

A Quick Look at Baylor's Student Life

The mission of Student Life is to enrich the Baylor experience through life changing programs and services resulting in an integrated education known for leadership, service, Christian faith and the total development of students.

Baylor University Student Life addresses all aspects of personal development, from the spiritual to the physical, leadership to fellowship. From the moment students begin their journey at Baylor with new student Orientation to the Ring Out ceremony before graduation, Student Life is committed to ensuring that students who graduate from Baylor leave with the best education possible and also with experience in life itself.

Achievements

- + During 2009-2010, Spiritual Life will send mission teams to 12 locations worldwide, including Armenia, Honduras, Kenya and Rwanda.
- + In the 2008-09 school year, University Missions Youth Programs ministered to a total of 107 churches, representing 1,900 children, youth and adult sponsors and youth group leaders through Youth Ministry Teams, Baylor Youth Day and Hispanic Youth Day.
- + *Men's Fitness* consulted with *The Princeton Review* to identify the "Fittest Colleges in America" and ranked Baylor University ninth in the United States in 2006.
- + Baylor was selected as the first Campus Kitchen in the state of Texas. Managed by student volunteers, Campus Kitchen's mission is to recover food, prepare and deliver meals and provide nutrition education for economically disadvantaged populations. During spring 2009, students served 1,682 meals.

By the #'s

- 300+ faculty and staff are involved in some aspect of new student Orientation.
- 1,240 new students participated in Baylor Line Camps in 2009.
- 400 current students are selected each year to serve in leadership capacities during Welcome Week.
- 88% of the student population is involved in at least one of the 250+ student organizations.
- 4,700 undergraduate students lived on-campus in fall 2009.
- 9 Living-Learning programs on the Baylor campus, including two Residential Colleges (Brooks and Honors College)
- 6 Living-Learning Centers—Engineering & Computer Science, Leadership Outdoor Adventure, Air Force ROTC, Global Communities, Entrepreneurship and the Freshman Engaged Learning Groups in Kokernot. These residential programs enrich the learning experience for residents who share common courses and other on-site academic services, such as faculty offices, classrooms and enhanced academic programming opportunities.
- 69,000+ hours of service contributed by students to the Waco community during 08-09.
- 10,000+ participants competed through Intramurals in 9 fall sports and 6 spring events.
- 37.7% of the current Baylor student population is Baptist.
- 14% is Catholic, the second largest religious affiliation on campus. Baylor offers many outlets for students to pursue deeper understanding of their own faith, as well as learning about other religions.
- 25+ missionaries from all over the world visit Baylor's campus during Missions Week.
- 1,100 students utilized the services of the Counseling Center. Approximately 40% of students seek counseling for depression and another 10-15% for anxiety-related problems.
- 500,000 visits to the McLane Student Life Center (SLC) annually.
- 3,500 students attend Chapel each semester, the largest gathering of students on campus.
- 17,800+ patient visits and 21,455 prescriptions filled by Health Services during the 2008-2009 academic year; 35 staff members, ranging from physicians to pharmacists to physical therapists, serve on the Health Services team.

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Points of Interest

A total of 150 Baylor students, faculty and staff participated in discipline-specific **missions** to New York, Czech Republic, Ghana, Honduras and Rwanda with teams such as counseling, deaf education, medical, social work and engineering during 2008.

Multicultural Activities such as Candlelight Walk for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Gateway to India, Women's History Month, Chinese New Year Celebration and Fiesta on the River educate students by giving them tools to work with **diverse cultures**, not only in America, but also around the world.

Spiritual Life focuses on formational programming and works specifically with International students, small groups focused on community and discipleship, Hispanic students, students living on- and off-campus and churches through traveling youth ministry teams.

From Dr Pepper Hour to All University Sing, from Place2BU to Steppin' Out, the Department of Student Activities **maintains the traditions** that help the entire Baylor family foster a sense of community.

More than 1,700 **upper-division students** lived on campus during the 2008-2009 academic year bringing the total number of students living on campus to nearly 40% of the student body.

In 2008-2009, Baylor University Outdoor Adventure facilitated more than 30 groups (1,200+ individuals) at **Eastland Lakes Ropes Course** through the low and high elements. The rock wall in the McLane Student Life Center had more than 2,000 different climbers during the same time period.

The Student Life Advisory Board is comprised of a group of **volunteer leaders** who are committed to the mission of Student Life and to promoting and supporting specific opportunities to meet the needs of the division.

For more information about how you can support Student Life or be a part of the Student Life Advisory Board, contact Trey Hagins at

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Additional information

Data from recent assessments comparing the experiences of 1,335 students found that students in living-learning programs reported 16 of 20 variables showed statistically significant advantages for LLP students at Baylor. Non-LLP students did not report better experiences on any of the 20 variables.

LLP students

- Reported a higher level of interaction with faculty;
- Were more satisfied with the ability to study in their room;
- Believed that living on campus helped them study more effectively;
- Felt their fellow residents had a greater respect for diversity;
- Felt their fellow residents had a greater respect for their study time;
- Felt their fellow residents cared more about academic success;
- Believed that living on campus enhanced their learning experience to a greater extent.

Likewise, students who live on campus record a higher grade point average than students who live off campus. When compared with Carnegie peer institutions on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) Baylor students reported they were more likely to:

- Communicate with an instructor;
- Discuss grades or assignments with an instructor;
- Talk about career plans with a faculty member or advisor; and
- Discuss ideas from reading or classes with faculty members outside of class.