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A GUIDE FOR PARENTS





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Welcome to Benedictine University!

Benedictine is one of the nation's premier private universities and was named among "America's Top Colleges" by *Forbes* magazine for the third consecutive year in 2013. Benedictine University also ranks No. 1 among the country's fastest-growing campuses between 2001–2011 in *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* list of private nonprofit research institutions.

TheBestColleges.org ranked Benedictine No. 1 in the nation for online master's degrees in health administration and health care management; third among the top online Catholic Colleges and Universities, online Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) programs and online colleges for accounting degrees; and fifth in the nation for online Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) programs for 2014.

The Benedictine tradition celebrates community as a gathering of people who share a commitment to a common mission,

and Benedictine University is dedicated to the academic success, social development and personal growth of every student. At Benedictine, we value each student and provide the resources necessary to help guide their success.

However, there is one resource we cannot provide our students — the continuing support of their parents. As a parent of a new student at Benedictine, you are an integral member of the Benedictine community. Your continued support and active participation in your student's college career will help ensure their success.

Thank you for sharing your children with Benedictine. It is rewarding to share in your joy and enthusiasm as they embark upon the path to a productive future.



Sincerely,

Marco Masini
Vice President of Student Life ■

Student Life

Parent Programs

Parent Programs is a one-stop service for parents of Benedictine students. We respond to parent inquiries and provide information on a variety of issues to encourage communication between parents and the University.

Parent Association

The Benedictine Parent Association is a University-supported, volunteer-led organization established to strengthen the tie between Benedictine and the families of current students by involving parents in campus activities which promote the University and enrich the undergraduate college experience. All Benedictine parents are automatically members, and many opportunities exist to get involved in the Benedictine community. A Parent Council was formed in 2011 to guide the Parent Association.

The parent liaison is a dedicated staff member who responds to parent and student inquiries, and provides information and assistance on a variety of issues from admission through graduation. Please contact Hope Keber, parent liaison, at (630) 829-1127 or hkeber@ben.edu.

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Parent Publications

- Annual Parent Calendar.
- The Parents' website at ben.edu/parents.
- A Message Home, a monthly newsletter emailed throughout the academic year that includes timely campus updates. The newsletter may also be used intermittently to send important messages to parents.
- Annual Parent Guide.
- Facebook page for parents of Benedictine University at facebook.com/BenUParents.

Athletics

Benedictine fields 20 teams which compete on the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division III level: men's football, lacrosse, basketball, baseball, cross country, golf, soccer, volleyball and indoor and outdoor track and field; and women's volleyball, basketball, softball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, indoor and outdoor track and field, soccer and tennis. Intercollegiate programs in competitive dance and cheerleading are also offered. More than 500 students participate in intercollegiate sports at Benedictine University.

The Department of Athletics at Benedictine seeks to prepare each student-athlete to be a champion of leadership. By establishing an atmosphere where academic distinction, personal integrity, respect for all, community service and athletic excellence are expected, the Department of Athletics strives to develop well-rounded and informed citizens who carry the Benedictine values throughout their lives. ▶



Eagle Club

The Eagle Club is an annual fundraising program that is committed to supporting Benedictine athletics. In accordance with the policies and procedures of the NCAA, the fund was established in response to the rising expenses of operating an athletic department. The Eagle Club is a board-led group of alumni, community supporters and friends of Benedictine athletics who assist in the University's commitment to excellence.

Career Development

The Career Development Center offers comprehensive services to assist students and alumni in developing, implementing and evaluating career and life plans. Individual career and job search assistance is available to help students choose a major or career field; write a resume and cover letter; conduct a job search; identify occupations within a certain major; master interviewing strategies; network with employers; and obtain graduate information. Please visit ben.edu/career.

Dining Services

Sodexo Dining Services at Benedictine University provides students and guests with outstanding dining options at the Krasa Dining Room, the Coal Ben and the Kindlon Coffee Shop. Dining Services at

Benedictine is always striving to bring new and improved offerings to our guests. Students may choose from a variety of meal plans whether they reside in residence halls, campus apartments or commute to campus.

Residence Life

Benedictine considers residential life an important element of the college experience and offers a variety of housing options: all-male, all-female or coeducational residences in a mix of residence hall rooms, suites and apartments.

Ondrak Hall, located on the south end of campus, is a male-only residence hall with a two-student occupancy per room on three floors.

