



Bellarmino Preparatory School



OUR MISSION

Bellarmino, as a Catholic college preparatory school in the Jesuit tradition, through dedication to academic excellence and development of the whole person, graduates young men and women of competence, compassion and conscience, who are committed to leadership and service.

“Attending a Jesuit school to me means going to a place where I can grow spiritually and academically. I can get closer to God through the things that I do and through the relationships that I make.”

Brett Kelley B'21



Welcome to Bellarmine Preparatory School!



Since 1928, Bellarmine has educated young men and women to live lives of leadership, compassion and service.

As a Jesuit school, we are not only dedicated to academic excellence, but the development and care for the whole person. We are devoted to preparing young men and women for success in college and beyond, and to instill in them a desire and passion to lead and serve others in the communities, careers and organizations they will go forth to.

With a strong, experienced and dedicated faculty and approximately 850 students from all over the South Puget Sound region, Bellarmine is a vibrant, exciting community of faith and learning. From athletics to clubs, music, campus ministry, robotics, theater and more – every student can find their passion and home at Bellarmine.

We invite you to learn more about us, our mission and our programs by visiting campus to experience first-hand what it is like to be a Lion!

Cindy Davis
Principal

Robert O. Modarelli III
President



Jesuit Education

Jesuit Education is a call to develop the whole person: head and heart, intellect and feelings. Bellarmine recognizes each student's unique potential, and strives to turn that potential into purpose. Each young man and woman is encouraged to find the best version of themselves, and to use their knowledge and strengths to transform the world.



OUR Culture

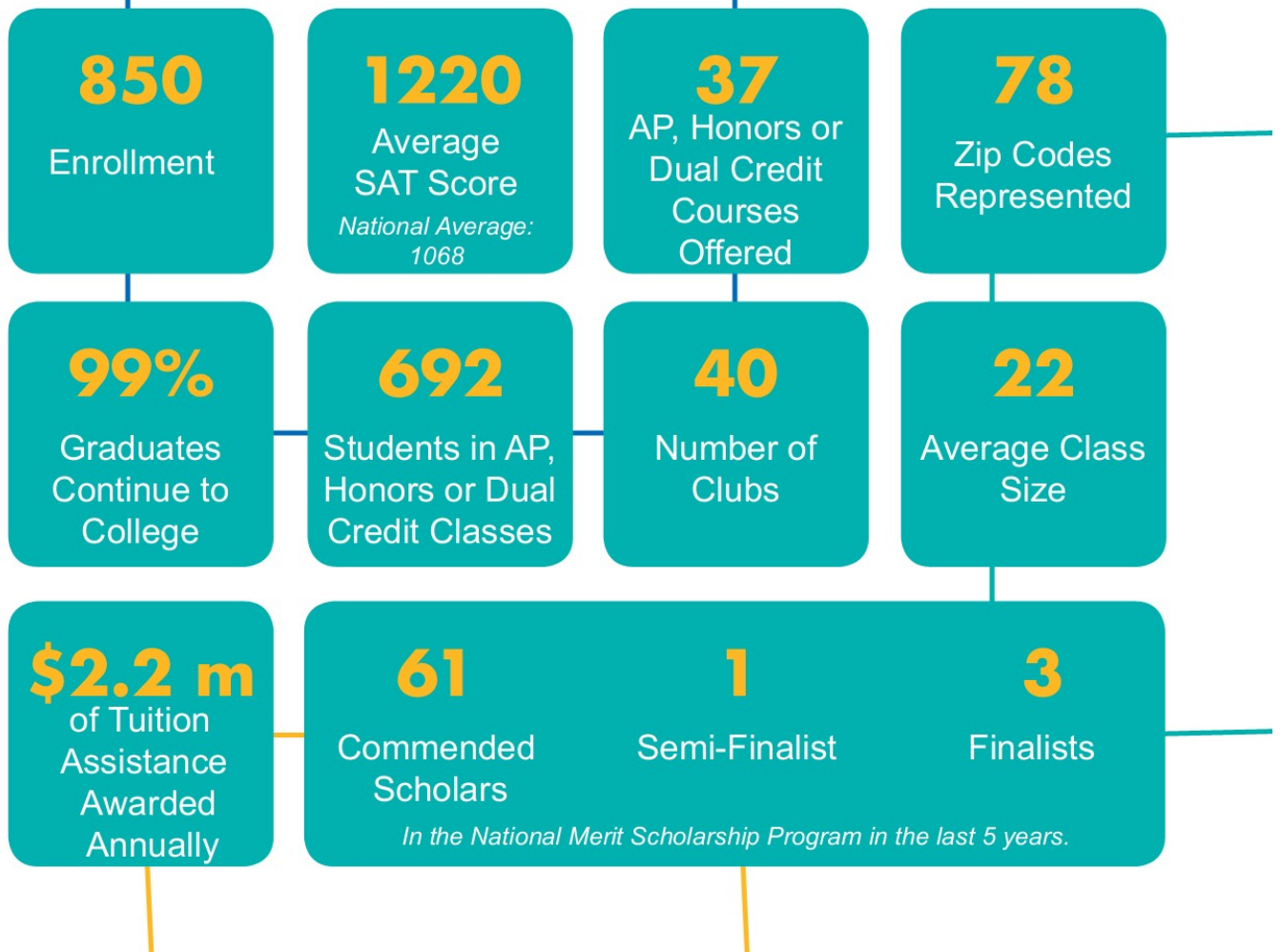
Bellarmine is a relationship-driven and student-centered environment, dedicated first and foremost to the service of God and the families and students of our community.



