit doctoral institutions. During this 10-year span, the University’s enrollment grew by an impressive 132 percent and this year was ranked by Forbes magazine among America’s Top Colleges for the fourth straight year.

As many of you know, we are committed to the growth of this institution while maintaining our Benedictine values. The support of our University community is critical to the future of education at Benedictine. With the combined efforts of our faculty, staff, alumni and friends we are better prepared to assist students. However, our families continue to struggle to provide their children the opportunity of a college education. We must strive to acknowledge and address some of these challenges. We can all take great pride in knowing that our donations make such an impact in the lives of deserving students.

This year we are focusing on “The Benedictine Promise.” At Benedictine, we promise our students an affordable and attainable undergraduate and graduate education infused with the Benedictine values, faculty who make student learning their first priority, a support system dedicated to their success, comprehensive preparation to enter the job market, and a diverse, caring community in which they can become better learners, better leaders and better world citizens. Student learning and success remains our top priority.

The University values and appreciates your continued support. As we move forward, we ask that you give great thought to making a donation during this fiscal year. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our students as they pursue their dreams, thus ensuring the continued growth of the University.

As members of the Benedictine community, your commitment of time, talent and treasure is valued and appreciated. Please know that your continued support will help shape our future leaders.

Thank you for your support!
We are pleased to share this past year’s financial results with you. Competition in the traditional undergraduate market has been particularly challenging; however, we continue to be opportunistic in this environment and to position ourselves for the future. In fall 2013, the first class of students was welcomed at the Mesa, Ariz., branch campus and in spring 2014, construction of a new academic building, the Daniel L. Goodwin Hall of Business, was underway at the main campus in Lisle, Ill. During the year, we also closed on a major financing/refinancing transaction, Series 2013A and Series 2013B, that restructured our existing long-term debt and provided funding for a portion of the building construction costs.

As of May 31, 2014, total assets on our Statement of Financial Position Information (University only) increased $19.1 million due primarily to the bond proceeds held in trust for building construction costs and property and equipment additions, which included construction in progress on the new academic building, furniture and equipment for the Mesa, Ariz., leased facility, the build out of the Fr. Michael E. Komechak, O.S.B., Art Gallery, and a tunnel project on the main campus. Total liabilities increased $17.8 million mainly due to the increase in bonds payable from the Series 2013A and Series 2013B bond issue and higher construction-related payables. After subtracting total liabilities from our assets, we were left with total net assets of $95.1 million, 1.3 percent greater than last year’s balance.

On the Statement of Activities Information (University only), gross tuition and fee revenue increased $3.1 million over the prior year to $109.5 million. Adjusted for scholarships and grants, net tuition revenue was nearly flat at a 0.2 percent decline over the prior year. Last year’s sizable private gifts and net investment income were less than the current year, leading to the reduction in total revenue and other support on a year over year basis. On the expense side, we made investments in our branch campuses and in a new faculty retirement incentive program. Ongoing operational investments in the branch campuses will continue to weigh our fiscal 2015 margin. After reducing total revenue and other support of $95.8 million by total expenses, net assets for all classifications showed an increase of $1.2 million before other changes in net assets.

We face a very competitive and challenging environment, but remain optimistic about our future. While there is much work to do in the present, we believe it will all pay off in the long run and keep us financially viable, which is necessary to carry out our mission of educating and serving our students. We are determined to be the best Catholic Benedictine institution that we can be. Thank you for helping us make it a reality.

You can commemorate your time here or honor someone at Benedictine by naming an area or program as part of a generous donation supporting the University.

To view all of the University’s naming opportunities, visit ben.edu/namingops.

You may also share your ideas or suggestions for naming opportunities and memorial acknowledgements there or by contacting Pat Ariano, executive director of University Development, at (630) 829-6003 or pariano@ben.edu.
## Statement of Financial Position Information

**As of May 31**

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### Liabilities and Net Assets

