



Belmont Abbey College Celebrates Enrollment Growth and Enhanced National Standing

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Belmont, N.C. (September 24, 2024) - Today Belmont Abbey College announces its fourth highest total enrollment in college history, with a 2% increase over last year. Cumulating at a total of 1,687 enrolled students, this includes the traditional undergraduate, online undergraduate, dual-enrolled, non-degree seeking, and graduate populations. Aside from growth in overall enrollment, the college notes growth in the undergraduate online space, resulting in a 25% increase from last year. This is attributed to the growing popularity of online degrees, coupled with the launch of three new in-demand majors - Computer Science, Cybersecurity, and Digital Marketing. These new degree programs align with Belmont Abbey's efforts to prepare students for fulfilling, prosperous lives after college.

Classes began on August 19th, and Belmont Abbey College welcomed 660 new students. Dr. Jesse Dorman, Vice Provost of Enrollment at Belmont Abbey College, expressed his enthusiasm about the new class. "We are thrilled to welcome this highly engaged incoming class, with their unique talents, skills, and abilities that will enrich the Belmont Abbey College community and extend far beyond our campus. These students have so much to offer, and we look forward to supporting their growth as they embark on a journey of holistic development by seeking the true, the good, and the beautiful throughout their college journey," Dorman said. Within the new student population, the college welcomed 69 new graduate students across 7 programs, including the new Master of Arts in Communication and Master of Arts in Classical and Liberal Education. In August of 2024, Belmont Abbey celebrated the inaugural commencement celebration for 83 graduates across the MBA, MHA, MSN, MS in Data Analytics, and MA in Leadership programs. Dr. Brad Frazier, Director of the Graduate Programs at Belmont Abbey College, remarked on this momentous occasion. "We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our graduating master's students. Their graduation ceremony was a moving tribute to their academic journey and a reminder of the positive impact they will make in their professions and communities," Frazier said. Further growth is expected in the graduate space as current programs gain momentum and new programs take launch in the fall of 2025.

The college's encouraging enrollment report comes at the same time as the release of the 2024-2025 US News & World Report rankings. The Catholic, liberal arts institution is thrilled to announce its ranking as #2 in Undergraduate Teaching for the 2024-2025 academic year. Over the last decade, the college has consistently held a top position in this category due to the holistic teaching approach that relies on exceptional faculty who serve not only as teachers but as supportive cheerleaders and mentors for Belmont Abbey students. Belmont Abbey's additional rankings for the current year are #16 in Best Value Schools in the South and #22 in Overall Best Colleges in the Southern Region. These rankings are a reflection of the college's Benedictine hallmarks that include stability, stewardship, and community, which lie at the heart of every action and decision. Through the hallmarks, Belmont Abbey strives to provide a high-quality, Catholic liberal arts education for a diverse group of students at a manageable price point.

In a time when many collegiate institutions are struggling, Belmont Abbey is thankful for the blessing of positive enrollment and rankings that reflect the good work happening at the college. Dr. Joseph Wysocki, Provost at Belmont Abbey College, reflected on welcoming a new class of Crusaders to the college community. "We know that God has called each one of these students to Belmont Abbey College, and we're filled with hope at what they'll learn, question, and ultimately, accomplish. We're honored to be part of God's calling on their lives, and are committed to do all we can to support them. This includes guidance from our nationally ranked value and our commitment to affordable education, but also facility enhancements and programmatic expansion on the Graduate side," said Wysocki. To stay up to date on happenings at Belmont Abbey College, visit our website at www.bac.edu/.

About Belmont Abbey College: Founded in 1876, Belmont Abbey College is a private, Catholic baccalaureate and liberal arts institution that educates students in the liberal arts and sciences so that in all things, God may be glorified. The college welcomes a diverse body of students and provides them with an education that will enable them to lead lives of integrity, to succeed professionally, to become responsible citizens, and to be a blessing to themselves and to others. The college is conveniently located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and is currently home to more than 1500 students. For more information, visit <https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/>.