



ST. BONAVENTURE
UNIVERSITY

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INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE



THE UNIVERSITY



As the nation's first Franciscan university, we believe in the goodness of every person and the ability of every person to do extraordinary things.

We cultivate graduates who are confident and creative communicators, collaborative leaders and team members, and innovative problem solvers who are respectful of themselves, others, and the diverse world around them. We establish

pathways to internships, graduate schools and careers in the context of our renowned liberal arts tradition.

The University's most popular undergraduate academic programs are: Business, Biology, Education, English, Journalism & Mass Communication, Sport Studies, and Psychology. A full range of programs complement these enrollment drivers, with more than 45 majors and minors available to students at the undergraduate level. Combined degree programs in health care professions, including with George Washington University medical school, draw high-quality students from across the United States.



At the graduate level, programs are available on the Olean-based campus and at a graduate center located on the campus of Hilbert College in Hamburg, N.Y. – just minutes from the city of Buffalo. We also offer five graduate programs 100% online, and many of the programs offer hybrid class structures. Visit <http://www.sbu.edu/academics/departments-majors-minors/programs-a-z-listings> for a full list of all undergraduate and graduate programs. Visit online.sbu.edu to learn more about the online programs.

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St. Bonaventure is accredited in the School of Education by NCATE (now CAEP) and CACREP (Counselor Education program); in the School of Business by the AACSB; and is pursuing accreditation in the Jandoli School of Communication by the ACEJMC. The university's regional accreditation is with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and was reaffirmed with commendation in 2014.

St. Bonaventure is ranked in the top 25 schools in U.S. News and World Report's schools in the North, and was No. 5 on its 2018 list of *Great Schools at a Great Price* in the North. Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine named St. Bonaventure among its 300 Best College Values of 2017.

THE CAMPUS

Our campus plant and facilities are a unique treasure, and they bring the intellectual heritage of the university to life. We are careful to protect the unparalleled natural beauty of the Allegheny River Valley that cradles us, and our buildings boast a rare architectural continuity with ties to the origins of the Franciscan order in medieval Italy.

Over the past decade-and-a-half, the campus has been transformed through investment of nearly \$90 million in new campus facilities, renovations, historic rehabilitations, and improved outdoor spaces. New buildings and facilities created during this time include:

- The William F. Walsh Science Center
- William E. and Ann L. Swan Business Center
- Holy Name Library for the Franciscan Institute
- The Sandra A. and William L. Richter Center
- Tom and Michelle Marra Athletics Fields Complex
- Café La Verna
- McGinley-Carney Center for Franciscan Ministry

Major renovations and enhancements during this time include:

- De La Roche Hall
- Hickey Dining Hall
- Robinson, Falconio, Shay and Loughlen residence halls
- Devereux Hall (common areas)
- Women's Basketball Locker Room
- Men's Basketball Locker Room
- Bob Lanier Court
- Marra Athletics Fields Complex
- McGraw-Jennings Field
- The Grotto
- Joy Softball Field



THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY

Located 75 miles south of Buffalo near Olean, N.Y., St. Bonaventure's picturesque campus is nestled in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains – known as the Enchanted Mountain region. The neighboring communities of Olean and Allegany provide venues for student off-campus employment, internships, community service, recreation, shopping and dining. The university is partnering with the Olean business community in economic development initiatives. A [revitalization of the downtown area](#) and the creation of the Olean Business Incubator (OBI) are providing many opportunities for our faculty and students to be involved in bolstering economic development in the region. Students from our schools of Business and Communication will serve in residence at the OBI, which opened in spring of 2016.

Many faculty and staff live in Olean and Allegany, as well as in the nearby communities, including Cuba to the east and Salamanca and Ellicottville to the west. Ellicottville is the home of Holiday Valley Resort, a four-seasons golf, skiing and recreation facility that is ranked among the top 5 ski resorts in the eastern United States.