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<td>Deferred revenue</td>
<td>$5,310,477</td>
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<td>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
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<td>Current portion of bonds payable</td>
<td>568,305</td>
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<td>Current portion of capital lease payable</td>
<td>262,137</td>
<td>305,477</td>
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<td>Deposits held in custody for others</td>
<td>1,427,260</td>
<td>1,719,277</td>
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<td><strong>Total current liabilities</strong></td>
<td>19,995,460</td>
<td>16,841,358</td>
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<td>Bond and note payable, less current portion</td>
<td>49,502,015</td>
<td>34,204,000</td>
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<td>Refundable U.S. government grants for student loans</td>
<td>1,935,309</td>
<td>1,935,312</td>
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<td>Interest rate swap agreement liabilities</td>
<td>1,371,039</td>
<td>2,147,364</td>
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<td>Deferred lease incentive</td>
<td>170,777</td>
<td>243,967</td>
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<td>Deferred rent liability</td>
<td>794,039</td>
<td>287,324</td>
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<td>Capital lease payable</td>
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<td><strong>Total liabilities</strong></td>
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<td>56,191,257</td>
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<td>95,093,987</td>
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**Years ended May 31**

## 2014

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<td>–</td>
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<td>Less scholarships and grants</td>
<td>(41,822,306)</td>
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<td>(41,822,306)</td>
<td>(38,587,572)</td>
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<td>Private gifts and grants</td>
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<td>740,202</td>
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<td>Government grants and contracts</td>
<td>15,309,310</td>
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<td>Investment income (loss)</td>
<td>1,460,502</td>
<td>440,020</td>
<td>1,942,101</td>
<td>3,842,623</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
<td>1,434,839</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>1,434,839</td>
<td>1,022,135</td>
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<td>Auxiliary enterprises</td>
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<td>4,346,798</td>
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<td>Net assets released from restrictions</td>
<td>1,976,693</td>
<td>(1,608,960)</td>
<td>(367,733)</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenue and other support</strong></td>
<td>94,573,743</td>
<td>428,738</td>
<td>1,690,554</td>
<td>95,835,559</td>
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## Expenses:

### Compensation:

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<td>39,321,283</td>
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<td>Benefits</td>
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<td>–</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>10,840,877</td>
<td>10,320,475</td>
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<td><strong>Total compensation</strong></td>
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<td>–</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>53,586,887</td>
<td>49,641,758</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
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<td>4,499,055</td>
<td>3,830,688</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
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<td>1,181,904</td>
<td>991,154</td>
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<td>Bad debts</td>
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<td>642,973</td>
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<td>Supplies and services</td>
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<td>–</td>
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<td>30,529,913</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
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### Increase (decrease) in net assets:

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<td>(97,286)</td>
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<td>Change in fair value of interest rate swap agreement</td>
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### Net assets, beginning of year:

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<td>68,876,277</td>
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<td>12,625,191</td>
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<td>12,342,436</td>
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When Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. came to Chicago in 1965 to advocate for fair housing rights, Bernard Kleina, a young priest at the time, joined the demonstrations and brought along his camera to document the experience. Today, Kleina’s photos are some of the only known color photos of King and the Chicago Freedom Movement.

His photos are now part of the Smithsonian’s national collection and will be on display at the Fr. Michael E. Komechak, O.S.B., Art Gallery at Benedictine through February 28.
WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:
Issues Facing Today’s Working Women Topic of Event

The president of Nicor Gas, a leadership coach and consultant, and a special administrator within the Chicago Public School system were the featured speakers of the 2014 Greater Chicago Women’s Leadership Summit in October.

The leadership summit, which is sponsored by the College of Business and the Office of Community Development at Benedictine, is a regional conference that addresses the issues of working women such as work/life balance, culture, innovative leadership and financial sustainability.

Beth Reese
Nicor Gas president
Named one of 2014’s “Who’s Who in Chicago Business” by Crain’s Chicago Business, Reese is the first woman president of Nicor Gas—the largest natural gas distributor in Illinois. At Nicor, she has served as vice president of business innovation, customer service and finance, and as controller. Reese is a member of the board of the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and The Field Museum of Natural History.

Dilara Salim Sayeed
Special assistant to the chief administrative officer of the Chicago Public Schools
Sayeed has worked as an elementary school teacher, a university instructor, an entrepreneur and school administrator. She co-founded The Global Teacher Project, an education technology initiative that facilitates collaboration and peer mentoring, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in education policy and leadership at Harvard.

Alvenia Rhea Albright
Founder, president and CEO of Alvenia Rhea Albright and Associates LLC, a consulting firm specializing in leadership development
Albright earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Ohio State University and has served as an adjunct professor at Aurora, Benedictine and Lewis universities. She left American Express in 2001 to found Alvenia Rhea Albright and Associates LLC. She also serves as acting executive director of the “The Rhea of Hope Foundation,” which helps women ages 10 to 21.

