



**THE**  
**BRUIN**  
**ADVANTAGE**





A message from

## Dr. Mary Hawkins

President of Bellevue University

Hello! We're really glad that you're considering Bellevue University for your college journey.

In this viewbook, you can get an idea of the programs and resources Bellevue University has to offer. But the best way to experience what we like to call the "Bruin Advantage" is to visit our campus, see what life is like here, and talk to our students, our staff and our faculty.

What you'll find, I think, is that our campus community is less about us, and more about you. Individually and collectively, we're on a mission to help you achieve your goals - in the classroom, in the workforce, and in the world.

Because more than anything, **we're here for you.**

Thank you,

*Mary Hawkins*



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# The Bruin Advantage is everything you need to thrive.

At Bellevue University, the Bruin Advantage is all about who you are and what you want and need out of your college experience.

**it's  
community.**

As a student, and later as a Bellevue University alum, you'll be part of a close-knit community of people who are excited to learn, grow and succeed.

**it's  
supportive.**

Bellevue University professors and staff know your name, and what's more, they know you. Whatever your goal is, we'll be there with the resources you need.

**it's  
affordable.**

Going to college doesn't have to mean going into debt. We can help you find and access financial resources to make the path to your degree affordable.

**it's career-  
ready.**

Our academic programs are designed with an eye on your future. Individually and collectively, our aim is to help you build a career and make an impact.



"I only felt like I genuinely belonged once I came to Bellevue. In high school, it felt like I was 'boxed in' or only belonged to a particular clique. After being here for a few years, I have realized I am more than just an athlete. I am a student, a creative, a leader, a good friend, and a bright light. Even during hard times, professors and my newfound friends made it a priority to help me, something I had never experienced before."

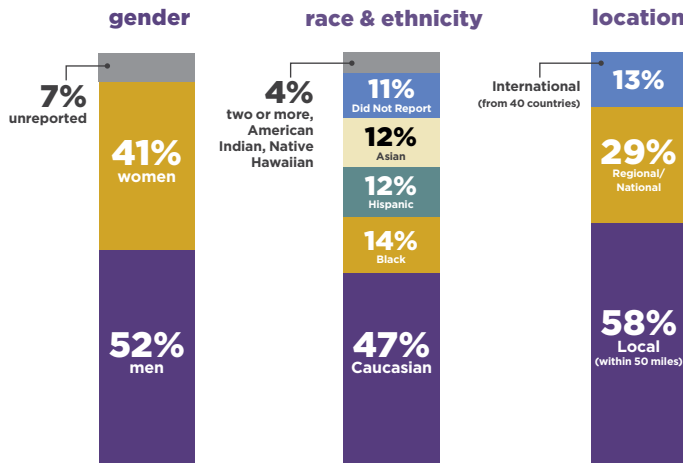
**Aminah Hall**

*Senior, Sports Management & Communication Studies*



# want to fit in? and stand out? this is that place.

When you set foot on the Bellevue University campus, you become part of a strong community. That's because our university is sized right to ensure you have an experience that's both authentic and personal, and also full of new friends and opportunities so you can spread your wings wide.



Statistics reflect the number responding to a student survey in 22/23

## apartment living

Having a roommate (or three!) is one of the best ways to make the most of college. Our student apartments on the south end of campus are fully furnished, include all utilities, and your own bedroom.

## small class sizes

Classes have one faculty member and generally no more than 24 students. This ensures you receive individualized attention and get to know your classmates.

## dining services

Located in the Student Center on campus, our Bruin Dining provides a delicious variety of options: Meal plans are available for purchase on your student account, or you can pay for meals as you go.

### BRUIN Café

**Bruin Cafe** is the main campus cafeteria, offering daily specials, plus soup and salad bars.

### BRUIN Market

**Bruin Market** has a wide array of grab-and-go food items and basic necessities.

### BRUIN Blend

**Bruin Blend** is a coffee bar offering specialty coffee drinks, tea, smoothies and breakfast and lunch items.

## clubs & activities

You can join a club or organization based on your academic program or your personal interests. Getting involved on campus is one of the best ways to make the most of your college experience.

