



Parent & Family *Handbook* 2024-2025



Helpful Resources

Academic Affairs | 651.638.6800

bethel.edu/undergrad/academic-affairs

Academic Enrichment and Support Center | 651.638.6416

bethel.edu/undergrad/academics/support

Accessibility Resources and Services | 651.638.6833

bethel.edu/accessibility

Business Office | 651.638.6208 | bethel.edu/business-office

Campus Ministries | 651.638.6041 | bethel.edu/campus-ministries

Campus Store | 651.638.6202 | bethel.slingshotedu.com

Career Development and Calling | 651.638.6460

bethel.edu/career-development

Counseling Services | 651.635.8540 | bethel.edu/counseling-services

Dining Services | 651.638.6015 | bethel.edu/dining-services

Financial Aid | 651.638.6241 | bethel.edu/undergrad/financial-aid

Health Services | 651.638.6215 | bethel.edu/health-services

Information Technology Services (ITS) | 651.638.6500

service.bethel.edu | bethel.edu/its

International and Off-Campus Programs | 651.638.6549

bethel.edu/international-studies

Safety and Security | 651.638.6400 | bethel.edu/safety-security

Student Life | 651.638.6300 | bethel.edu/undergrad/student-life

Office of Family Relations






651.638.6462 | parents@bethel.edu

bethel.edu/parents

Facebook: [@bethelparentsfamilies](https://www.facebook.com/bethelparentsfamilies)

Instagram: [@bethelparentsandfamilies](https://www.instagram.com/bethelparentsandfamilies)

Engage with Bethel University

- [Pray for Bethel](#) 
- [Chapel](#) 
- [Parent & Family Events Calendar](#) 
- [Athletics Calendar](#) 
- [Performing & Visual Arts Calendar](#) 

Letter from Jennifer Scott

Hello Parents and Families,

Welcome to the Bethel family! We are thrilled that your student chose Bethel as their home for the next few years. Their enthusiasm, passion and faith inspires our community.

Bethel is a special place! Within my role as the Senior Director of University Relations, I oversee our parent/family, alumni and church events and communications, and general resourcing/care for these groups. Our team is here to provide support and services to all parents/families, alumni and churches.

We hope you find a place of belonging at Bethel as you walk alongside your student in their years ahead. Please reach out if you'd like to be engaged as a volunteer, have questions or need support.



God's Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jennifer Scott '95, S'02

Senior Director of University Relations

Letter from Ross Allen

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Bethel family and the fall of 2024!

We're thrilled to kick off another exciting year on campus. If you're new to Bethel, I want to extend a special welcome to you as we celebrate the beginning of a new partnership. If you're in a returning parent role, I look forward to reengaging with you in an even more meaningful way.

As your student starts their Bethel journey, I want you to know that God is present here. Bethel's community uniquely provides students with the opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge. We are committed to walking alongside your student and providing a truly excellent experience as they discover the calling God has for them.

The days ahead will be filled with joys and challenges. I ask that you join me in regularly praying for your student as they pursue their passions, develop lasting friendships, and encounter the transforming love of Jesus.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ross Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ross Allen '84

President


Office of Academic Affairs

The mission of the Office of Academic Affairs is to foster an educational environment grounded in the Christian liberal arts that leads to student success. While most students do not interact with our office directly, they experience the impact of our work.

We oversee faculty, academic programs, advising, the class scheduling and registration process, and all students' academic progress. Learn more about our office at bethel.edu/undergrad/academic-affairs. 


Academic Enrichment and Support Center

ASK at the AESC! The Academic Enrichment and Support Center (AESC) provides supportive coaching for time management, test taking strategies, and methods to curb test anxiety and read textbooks effectively.


AESC provides help sessions and individual tutors for almost every course if needed. Check us out at bethel.edu/undergrad/academics/support and come in for a conversation! 

Office of Accessibility Resources and Services

The mission of the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) is to pursue ongoing development that provides an accessible university, embraces and celebrates diversity, and ensures those with a disability have equal access and opportunity to the university and its programs.

OARS strives to partner well with students, parents, faculty, and staff. While the accommodations process is student-driven, students are welcome to invite their parents (or other supportive individuals) to participate in meetings. Learn more at bethel.edu/accessibility. 