The event was emceed by Sandra Gill, Ph.D., associate dean for Strategy in the College of Business at Benedictine University. Gill, the former dean of the College of Business at Benedictine, led the college through the largest growth period in the University’s history. She previously worked in health care consulting and is a certified clinical sociologist.

Keep an eye out for details about next fall’s Women’s Leadership Summit at ben.edu.
Congratulations to the winners of the 20th Annual President’s Invitational Golf Outing!

**President’s Cup Winners**
- Jamie Blythe
- Mark Demoss
- Frank Fernandes
- Todd Gosdem

**Bruce Bronze Cup Winners**
- Brian Brown
- Dan Casey
- Bev Frier
- Lou O’Brien

**Maureen Beal Cup Winners**
- Carrie Kennedy
- Gretchen Laska
- Dee Mastro-Holzkof
- Christine Shillestad

**Prayer’s Cup Winners**
- Jason Appelt
- Rodney Fowlkes
- Allan Gozum
- Tom Harazim

Join us on July 27, 2015, for the next golf outing. For more information, visit ben.edu/golf.
William J. Carroll (Office of the President) was named a recipient of an INSIGHT Into Diversity Visionary Award, which recognizes individuals who have made significant past and present contributions to diversity in higher education and who have made an indelible mark in broadening diversity and inclusion at their college or university. INSIGHT Into Diversity is the oldest and largest diversity magazine and website in higher education today, connecting potential employees with institutions and businesses that embrace a workforce more reflective of our local and national communities for nearly 40 years. To read the complete story, see Page 20 in Voices.

Christine Fletcher (Theology) was named the recipient of a Barbara Reynolds Highly Commended Award from the Dorothy L. Sayers Society for her book titled “The Artists and the Trinity: Dorothy L. Sayers’ Theology of Work.” The judges found that Fletcher’s book “makes a strong contribution to social theology, interestingly drawing together art, work and theology, and is well supported by a wide range of research evidence.”

A team of Benedictine students from John Draut’s (Graduate Business Administration) spring 2014 MBA 671 Strategic Management class—Christopher Drevallas and Alison Hunter—competed in the Best Strategy Invitational, a three-week competition hosted three times per year by the Business Strategy Game. The Business Strategy Game is an online exercise in which class members are divided into teams and assigned the task of running an athletic footwear company in head-to-head competition against companies managed by other class members. More than 1,000 teams from around the world were invited to compete.

Brian Hickam (Library, Springfield) has been invited to attend the “Modern Heavy Metal: Markets, Practices and Cultures” international academic research conference in Helsinki, Finland, in June 2015. He will be presenting a paper titled “From Shamans to Cyborgs: the use of masks and shadow in branding heavy metal.” In addition, Hickam has the lead article in the premier issue of Metal Music Studies, which is titled “Almagamated anecdotes: Perspectives on the history of metal music and culture studies.” Hickam is also the current editor of the Metal Studies Bibliography and a founding member of the International Society for Metal Music Studies.

Ramon Luzarraga (Theology, Mesa) participated in a discussion on the death penalty with Maricopa County district attorney Bill Montgomery as part of the “Community Conversations on the Death Penalty” event in November at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, Ariz. Luzarraga was also interviewed on Catholic radio in Arizona as part of the ongoing public discussion.


Robert McCarthy (Biological Sciences) published a paper, “A morphometric re-assessment of BOU-VP-16/1 from Herto, Ethiopia,” in the Journal of Human Evolution. In the paper, McCarthy and co-author Lynn Lucas (University of Arizona College of Medicine) questioned whether an important early human fossil from Ethiopia should be placed into a new subspecies of Homo sapiens. A short segment on the November 17, 2014 episode of “Daily Planet” on Discovery Channel Canada highlighted research by McCarthy and colleague Philip Lieberman (Brown University) on Neanderthal vocalization. To watch the two-minute video, go to http://discovery.ca/dailyplanet and select “Zoology: Neanderthals” under “Segments.” In addition, McCarthy’s research on howler monkey skulls was recently featured on the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology website.