## athletic opportunities

The Bellevue University Bruins are a top-ranked contender in the North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) and compete in 14 men's, women's and co-ed sports. If you're interested in representing Bellevue University as a student athlete, go to [bubruins.com/athletics/recruits](http://bubruins.com/athletics/recruits).



#### Women's

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Distance Track  
Golf  
Soccer  
Softball  
Volleyball

#### CoEd Esports

#### Men's

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Distance Track  
Golf  
Soccer





# you're not old. why should your campus be?

**\$30 Million**  
is being invested  
into the Bellevue  
University campus in  
the next 5 years.

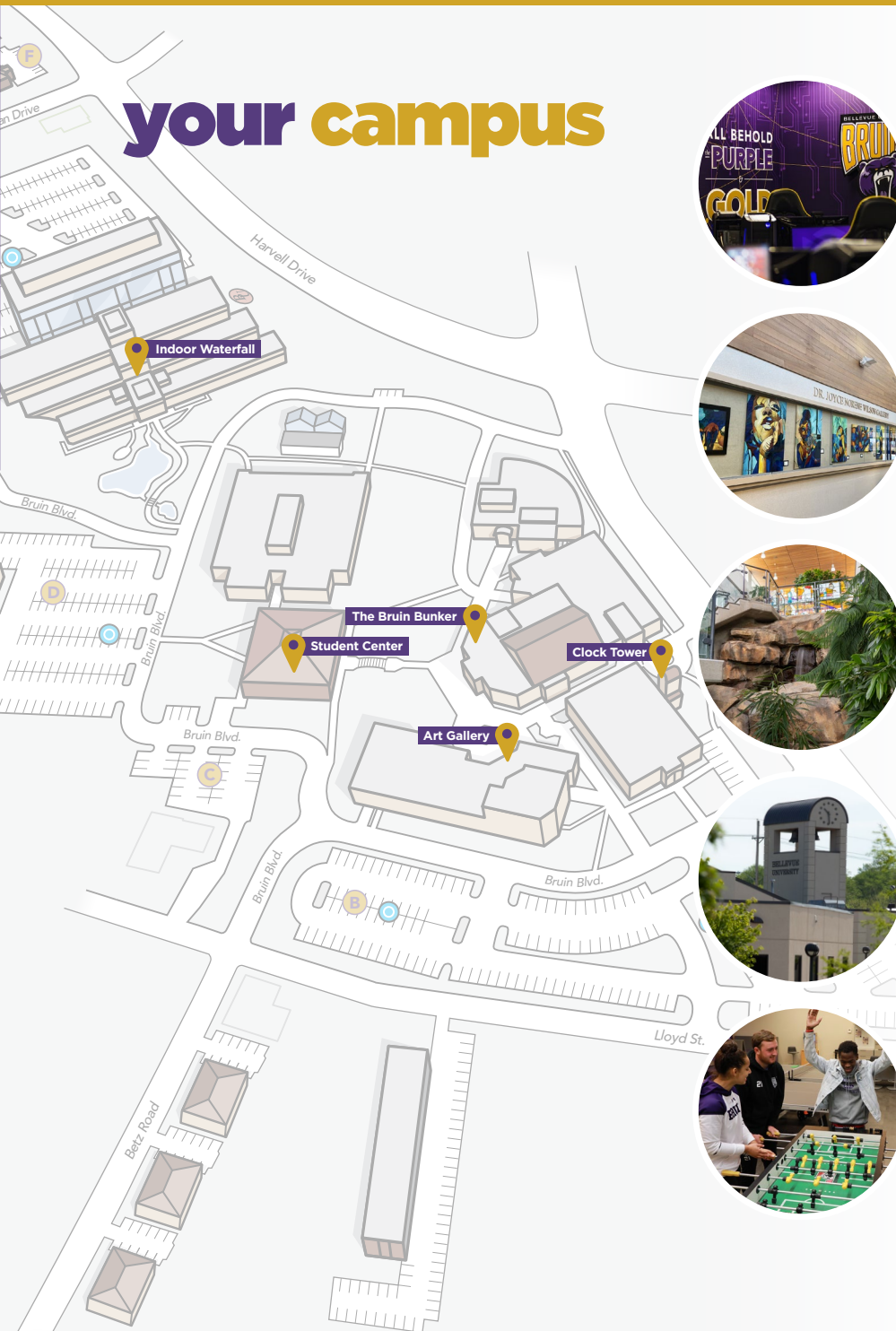
You won't find a lot of ivy or century-old brick buildings on our campus. Instead, you'll find contemporary spaces built for how people live, learn and interact with each other today.