Jaeger Hall, located in the center of campus near Krasa Student Center, is an all-female residence hall with a two-student occupancy per room on four floors.

Neuzil Hall, located on the north end of campus, is a coeducational residence facility for upperclassmen. It features suite-style rooms for four students. Each suite contains two bedrooms, a walk-in closet and one bath with shower. Neuzil also features free laundry facilities, cable TV, Internet access, a study/TV lounge and a computer lounge with free printing.

Founders' Woods contains one-, two- and four-bedroom apartments for upperclassmen. These apartments are affordable and conveniently located at Benedictine University, allowing for an easy walk to any place on campus. These on-campus apartments provide our students the experience of independent living. Each building features private bedrooms, Internet access, cable TV, a washer and dryer and full kitchen including a refrigerator, stove, microwave oven and dish washer.

Commuter Services

Commuter Services was established to enhance the experience of commuter students through services, programs and advocacy while encouraging students to become engaged participants of the Benedictine University community. Commuter Services offers commuter lockers, the Commuter Compass newsletter and events for commuter students including Commuter Student Appreciation Month held every March. The Commuter Student Assistance program matches freshmen and transfer students with a commuter student assistant who helps the commuter connect to the campus community. For more information, contact Katie Buell, student activities and commuter services coordinator, at (630) 829-6128 or kbuell@ben.edu. You can also find us on Facebook with the keywords "Benedictine Commuters."

Student Involvement

Students can choose from more than 40 extracurricular organizations and clubs. Each has a faculty advisor. Student organizations are formed around mutual interests such as the student newspaper, *The Candor*, the Political Science Student Organization (which hosts candidate forums and brings other political figures to campus) and the Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society. For our science majors, one of our largest clubs is the American Medical Student Association.

Other student organizations include the Investment Club, which invests more than \$200,000 of the University's money in the stock market, (over the years doubling the initial \$100,000) while teaching students responsible investment; Model U. N., one of the University's most decorated programs which annually competes in a simulation of the U.N. General Assembly at which college students represent member states to debate pressing issues confronting the world course; Best Buddies, which enhances the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for one-on-one friendships; and students interested in ecology and the environment may join Club 350, a group that seeks to make Benedictine a more environmentally friendly campus. A complete list of student organizations can be found at ben.edu/studentactivities. ▶

Student Health Services

Student Health Services helps students maintain an optimal level of good health so they can reach their full potential and get the most out of their college experience. Student Health Services does not replace the family doctor, but rather provides assessment and treatment that is convenient, cost effective and reduces students' absence from campus activities.

University Ministry

University Ministry is an integral part of student development and campus life at Benedictine, offering programs and services which assist in the spiritual growth of students, staff and faculty. University Ministry celebrates the diversity of faiths at Benedictine. All are welcome and highly encouraged to become involved in the many opportunities in ministry. University Ministry is located on the fourth floor of Kindlon Hall.

Student Success Center

The Student Success Center supports students' academic, personal and professional development with resources and services to maximize their academic success, enhance their college experience, and better prepare them for further study or the workforce.

The center engages students by providing support for academic work as well as cocurricular activities and professional goals.



The Student Success Center's services include:

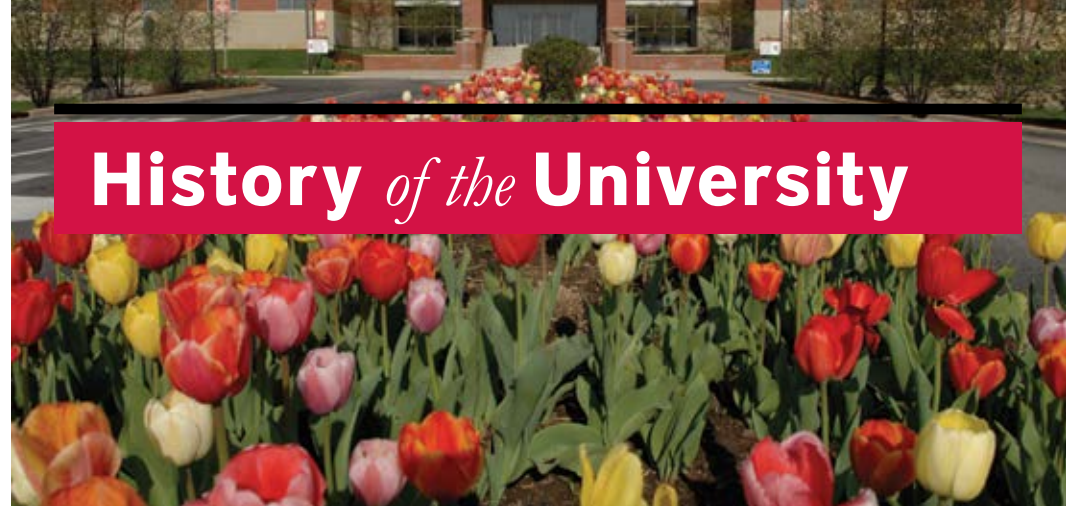
- Academic support and tutoring functions.
- Accommodation services for students with disabilities.
- Advising and related support for undecided majors, students on academic probation and continuing probation.
- Leadership development.
- Supplemental education and service learning.
- Comprehensive career development services including assessment, internship services, career education programs, job search functions and career resources. ■