Business Office

The Bethel Business Office is here to help you understand and manage your student account and financial responsibilities. We know managing finances can sometimes come with challenges and uncertainty. That's why our team is available and happy to answer your questions and walk with you through the process. Visit bethel.edu/business-office  for more information.



Campus Ministries


Mission: To provide opportunities for the Bethel community to engage in faith, experience God and extend service to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

Vision: To equip our community in a strategic and integrative approach to campus ministry that will allow our campus to transform together to look more like heaven every day.

Engage & Equip: Our team of pastors and staff are theologically trained and passionately committed to journeying with your student during their college years. Through biblically-rooted preaching, discipleship, and training in spiritual disciplines, your student will be given the proper tools to be able to navigate a complex world through a gospel-centered lens.

Experience & Transform: Growing into the image and likeness of Christ requires personal and spiritual discipline. Our team is excited to walk alongside your student as we strive to be more like Jesus in all we do.

Together: We need one another to grow and to fulfill our calling to be the body of Christ. Our Campus Ministries team partners with the entire campus to ensure that every student finds their unique voice, place, and space at Bethel. With Jesus at the center of all that we say and do, students will grow and flourish into the person God has called them to be!

Learn more about how we serve students at bethel.edu/campus-ministries. 



Campus Store

The Campus Store at Bethel is now operated by Slingshot! All required course materials are provided to students automatically based on enrollment. Orders will be packaged up and delivered right to your dorm room, or available at the Campus Store for pickup. All new students and transfers are already opted in, but existing students can opt themselves in by logging into their student portals at bethel.slingshotedu.com and updating their preferences. Shop the Campus Store online or instore for Bethel apparel and gifts! You'll find school supplies and more in store. Campus Store gift cards are great to celebrate events or moments. Learn more at bethelgear.com.



Office of Career Development and Calling


The Office of Career Development and Calling exists to support students and alumni with career strategies and exploration because we understand that knowing what to do with one's education is just as important as the degree itself.

We provide support using tools and opportunities that promote growth throughout their time here and success in life beyond Bethel. Our staff facilitates conversations 1 on 1, in seminars, and classrooms about career discernment, strategic planning towards vocation and calling, and skill-building in finding internships and jobs. We provide a variety of services such as interpreting personality assessments, resume and cover letter reviews, networking and job/internship search, and others that cater to the needs of students and alumni.

We also partner with other Bethel departments to create events designed to build these skills and host many employers at Bethel to inspire connections. Visit our website bethel.edu/career-development to learn more about the services we offer!




Counseling Services

Life in college is fun, but it can also be challenging and stressful. Our counselors are ready to help, providing support, encouragement, and guidance. Whether it's anxiety, depression, relational conflict, family stressors, or other issues, counselors meet the need with short-term counseling and consultations. Learn more about this free resource at bethel.edu/counseling-services. 

Dining Services


Dining in community is a major part of college life. Sodexo Dining Services offers an all-you-can-eat buffet in the Monson Dining Center, along with our made-to-order 3900 Grill restaurant, and Royal Grounds coffee shop. Pre-order at 3900 Grill and Royal Grounds for easy pick up between classes using our OrderAhead app.



Our registered dietician partners with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services to oversee our dietary accommodations for students with unique dining needs; email accessibility-resources@bethel.edu for more information. Be sure to stop by our on-campus garden just north of Chalberg Hall to see our campus-grown produce and our bee hives when you come to share a meal with your student at Bethel! For more information, check out bethel.edu/dining-services. 



Office of Financial Aid

The financial aid process may at times be confusing to students and families as they navigate through federal, state, private, and institutional aid opportunities. The Financial Aid Office is staffed with knowledgeable financial aid counselors who are eager to work to assist you through the financial aid process. In the early stage of applying for admission, you are assigned a financial aid counselor who is dedicated to assisting you throughout your college years. Please familiarize yourself with our financial aid website. It is a wealth of valuable information geared to help you finance your college education. Learn more at bethel.edu/undergrad/financial-aid. 


Health Services

Health Services provides on campus medical care to students while enrolled in the university. Our experienced team of Registered Nurses and a Nurse Practitioner strive to ensure that students leave our clinic feeling better as well as more informed about their condition and ways to provide good self-care.