Best of all, our campus is growing. We're constructing a new 72,000 square foot Athletics Field House. And soon we'll be undertaking major enhancements to our student dining hall, the Freeman Lozier Library and other student support areas.

Away from campus, you're minutes away from fun local attractions, events, concert venues and restaurants.



# your campus



**The Bruin Bunker** with its deluxe gaming chairs and computers is home to the co-ed Esports squad that fields teams playing Overwatch 2, League of Legends, Super Smash Bros. and more.



**The Joyce Norene Wilson Art Gallery** features works by artists from BU and the community. The most recent show featured art inspired by Black culture, social justice, religion and nature.



**The Indoor Waterfall** by the stairs in the three-story Educational Services Building is a favorite place to take photos and take a break during a busy day on campus.



**The Durham Bell & Clock Tower** is a 50-foot high landmark on our campus. The tower carillon plays the Westminster chimes to mark every half hour.



**Student Center** designed to please a variety of tastebuds, plus a Game Room and Quiet Lounge are located in the heart of campus.

# Bellevue University is affordable. **count on it.**

Pursuing a college education means making an investment in yourself for the future. Research shows that a college degree can bring you more earning potential and promotion opportunities than a high school diploma alone.

Just as important as the cost of a school, is choosing a school that's transparent about costs. At Bellevue University we're committed to helping you understand all your options and figure out the best way to pay for your education.

## a full-circle approach to **financial aid**

Bellevue University understands your financial situation is unique. During your admissions process, our team will talk with you about the different funding sources that may be available to you, including:

**scholarships and grants**

Funds that don't have to be paid back (more on page 12).

**loans**

Funds that do have to be paid back. Loans vary in terms of interest rates and payback schedules.

**military financing**

Funds available to dependents of some veterans or active duty personnel.

After applying to Bellevue University, here's how to get started on your funding options:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) to see what funding you're eligible for. Bellevue University's FAFSA school code is 002538.
- Search for scholarships via CommunityForce.
- Check for eligibility and apply for VA benefits at [va.gov/education](http://va.gov/education) (if applicable).





## tuition & fees estimate – 2024/2025 academic year

This is an estimate of your annual tuition and fees for attending classes on campus beginning in the Fall of 2024 through the Spring of 2025. Bellevue University is a private and non-profit school, so tuition rates are the same whether or not you're from Nebraska.

<b>Tuition:</b>	\$339 per in-class credit hour <i>(based on 28 credits per year)</i>	\$9,492.00
<b>Fees:</b>	Application <i>(one time only)</i>	\$50.00
	General College <i>(\$250 per term)</i>	\$750.00
<b>Books:</b>	\$165 flat fee per term	\$495.00
<b>2024/2025 Estimate:</b>		<b>\$10,787.00</b>

Ask us how  
to get this  
waived!

**Please note:** Certain courses may require lab fees or exam proctoring fees per class. These courses are designated in the class schedule. Visit the Tuition & Fees page on [bellevue.edu](http://bellevue.edu) for details. The total estimated cost indicated above does not reflect meals or living expenses. Tuition rates for international students are different from the pricing noted above. Please check with your Admissions Counselor or visit [bellevue.edu](http://bellevue.edu) for more information.

## transferring advanced placement credits

**Good news!** You may be able to save money and time when you transfer Advanced Placement (AP) credits from high school to Bellevue University. Not only will you save in credit hours, you'll also have an academic head start on your college career.

At Bellevue University, there is no limit on the number of AP or dual enrollment credits you can transfer. While many universities pick and choose what they allow to transfer, Bellevue University determines the number of credits granted to you for each course based on the college's course catalog description and our transfer equivalency guidelines.

### transferring your AP credits

If you earned a passing score on your AP exam, you can earn an average of between 3 and 6 credit hours of transfer credits. Request your AP credit information by visiting [apcentral.collegeboard.org/scores/](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/scores/) and following the prompts to select score reports.