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History of the University

Benedictine University bears the name of St. Benedict, who is acknowledged as the father of Western monasticism. In 528, he established the famed monastery at Monte Cassino. In the Middle Ages, Benedictine monasteries expanded all over Europe, preserving ancient learning and written languages.

Benedictine University was founded in Chicago as St. Procopius College by the Benedictine monks of St. Procopius Abbey in 1887, and secured a charter from the state of Illinois in 1890. The College was founded to educate men of Czech and Slovak descent, and during the early years most students were of Czech ancestry.

In 1901, the College moved to the more congenial atmosphere of Lisle in DuPage County. The first building, Benedictine Hall, was dedicated in September 1901. New buildings were added beginning in 1926. The College became coeducational in 1968 and was renamed Illinois Benedictine College in 1971.

In response to community needs, graduate, doctoral and adult learner programs were added. The College became Benedictine University in 1996.

Partnerships have spurred the University's growth in the 21st century. In 2003, Benedictine and Springfield College in Illinois partnered to bring Benedictine programs and services to central Illinois. The Benedictine University at Springfield branch campus now offers a growing range of programs in Illinois' state capital.

In 2004, Benedictine partnered with Shenyang University of Technology and Shenyang Jianzhu University in China to bring the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Science in Management Information Systems programs overseas. Benedictine has since partnered with several institutions in Vietnam.

Benedictine opened the National Moser Center for Adult Learning in Naperville in 2006 to meet the needs of adult students and area businesses. In 2012, Benedictine established Benedictine University at Mesa, a branch campus in Mesa, Arizona, which opened to students in fall 2013.

Benedictine University belongs to the Association of Benedictine Colleges and Universities, an organization that promotes the Benedictine traditions of education and hospitality. ■

Academics

Benedictine offers 51 traditional undergraduate majors through the College of Science, the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Business, and the College of Education and Health Services. The most popular majors are Health Science, Psychology, Biology, Nursing, and Management and Organizational Behavior.

Benedictine's broad-based liberal arts program creates well-rounded students because the University believes that even if students pursue a career in science, they should be able to read, write and speak well. Benedictine graduates are contributors and functional members of society who make a difference in the world.

Benedictine teachers are committed and accomplished. Our faculty is frequently honored with local, regional, national and international grants, fellowships and awards. Many of these grants create opportunities for students to participate in ground-breaking research projects.

Students may also choose to study overseas. There are three options for study abroad. Students can enroll in partner institutions through partnership exchange programs, they can participate in programs offered by third parties or they can take advantage of programs developed by Benedictine faculty.

Benedictine is grounded in the spirit of the University's founders, who based their lives and work on "The Rule of St. Benedict" written in the early sixth century. Benedictine builds its educational life on the values of the Benedictines, including the celebration of community as a gathering of people who share a commitment to a common mission. ■

Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid offers information on the following funding opportunities:

- Federal and State Grants
- Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) Loan
- Private Student Loans
- Federal Work-Study Program
- Outside Scholarships

Benedictine University's Free Application for Federal Student Aid code is 001767. For additional information about financial aid, go to ben.edu/fa. ■

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act – *Access to Student Records*

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal privacy law that gives college and university students the right to control the disclosure of information from their education records to third parties, including parents.

Benedictine University is not required to disclose information to the student's parent, but may do so if: (a) the student consents in writing to the disclosure; (b) the parent requests the information in writing and provides evidence that the student is their dependent; or (c) the student is under the age of 21 and has violated a federal, state or local law or any rule or policy of the University regarding the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.