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS

In addition to its high-quality and distinctive academic programs, St. Bonaventure students benefit from a robust residential living environment, service programs, enriching co-curricular and spiritual activities, a very popular intramural sports program, and NCAA Division I athletics in the Atlantic 10 conference. Approximately 75 percent of students live on campus (98% of



freshmen) and all students who wish to live on campus can for their entire four years of enrollment. Community service activities are coordinated by the Franciscan Center for Social Concern, which not only ensures that students are aware of service opportunities, but that they participate in preparatory and post-service reflection programs that reinforce the value of service experiences.

Co-curricular programs such as *The Bona Venture* (campus newspaper), the campus radio station “The Buzz” (both voted among the nation’s best), and Students In Money Management are complemented by organizations such as the Student Government Association, the Campus Activities Board, and Students for the Mountain, which engages the campus in spiritual activities at the Franciscan mountain retreat, Mt. Irenaeus. More than 80 percent of St. Bonaventure students participate in some kind of intramural sports activity.

The Career and Professional Readiness Center engages students starting in the freshman year to assure success after graduation. Programs such as the [Bonnies 4 Bonnies](#) networking program, the leader in-residence program [Building Extraordinary Leaders](#), and [The Competitive Edge](#)

[Certificate Program \(The Edge\)](#) call students to plan for their future success throughout their college career.

OUTCOMES

St. Bonaventure graduates are leading some of the world's largest and most well-known businesses and schools. They're also working for every major broadcast network, and many of the world's most-read major print and electronic publications. Other highlights include:

- ✓ 94% are employed or move on to graduate school within six months of graduation.
- ✓ 84% freshman retention rate, which has steadily increased over the past 5 years.
- ✓ 69% 6-year graduation rate, which is improving as our retention rate improves.
- ✓ Pre-med students annually are automatically accepted as freshmen into medical school at George Washington University School of Medicine, SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, and University at Buffalo Pharmacy School.
- ✓ 100% placement rate of MBA/Accounting graduates.
- ✓ Bonaventure has produced six Pulitzer Prize winners.
- ✓ By their senior year, St. Bonaventure students participate in two or more high-impact learning practices, including learning communities, service learning, research with faculty, internships, study abroad, and capstone experiences.
- ✓ The School of Education was recognized in 2015 as one of the nation's top 25 innovative teacher education programs by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.
- ✓ Results from the National Study of Student Engagement show St. Bonaventure students find our classroom environments collaborative, engaging, and supportive at levels significantly higher than at peer institutions nationally.

ALUMNI

The loyalty of St. Bonaventure University alumni is legendary. They not only flock to the campus each year for reunions, but they gather regularly all over the world to celebrate their friendships and associations with their beloved alma mater. They also actively engage with our students in mentoring relationships, hosting interns, and providing career advice and assistance. And, they demonstrate their love through extraordinary philanthropic giving that significantly exceeds that of peer institutions annually. Alumni are strongly represented on the university's impressive and effectively engaged [Board of Trustees](#).

St. Bonaventure's **Extraordinary Alumni**



UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

St. Bonaventure University has enjoyed significant success in the fundraising realm, with 21% of alumni making contributions to the university annually – the highest level of alumni fundraising participation of any college or university in Western New York. In FY17, The Bonaventure Fund brought in more than \$2.5 million of the \$8.5 million raised that year.

The university concluded its 150th Anniversary Campaign in 2009, raising \$95 million on a goal of \$90 million, and garnering participation from 50 percent of the alumni population. Before that campaign concluded, the university was in the quiet phase of a \$15 million campaign for the School of Business. Even while launching in the midst of the greatest economic recession of modern times, the fundraising effort topped our \$15 million goal ahead of schedule, with a final tally of \$15,017,202.11. Recent mini-campaigns for athletics facilities have also concluded successfully, enabling the construction of turf soccer and softball fields, enhanced locker room facilities, and electronic scoreboard upgrades for Reilly Center Arena.

The university has just completed a feasibility survey and campaign readiness assessment for a new Comprehensive Capital Campaign, which entered its organizational phase in January 2018.