### transferring your dual enrollment credits

You must have earned at least a C- in the college-level courses you took. To transfer your credits, ask your high school counselor for assistance in requesting your dual enrollment transcripts. Or, contact the registrar's office at the college that partners with your high school.

## books (+more) for Bruins

The Bruin Course Materials program provides guaranteed access to required course materials, including ebooks, lab kits or art supplies, for a very low cost of \$165 per term\*. No more paying out of pocket for books or skipping materials you can't afford!

\*Ask your Admissions Counselor or Student Coach about any applicable exclusions that may apply to your specific courses.



# room & board pricing - 2024/2025 academic year

Bellevue University student housing provides a fun, exciting and safe living and learning environment. The pricing below is for room and board for the Fall 2024 through Spring 2025 (three-term agreement).

**Room & Board . . . . . \$3,745 per term**

*(rent + 8 meal plan and \$100 Bruin Bucks)\*\* (single room)*

\*\* Meal Plans are required for all housing residents and included in the figures shown above. Not included in the pricing is a one-time Annual Housing Fee of \$300. For more details on housing, visit [bellevue.edu/student-support/housing](http://bellevue.edu/student-support/housing).



## Housing residents enjoy:



Single



Secured



Resident Assistant



Wireless



Utilities Included



Furnished



3-term



FREE Laundry

## apply for **scholarships/grants**

Scholarships and grants are funds that you can use for education and that you don't have to repay. You can apply for scholarships and grants that Bellevue University offers, as well as other external organizations' scholarships. Then, you can combine the funds to make your education even more affordable.

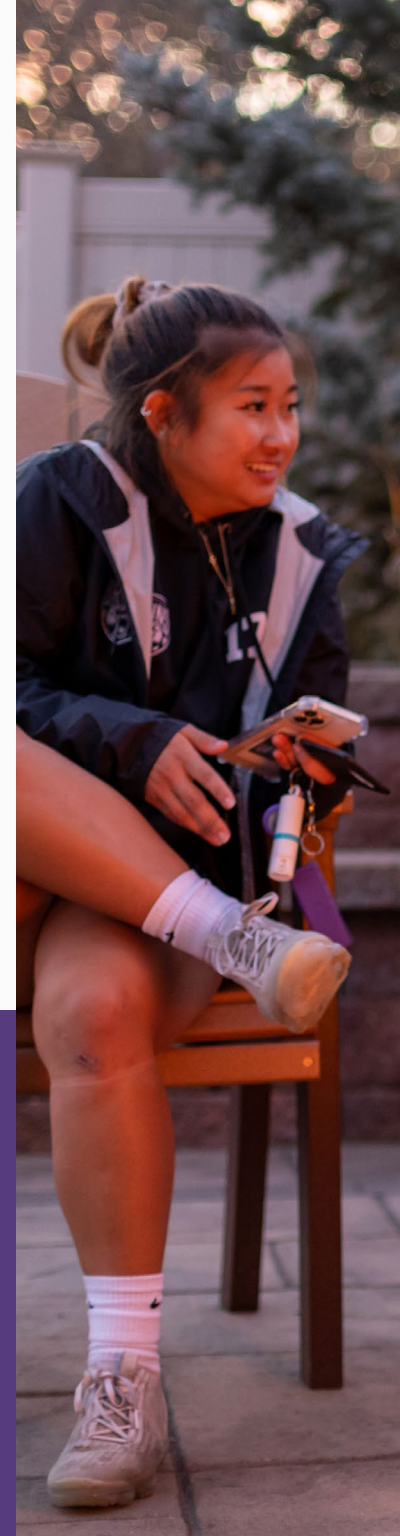
## you're **eligible**

All students - new and current - apply for scholarships using CommunityForce. This is a single universal application that ensures you're considered for each eligible scholarship during every scholarship award period. Scholarships may be awarded based on financial need, academic progress, program of study or a combination of those factors.

## renewable **scholarships**

Bellevue University offers a number of renewable scholarships that can help fund your education for four (or five) years, until you reach your bachelor's degree.

Scan here to  
find out more!



"I know my choice of attending an affordable college now will benefit me when it comes to paying less on loans later. Receiving scholarships also gives me more time to invest in myself and to focus on my studies."