Benedictine University does not provide parents with information from the student's education record like grades,

housing information, class enrollment, attendance, disciplinary records, counseling or medical records from Student Health Services, etc., unless the student provides written consent. However, parents can obtain financial aid and student account information without the student's consent if the parents request the information in writing and establish dependency by providing a copy of their latest federal income tax return (confidential information on the return may be expunged).

The Authorization for Release of Confidential Information to Parent(s) form has been developed for these purposes and is located on our website at ben.edu/ferpa. ■

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Student Employment

Benedictine provides students with a number of on-campus employment opportunities whether they want to build their resumes or help pay their college bills.

On-campus jobs are student-friendly opportunities for students to work

manageable hours and earn a little extra money. The hours are usually flexible, and students are able to work around their class schedules.

Students may apply for positions at any time. On-campus positions are available throughout the year. Students interested in on-campus employment should visit ben.edu/employment. ■

Applying *to* Benedictine

High school and transfer students planning to apply to one of Benedictine's traditional undergraduate programs can apply in one of three ways:

- Apply online at ben.edu/futurestudents
- Download the Undergraduate Degree Programs Application for Admission at ben.edu/apply
- Have an application mailed to your home by contacting the Enrollment Center at (630) 829-6300

Applications are accepted year round and admissions decisions are made throughout the year. An admissions counselor will contact applicants as soon as any documentation is received. For more information, please visit ben.edu/admissions. ■

Campus Safety and Security

Benedictine University is committed to the safety of all faculty, staff, students and visitors to our campus. Safety on campus is the result of cooperation between many Benedictine resources.

Benedictine University Police officers have previously served in municipal, college or university police agencies. They are certified law enforcement officers who have full police powers including arrest. Benedictine police officers bring specialized training and experience to the University, which allow them to provide strong service and mentoring relationships with students. Benedictine police officers are familiar with the daily challenges students may face while attending the University. They are here to help in any way, whether to escort a student across campus, gain access to a locked vehicle or provide a sympathetic ear. Benedictine University Police are here to make a student's experience safe and positive. To learn more about the Benedictine University Police, visit ben.edu/police.

We have very few reported incidents of crime on campus and in our residence halls. *StateUniversity.com* ranks Benedictine as the second safest four-year school in Illinois. Learn more about Benedictine's campus crime rates by visiting ope.ed.gov/security.

Early Alert Team

The mission of the Early Alert Team (EAT) is to provide early intervention and prevention for students who are experiencing distress, engaging in harmful or disruptive behavior, or who have been identified as at risk for personal, academic, social or financial difficulties. EAT serves as a point of referral for faculty, staff members, students or parents who are concerned about the physical, emotional, academic or financial health of a University student. EAT can assess the situation, offer support and provide referrals to the appropriate resources on and off campus. ■

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The BenAlert system enables students to receive alerts (short messages about an urgent or immediate situation) and notifications (follow-up messages that may contain more detailed information that are not as time sensitive) within minutes by phone, text and/or email messages regarding emergency situations affecting Benedictine.

Parents may obtain this service by having their student add the parents' contact information to the student's account on MyBenU.

There is always a chance that an emergency and/or disaster could occur on the Benedictine University campus. Benedictine's Emergency Response and Recovery Team (ERRT) has developed an Emergency Response and Recovery Plan with the sole purpose of preparing the University community in the event of an emergency or a disaster. A copy is distributed to students, faculty and staff, and is also displayed in every campus classroom.

Learn more about the plan at ben.edu/emergencyinfo. ■

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Helpful Contact Information

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Benedictine University Police	(630) 829-6666
Edward Hospital (Naperville)	(630) 527-3000
DuPage County Sheriff's Office	(630) 407-2400

Campus Information

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Athletics	(630) 829-6140	bsmith@ben.edu
Benedictine Library	(630) 829-6050	circdesk@ben.edu
Benedictine University Police (non-emergency)	(630) 829-6122	msalatin@ben.edu
Barnes & Noble	(630) 829-6010	dbarnes@ben.edu
Career Development Center	(630) 829-6040	career@ben.edu
Dining Services	(630) 829-6380	foodservices@ben.edu
Early Alert Team	(630) 829-6006	mmasini@ben.edu
Enrollment Services (Ben Central)	(630) 829-6500	bencentral@ben.edu
Financial Aid	(630) 829-6100	financialaid@ben.edu
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