Joaquin Montero (Foreign Languages) recently published a book of poetry titled “Soledads, ausencias y añoranzas. Poemas de un alma errante,” which translated in English is “Solitudes, absentees and nostalgias: Poems of a wandering soul.” The collection of 124 poems is a reflection of all types of life experiences, including missing the homeland, faith, the excitement and disappointment that love can bring, the importance of living in the moment, happiness and sorrow, nostalgia and melancholy for what life takes away, hope, and salvation through art, inspirations and poetry. The book is Montero’s second, following his novel on Alexander the Great, which was published in Spain. This latest book was published by the University Press of the South and includes 12 illustrations, all by Montero, who also did the oil painting that appears on the cover. “Soledads, ausencias y añoranzas. Poemas de un alma errante” can be found on Amazon.com and in some book stores.

Phil Novack-Gottshall (Biological Sciences) co-chaired the session “New Insights from Quantitative Paleobiology” at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada, on October 20. During the session, he presented the talk “Ecological and structural constraints revealed by simulating theoretical ecosspace.”

Teresa Parker (Fine Arts) was one of 86 printmakers featured in The Graduate Student Exhibition III, “Posada Centenario” which showed at the Zahoor Ul Akhlaq Gallery at the National College of Arts in Lahore, Pakistan. She also produced several prints that went on display at the Universidad de El Salvador through December 1, and a group exhibition she curated on the theme of the Madonna was shown at La Casa Tomada at El Centro Cultural de Espana, in San Salvador.

Kari Stone (Chemistry) published a paper, “Preparation and Properties of an MnIV-Hydroxide Complex: Proton and Electron Transfer at a Mononuclear Manganese Site and Its Relationship to the Oxygen Evolving Complex within Photosystem II,” in the journal Chemical Science, Stone and collaborators from University of California-Irvine, Carnegie Mellon University and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory performed a thermodynamic analysis based on manganese complexes and proposed a possible role of the calcium ion in the oxygen-evolving complex in photosynthetic plants.

Amy Weidner and Julie Wroblewski (Library) participated in ILEAD U (Illinois Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover), a prestigious yearlong program designed to help library staff understand and respond to user needs. Weidner and Wroblewski served on a five-member team with librarians from North Central College, North Park University and Dominican University. The team recently presented its final project, a consortial institutional repository called “Constellation.”

Jan Writer (Education) gave a peer-reviewed presentation and paper on quality educational practices for students with significant disabilities at the 2015 International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities in Clearwater, Fla. She also presented a nationally broadcast webinar for TASH, an international organization that advocates for the interests of individuals with severe disabilities, in mid-August. Her presentation on the design of augmentative and alternative communication devices was filmed on the BenU campus in front of a live audience comprised of Illinois parents and educators of children and youth with severe and low incidence disabilities (autism, intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities and multiple disabilities).
Stephan Pikul, C13, Management
Consultant/Coach/Trainer for SRP Consulting and Coaching
(Illinois Back to Work Program)

After many years of working to provide for my family, I was not prepared to compete in today’s business environment when the economic downturn hit. The Illinois Back to Work Program (which Benedictine launched in 2011 to provide long-term unemployed Illinois residents who had not yet earned a bachelor’s degree with free tuition), focused on crucial skill sets necessary to update and prepare the unemployed for today’s business world. Being able to support a family while obtaining a degree was essential. Benedictine offered both a scholarship and educational program focused on the needs of the individual, and took into consideration the individual’s world of work experience while focusing on the skill set needed by adults to compete in today’s job market.

Large institutions do not address the needs of individual students like they do at Benedictine, where professors freely give their knowledge and time to anyone willing to work hard to achieve their greatest success.

— Stephan Pikul

Experiencing a job loss is difficult. After 30-plus years, I never thought that I would ever go back to school and finish my degree. One day while driving my car, there was a Benedictine radio advertisement about the Illinois Back to Work Program. It seemed like Benedictine was the only institution willing to invest in people with experience who were caught in the economic downturn. They cared about those who had spent their careers providing for others and who were now in need themselves. Benedictine provided the necessary tools to help people again believe and motivate themselves to move forward in life when the unthinkable happens. Benedictine is in the business of changing lives and making a difference.

Benedictine provides what others say they have, but don’t deliver—quality. At graduation, everyone in my cohort agreed that our being together was life-changing—something we will never forget. There are many institutions with far higher and lower costs, but they don’t provide for the needs of their students.

There is no other institution that provides the quality of education, encouragement, skill set and opportunity for personal growth for the dollars spent. People from many parts of the country and all over the globe choose Benedictine. In the business world, Benedictine is recognized for its level of quality and the knowledge their graduates possess.
Stephanie Saghafi, Freshman, History Major

I chose Benedictine because of the community feel. When I walk around campus I always see my friends and classmates. Due to the small size, people really get to know each other and make strong friendships. Classes are also smaller, allowing for more one-on-one time with the professor and interaction with classmates.