- **Jacob Athen**  
*Alumni, Class of 2024*



# The Environment

# we're here for one reason: to help you reach your goals.

At Bellevue University, your pursuit of your degree isn't something you have to do alone. Once you enroll, you'll interact with people who will provide different types of expertise, and service teams, where you'll be able to access specialized resources. This network of support exists both inside and outside of the classroom.

## **Academic Advising**

As a new student, you'll be matched up with your very own Student Coach. This person will serve as your advisor and guide from the day you start all the way through your graduation. Each term, your Student Coach will help you register for classes, and connect you with specific people and departments who are here to help you succeed.

## **Accommodations Resource Center**

Arrange classroom accommodations or find help to manage temporary or chronic medical conditions or personal situations.

## **Counseling Services**

Get support for your mental health and well-being on campus at our Counseling Center or online via the TalkCampus app.

## **Faculty**

Here at Bellevue University, you can form a real relationship with faculty who care about you as a student and as a person outside the classroom. They focus on helping you prepare for what's next for you – whether that's a class, an internship, a grad program or a career.



“College won't always be easy - having a support system makes a difference. Professors, your Student Coach, and other staff want to see you be successful. We want to get to know you and your goals. Being able to see my students excel is why I love my job!”

**Amanda Stephens**

*Student Coach*



### **Library**

The Freeman Lozier Library offers almost 800,000 materials in a variety of formats. Access books, journals, apps, and much more.

### **Student Life**

Ask a question, get guidance and find support from team members whose number one priority is to help you acclimate and have fun in college.

### **Writing Center**

Talk to consultants, access Grammarly and get feedback on written work.

### **Tutoring Services**

Connect with peer tutors for free and develop strategies to learn challenging material.





“There are so many different paths to take with accounting, and I used the transitional period (after I graduated) to intern and find out where I wanted to begin my career.”

**Ellie Bliemeister**

*Alumni, Class of 2021*

# career services that help you get to work.

If you're looking for a job or internship while you're in school, or seeking a career opportunity after you graduate, our Career Services department can help.

## **Find jobs and careers**

Our Career Services team uses Handshake and multiple job search websites to streamline your journey to the perfect job.

## **Prep for jobs**

Be sure you're at the top of the consideration list with prep for effective resumes, interview best practices, career field outlook info and more.







# The Experience

# degrees designed for **your future.**

At Bellevue University, you can choose from dozens of degree programs (plus a variety of certificates of completion), including the popular, on-campus programs on the next page.

Every undergraduate degree program will include some general education courses that build and strengthen your basic skills and make you more employable. Every program will also include required courses that help you learn skills that transfer to a specific type of job or a particular industry. Finally, you'll choose elective courses that are related to your major or that you have an interest in.

**37** + **[36-72]** + **[18-54]**

**Gen Eds**  
(with the KSS)

**Major Credits**  
(vary by program)

**Elective Credits**  
(vary by program)

**= 127 Total Credits**

## accreditation & awards

Bellevue University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)). In addition, we have been recognized with these specialized accreditations, designations and awards.



Over  
**62,000**  
graduates  
worldwide

**59%**  
residential  
student  
graduation rate\*

over  
**600**  
students  
on campus

**3.0**  
GPA  
residential  
student  
average

\*Based on residential student cohorts from 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016-17.

**we're for you.™**

## Business, Finance and Communication

Practically every company in the nation is looking for its next generation of leaders in areas ranging from finance to business intelligence and operations to marketing. A degree in business, finance, or communication can make you an asset for decades to come.

- Accounting
- Business Administration\*
- Finance
- Financial Planning
- International Business Administration
- Sport Management
- Supply Chain and Logistics Management

## Education

The Bachelor of Science in Education program has **two tracks**. One prepares to become a certified elementary teacher (grades K-6), the other prepares to be a certified secondary teacher (grades 7-12).

This experience-oriented teacher education program is structured around field assignments in classrooms where you will gain over 125 hours of practical field experience. You will also complete a semester of student teaching, which will prepare you to confidently begin your career in education.

\*Education Endorsement Available

## Information Technology and Cybersecurity

Information technology and cybersecurity are one of the most important — and fastest growing — fields in throughout the world. As the need for information systems design, maintenance, and security grows, so does the need for skilled employees to lead in these areas.

