

# Fast *Facts*

For many, there isn't a clear path to serving long term in other countries. They wrestle with their calling, wonder what the qualifications are, and worry if they can make it financially. BGU makes this journey easy by providing a clear path to a lifetime of impact overseas.

Since 1948, Bethany Global University has trained 3,000+ Christians to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to where it is not. Our experiential approach to education will help students become effective in serving cross-culturally wherever God leads them.

## We accomplish this in three ways:

**Hands-on Training:** Undergraduates get hands-on work experience through practical training and local community outreach while on campus, and then spend 16 months overseas learning while doing their global internship. Graduate students are required to be actively involved in some hands-on work regarding intercultural ministry.

**Mission Focus:** Fulfilling the Great Commission is our chief aim. All faculty, staff, and students who attend here are focused on this one great endeavor.

**A University & Agency Collaboration:** BGU is part of the larger organization of Bethany International and partners with a mission agency to bring the most up-to-date training back to the classroom. Bachelor of Arts students are commissioned and sent as cross-cultural workers while on their global internship.

- Very few of BGU students pay tuition.
- Bethany was started by five families dedicating their lives to train and send 100 missionaries.
- Students work on campus 15 hours per week.
- Students participate in weekly community service and outreach activities.
- Current Bethany Faculty have a combined 100+ years of inter-cultural experience.
- BGU won the Jonathan N Thigpen Enrollment Growth Award for fastest enrollment growth among ABHE colleges for the '16-'17 school year.



Work Colleges are an exceptional group of four-year, degree granting, liberal arts institutions that engage students in the purposeful integration of work, learning, and service. The work college model is student-centered and designed to enhance and enrich the educational experience while reducing the cost of education. Unique to work colleges is the requirement that resident students participate in a work-learning-service program for all four years of enrollment. Working in a supportive campus environment has been shown to have a positive effect on college persistence and degree completion.

# 16

Students in our 4-year programs spend 16 months overseas.

# 50

Bethany alumni have served as missionaries in over 50 countries.



## LOW DEBT & CAREER READY\*

**49.6%**

of 2018 graduates had ZERO debt!

**69%**

of 2018 graduates had less than \$10,000 in student loan debt

**64.8%**

of full-time degree seeking students are PELL eligible

**5000**

The number of full-time students participating in the comprehensive work-learning-service program (per federal regulation).

**13:1**

The average student faculty ratio

\*data compiled in Fall 2018 from all WCC member institutions

## WHAT EMPLOYERS WANT

1. Problem solving skills
2. Ability to work in a team
3. Communication skills (written)
4. Leadership
5. Strong work ethic
6. Analytical skills
7. Communication skills (verbal)
8. Initiative
9. Detail oriented
10. Flexibility and adaptability

Source: Job Outlook 2018 | National Association of Colleges and Employers | www.nace.org

## WORK COLLEGES PREPARE AND DELIVER



**91%**

of the respondents\* agreed that the Work Program experience helped to develop/strengthen problem-solving skills.



**87%**

of the respondents\* agreed that the Work Program experience helped to develop/strengthen skills for working cooperatively in groups/teams.



**90%**

of the respondents\* agreed that the Work Program experience helped to develop/strengthen communication skills.



**89%**

of the respondents\* agreed that the Work Program experience helped to develop/strengthen leadership skills.



**85%**

of the respondents\* agreed that the Work Program experience helped to develop/strengthen work ethic.

\*Spring 2018 Graduates from Berea College, Blackburn College, College of the Ozarks, and Warren Wilson College.





**3000**

alumni have served cross-culturally through internships and/or long-term mission service



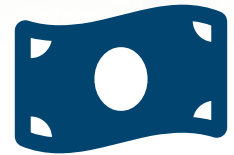
**1945**

The year 5 families sold their belongings to start Bethany



**16**

months are spent overseas for all of our BA programs



**\$6,675**

The amount of the federal work college award and/or PT scholarship per student



**71**

years Bethany has been providing biblically based cross-cultural education



**<\$10,000**

annual out of pocket cost of attendance for most students



**100+ Years**

The cumulative time faculty have served in other countries and cultures



## *By the Numbers*



# 15

Students work on campus  
15 hours per week.



# 3000+

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has trained 3,000+ Christians for  
cross-cultural service.



# 100

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