We're here to keep our students healthy, and thus better able to enjoy the Bethel University experience. Learn more about this free resource at bethel.edu/health-services. 

Information Technology Services

Technology is meant to be helpful, and easy to use. We will do everything we can to make your experience with technology seamless. Some of the common services ITS provides are WiFi, printing, and personal service for IT related issues from our walk-up Help Desk.

To get started visit bethel.edu/its/getting-started.  Please call 651.638.6500 or email helpdesk@bethel.edu with any questions.





Office of International and Off-Campus Programs

The Office of International and Off-Campus Programs is excited to support students in life-changing academic experiences around the United States and the world. Our team is committed to connecting students with programs that will meet a diverse set of interests and academic needs. Working with our study abroad advisors, students are empowered to explore and choose from over 600 program offerings in over 60 country locations. Off-campus experiences are available for January, summer, fall, and/or spring terms. Learn more at bethel.edu/international-studies. 

Office of Safety and Security

We pursue and promote risk management and security excellence. Our professional security team monitors and patrols campus 24/7/365. We take a holistic approach with industry leading programs and practices. For information about parking and campus access visit our website at bethel.edu/safety-security. 

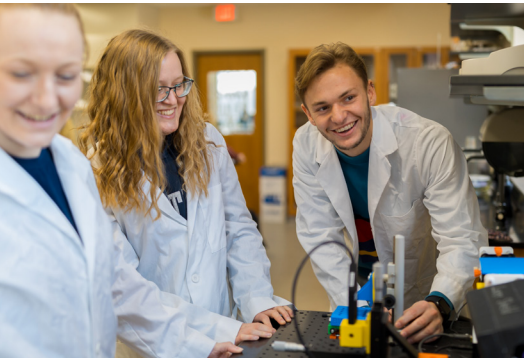
Office of Student Life

College isn't just about getting a degree. It's also about personal growth and becoming well-rounded. It's about doing things that matter, living out our faith, and building relationships along the way. Life at Bethel is active and there are a lot of opportunities for leadership, growth, and fun within student life.

We recognize that what we do at college isn't just about us. Beyond the fun, we want to work hard and be challenged so we're ready to serve wherever God sends us. Learn more about opportunities to do so at Bethel at bethel.edu/undergrad/student-life/leadership. 🌟

Everything we do in Student Life is for our students. Whether you're looking for career advice or need to talk to a counselor, we want to connect you to the right people and resources. To see the many services offered to students at Bethel visit bethel.edu/undergrad/student-life/services. 🌟

Get ready to have some fun! There are many clubs and activities to participate in. Get ready to sport outrageous outfits at the homecoming cheer night, discover your love for disc golf, or plan events that make your classmates smile after a long week. Check out the fun at bethel.edu/undergrad/student-life/activities. 🌟



Parent and Family Association Leadership Team


Parent and Family Association Leadership Team members are passionate about supporting Bethel as a Christ-centered university, have a currently enrolled undergraduate student, and serve for one year with the possibility of being asked to serve an additional year. These leaders know the value of a Bethel education and are eager to share their Bethel story with other parents.

Parent and Family Association Leadership Team members will choose 1-2 areas in which they are interested in participating:

- Admissions Advocate
- Summer Send-Off Host/Co-Host
- Campus Events Host
- Off Campus Volunteer Partner

Learn more at bethel.edu/parents/advisory-council. 

Parent and Family Association

The Bethel University Parent and Family Association's mission is to support and encourage the university, our students and families in very intentional ways. Made up of parents and family members dedicated to seeing our sons and daughters thrive at Bethel University, the association is helping create close connections for families on and off campus. Your involvement supports the university in many ways, but none as important as contributing to your student's success. Students whose parents/family members are informed and involved tend to have a higher degree of academic and social success. The association informs by providing resources parents and family members find invaluable in advising their students in the college experience—resources such as the Parent and Family Handbook, Parent and Family Facebook and Instagram pages, along with regular emails and quarterly newsletters. The association helps fund Family Weekend and local events for parents and families and looks for ways to encourage our students throughout the year. Learn more at bethel.edu/parents/parent-and-family-association. 





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