- Computer Information Systems
- Cybersecurity
- Information Technology\*

## Healthcare, Pre-Med and Pre-Law

Are you interested in helping people? Whether you have your sights set on law school, or your passion is helping patients live better lives, you can prepare at Bellevue University. To get started down the path toward medical, dental, physical therapy or other health professions, choose a major with core courses in the natural sciences such as biology or health science. If your goal is law school, a history or criminal justice major can set you up for success.

- Biology\*
- Criminal Justice
- Health and Human Performance\*
- Kinesiology
- Psychology\*

# faculty and settings dedicated to students.

Bellevue University faculty are teachers first and foremost. Unlike other universities, where many faculty concentrate on getting tenure, our faculty are focused on you and your success. Our faculty come from diverse backgrounds and they want to get to know you as an individual. They truly care about helping you learn and master the skills you need for the future.

**Best of all**, our faculty and instructors bring their real-world experiences into the classroom. They teach theoretical concepts, but they are also able to share their experiences working in for-profit companies and non-profit organizations. The end result is that you learn skills that you can apply.

**107** full-time faculty with  
real world experience +  
academic qualifications



“The BU student experience is like no other because of the diversity of student backgrounds. The class environment always leads to interesting discussions and the expression of a variety of viewpoints, which enriches everyone’s understanding of the subject matter and teaches us how to empathize with others.”

**Dr. Jerome Lewis**

*Associate Professor,  
Psychology*

# incredible labs and learning spaces.

## **Courtnage Intelligence Systems Lab**

The fully equipped Courtnage Intelligence Systems Lab lets you learn cybersecurity skills in a cutting edge security and operations network environment.

## **Natural Sciences Labs**

Multi-million dollar, fully outfitted science labs put science on display and you at the center of the experiments, research and learning.

## **Sustainability Lab**

A 7,000 square foot learning lab, greenhouse and algae pond that brings education about sustainable practices to life.

## **MathX Lab**

This interactive, hands-on lab collaboration and business tools ranging from Smart boards to Excel right into your hands.

## **Harper Family Foundation Integrated Technology Lab**

Here's where you can explore the "Internet of Things," and concepts like circuitry, coding and more.



**Courtnage Intelligence Systems Lab**



**Natural Sciences Lab**



**Sustainability Lab**



**MathX Lab**



**Integrated Technology Lab**



“I feel the Biology program sufficiently prepared me for whichever step I take next. We have done many projects using both modern and classic research techniques, which allowed me to gain hands on experience and be knowledgeable about the things employers seem to be looking for in someone with my degree. Winning this award represents all of the growth and learning I’ve achieved since starting at Bellevue and I am so thankful to my professors, Dr. Moore and Dr. Kyndt!”

**Alisara Hobbs**

*Alumni, Class of 2023*

*Winner of the “Outstanding Undergraduate Research in Biology Award” from the Nebraska Academy of Sciences 2023*

# amplify your skills with **new experiences.**

What you learn in your classes at Bellevue University gets really exciting when you have an opportunity to put your skills into action through personal and professional development activities like:

Research projects  
with faculty and  
other students

Professional  
industry and skill  
certifications

Personal  
Enrichment  
Program  
(PEP) workshops

Campus  
employment  
roles

Internships, many  
are paid, and  
worth credit

Academic and  
professional  
conferences



“Our students swept the Student Category at the 2023 American Marketing Association Omaha Pinnacle Awards. Their work showcases the caliber of talent and dedication that our students possess. I would put their work against tenured professionals any day of the week. I have no doubt that these emerging marketers have what it takes to make an impact in our industry.”

**Dr. Randa Zalman** | *Assistant Professor, Marketing*

**Alexa Sidel** | *Junior, Business Admin.*

**Audrey Sandfort** | *Sophomore, Deciding*



**The Edge**

# schedule a campus visit

Want to experience the Bruin Advantage for yourself? Visiting campus is the best way to check it out.



You can meet with a program director about what your future career could look like. Talk to an admissions counselor, who can walk you through how to make college affordable. Plus, our team will tour you around campus and take you to lunch in the Student Center. **Reach out today - we can't wait to meet you!**

**[highschool/resadmissions@bellevue.edu](mailto:highschool/resadmissions@bellevue.edu)**

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