Benedictine has a higher tuition than state schools. However, the financial aid here is incredible and greatly lowers the cost of attendance. Financial aid is easy to renew year after year, too.

I was in constant contact with my admissions counselor, who was always available to call or email and was very prompt in answering my questions. Once I got to Benedictine, I had a few questions about my financial aid, but was able to go to the Office of Financial Aid for immediate help and guidance. The staff at Benedictine was extremely helpful with the financial aid process, and presented a level of understanding that helped them to personally connect with students.

Due to my financial aid package, Benedictine was extremely affordable for me. I only had to take out a small amount of student loans compared to my friends at other schools, and those were mainly for my housing fees.

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Heriberto Diaz, C13, Political Science
Conflict mediator and account specialist at Katz Law Office, LTD., and law student at Chicago-Kent College of Law

One thing that I like to point out to students who are researching universities is that they should consider how much they will be able to stand out at the schools to which they are applying. Benedictine’s small class sizes allow professors the opportunity to help every student on an individual level, and also to get to know them on a personal level. These relationships open the door for undergraduate research as well as leadership and internship opportunities. The University also offers a wealth of scholarship opportunities which greatly help reduce the financial burden. All things considered, I can say as an alumnus that I might not have been able to have the experiences I was able to have had I not gone to Benedictine.

I was very fortunate to receive scholarships during my time at BenU and by taking advantage of those opportunities, I was able to earn my bachelor’s degree with no debt. Students who are concerned about accumulating debt after graduation need to consider the benefits of attending a smaller campus where they will be competing against fewer students for private scholarships than if they were to attend a larger public school.

Benedictine understands the financial burden many students now face, and the school makes a great effort to alleviate it through a wealth of scholarships and by attempting to not increase tuition.

The quality of the education, learning from very intelligent professors and receiving personal attention, provide all a great opportunity for students to shine and get the most out of their education. This in turn contributes to the preparation that students receive for their future careers.

— Heriberto Diaz

Caroline Ebeling, C11, Elementary Education
First grade teacher, Berwyn North School District 98

Benedictine was able to offer me more scholarships and more opportunities for aid than any other school. This greatly affected my decision to attend Benedictine.

Thanks to the Margaret M. Gillett Memorial Scholarship in Education, I was able to accomplish my dream of becoming a teacher. Today, I cannot imagine doing anything else. Teaching has really allowed me to showcase all I have learned from Benedictine, especially what it means to be a leader. I love being a teacher and seeing the results of my work every day through my amazing students and their growth. I have a passion for teaching students who are learning English as a second language, and I feel like I have found the perfect career for me.

Another scholarship I received was the Arthur J. Schmitt Future Leaders Scholarship. It was unique in the fact that the participants were expected to create a leadership project that encompassed both school and community and then present their experiences to the donors, their family members, faculty and staff. Receiving this scholarship allowed me to view myself as a citizen who could truly make a difference in this world.

As a writing tutor on campus, I was able to simultaneously earn a paycheck and improve my resume. This is just one of many examples of opportunities Benedictine provides to make students’ time in college more meaningful, affordable and worthwhile.

I definitely have an advantage with a degree from BenU. Not only is Benedictine a highly acclaimed university that is driven on a values-based education, but it has taught me what it means to be a leader in society. My experience at Benedictine is something I will treasure for the rest of my life.

— Caroline Ebeling

Jerry Marshall, C14, Management
Assistant vice president at BMO Harris Bank

The attraction to Benedictine was the excellent reputation of the University and the creative thinking of the faculty, especially President William J. Carroll, to assist individuals who were negatively affected from the recession and declining job market in 2010. Benedictine’s Illinois Back to Work program allowed me to complete my bachelor’s degree within a very short time while providing me with the resources to continue with my career.

Due to successful completion of my degree, I have enlightened my son to consider Benedictine as his college of choice. I am honored to receive a degree from Benedictine, and I know new doors will continue to open throughout my career. When people hear I have a degree from Benedictine, they realize the work, dedication and sacrifice associated with this achievement.
Leonna S. Ameduite, M.S.N.’14
U.S. Army Public Health Nurse, Army Nurse Corps
I believe Benedictine is extremely affordable, especially for those in the military. It has been a great experience and well worth the investment.