UNIVERSITY PLANNING

Following the successful conclusion of the university's decennial Middle States Association process and team visit, a universitywide, collaborative process was established for the creation of the next strategic plan for St. Bonaventure University. Under the direction of the cross-representational University Planning Commission, some 100 faculty, staff, students, and alumni have been actively involved in charting the course for St. Bonaventure University. Regular updates to the entire campus, the Board of Trustees, and the National Alumni Association Board have ensured alignment of the effort and effective communications on the process and anticipated implications. The final plan was presented to and approved by the Cabinet and Board of Trustees in 2016.

The planning process included a comprehensive positioning study, conducted for the university by the higher education research and marketing firm Stamats. This enabled the university to develop its plan and future vision with external perceptions, needs, and aspirations in mind. With the new plan and a positioning study in hand, the university is ideally situated to reposition itself and achieve a truly distinctive and compelling market niche and value proposition.

Infused throughout the process has been conversation about the Catholic Franciscan Mission of St. Bonaventure University and its role for the future. To support this process, the friars of the St. Bonaventure University Friary and the Holy Peace Friary at Mt. Irenaeus issued a [joint statement on the Catholic Franciscan Mission of St. Bonaventure University](#).

MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 1858, St. Bonaventure is a Catholic university dedicated to educational excellence in the Franciscan tradition. We are committed to the constant pursuit of distinction in our undergraduate and graduate programs, our innovative liberal arts core and all of our courses of study.

At St. Bonaventure University, we come to know our students on an individual basis and become their mentors. We strive to bring out the best in every individual. As an academic and spiritual community, we endeavor to prepare our students for the challenges they will face in their professional careers as well as in their personal lives. True to our Franciscan heritage, we encourage students to manifest our values through lives of citizenship and service.

VALUES STATEMENT

As a Catholic university in the Franciscan tradition, we dedicate ourselves to the following Core Values and to making them live and thrive at St. Bonaventure:

Discovery: We steadfastly pursue intellectual, spiritual and personal growth in a way that reflects our belief in the wonder, excitement and joy of discovery along life's good journey. Central to that journey is an appreciation for the best that has been thought, written and discovered. It is our firm intent that our faculty and students add to this body of knowledge, sharing the adventure of inquiry in an atmosphere of academic freedom, both within and outside the classroom.

Community: We believe in an inclusive community that values diversity as a strength. We foster and celebrate practices that nurture living and learning in an atmosphere of caring, respect and mutual accountability. We seek to enhance the quality of life in the world around us,

particularly by reaching out to the poor, the less fortunate and the disadvantaged. We not only demonstrate this spirit of community on our campus; we manifest it wherever we go.

Individual Worth: At the core of our identity is a strong belief in the goodness of life and the God-given worth of every individual. We treat all members of our community with dignity and strive to help them reach their full potential. We commit ourselves to actions that empower all members of the St. Bonaventure community and encourage their full participation in creating our future.

STATEMENT OF DISTINCTION

At St. Bonaventure University, we strive to foster the development of knowledgeable, skilled, compassionate and ethical individuals by mentoring students within vitally engaging learning environments, ever mindful of such Franciscan values as individual dignity, community inclusiveness, and service to others.

KEY INDICATORS 2018

NET PHYSICAL PLANT VALUE	\$82.3 million
ENDOWMENT	\$72.3 million
BUDGET	\$56.5 million
TUITION AND FEES '18-19	\$34,301
ROOM & BOARD '18-19 (average)	\$12,605
STUDENT ENROLLMENT – FA17	Undergraduate: 1635 Graduate: 465
AVERAGE SAT SCORE (Admitted Students FA17)	1135
FRESHMAN RETENTION RATE	84%
SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATE	69%
LIVING ALUMNI	32,000+
STUDENT: FACULTY RATIO	11:1
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS	NCAA Division I (Atlantic 10) 9 men's teams, 8 women's teams

Selected Videos:

[2017 Open House Video](#)

[2017 Television Commercial](#)

[Young alumni testimonials](#)

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