My degree has broadened my knowledge base and given me the tools to be a more rounded leader and professional.

Katherine Ebeling, C14, Elementary Education
First grade aide, St. Dominic School
To help with the expense of college, you should apply for any and all scholarships for which you qualify. The quality of education Benedictine gives has lifelong effects. I have benefited greatly from earning my degree at Benedictine because I received hands-on experience in the classroom to prepare me for my teaching career. I feel like I have an advantage because I was a part of a diverse community that supported independent thinking and problem-solving. The values BenU instilled in me will stick with me throughout my career and life.

Shannen Hitzeman, Junior, Radiation Therapy Major
I love that Benedictine is a smaller school. The class sizes are not that big and the teachers learn who you are. I’m not just a number here. While the cost for me to go to classes here and live on campus isn’t cheap, compared to other schools and taking into account how much this school has to offer makes it all worth it. My goal for post-graduation is to work in radiation therapy at a children’s hospital.

The staff here made all the steps with financial aid very clear. My transfer advisor sent me many emails making sure I got every opportunity and did not miss any deadlines. The transfer student scholarship I received helped me feel better about my loan debt. I am also currently working on campus, which has taken some of the stress about money away while giving me more experience for the future. The scholarships offered by the University really do affect people who plan on coming here. I know I plan on applying for as many as I qualify for to help with next year’s tuition.

Jermeen Wadie, Junior, Biology Major
My admissions counselor always kept me updated on the processing of my financial aid application, and a representative from the Office of Financial Aid spent a good portion of time with me and my parents to explain the process, which we really appreciated.

One of the most valuable hands-on experiences that I have had is through the Summer Research Program. Scientific research is something that I have a passion for, and I consider myself lucky to have been selected to grow this passion and enrich my knowledge in this area by being a part of it and working under a great, supportive mentor.

When I first came to Benedictine, I didn’t have any job experience, but now I have a strong resume that I have no doubt will be a competitive one when I apply for positions after college.

I only had to take loans for my freshman year. Thanks to Benedictine’s scholarships, I no longer need to borrow money to pay for my tuition.
— Jermeen Wadie
Lindsay Dillon, graduate student in M.S.N. Program
Pediatric intensive care unit/RN clinical research coordinator, Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Advocate Children’s Hospital
I chose Benedictine because the tuition was more affordable when compared to other programs. Being that this is my first experience as a virtual learner and because I have been out of school for more than a decade, my communication with advisors was critical. I had to change my course plans many times and the transition was made stress-free.

Alexes Hernandez, Freshman, Sociology Major
Although I applied late to Benedictine, the University’s Financial Aid staff was very mindful and helped take a lot of the stress out of the process. Scholarships played a big role in attending Benedictine. The scholarships that I have received cover about three-fifths of the cost of attending Benedictine. If I did not receive the amount of scholarships that Benedictine had offered, I might have considered other colleges. This experience will help me in the future because Benedictine prepares you for real-life situations and jobs. BenU teaches hands-on skills and concepts that you need for your career and life rather than teaching things that you will never use.

Marianne Yarshen, student in the adult accelerated B.A. in Management program
At Benedictine, there are a number of excellent individuals who go the extra mile to ensure you are properly educated about the choices and the direction you need in order to pay for your education. These are skilled and caring individuals who want students to be able to attend college, enjoy college and not stress out about the bill that comes after you graduate. These skilled individuals make sure students maximize every possible benefit that can help.

Jacqueline Schultz, C10, Social Science
Assistant producer for Onesti Entertainment and owner of Natural Talent Productions
When I visited Benedictine for the first time, I walked in and just knew without speaking to anyone that I would be getting my degree here. I look back on my college experience fondly and would recommend attending the University to anyone. There were many scholarships that were available, which made Benedictine affordable. I received a transfer student scholarship as well as a few others that the University offered, and by working at a restaurant on the side, I was able to graduate with zero debt. The coursework at BenU was very challenging, and I felt like the help I needed was always available. I truly wanted to study and learn everything I was being taught. Every class I finished felt like an incredible accomplishment bringing me closer to graduation. I was proud of myself, and I truly believe this was because of the University’s curriculum and professors. After graduating, I started my own theatre company, Natural Talent Productions. Through my company, I produce, direct, choreograph, create costumes, and design sets and lights for musicals and plays. Even though I didn’t get a job in my major, I still know that BenU was the best choice I could have made for my undergraduate education and my future.

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