"The classes at Bellarmine are challenging but also very rewarding. You know that your teachers are going to be there to guide you through all of these challenges and help you be the best that you can be."

Hannah Walker B'20

School at a Glance

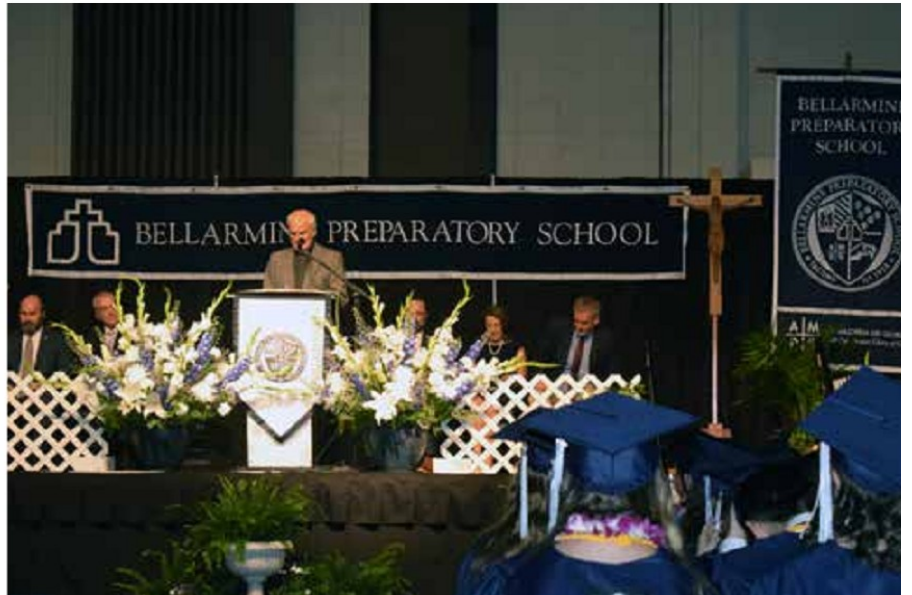


Grad at Grad

Bellarmino encourages each student to strive for excellence and demand more of themselves by living out and developing the five characteristics of the Graduate at Graduation: **Intellectually Competent, Loving, Open to Growth, Religious** and **Committed to Doing Justice**. These traits stem from the Jesuit philosophy of pursuing the magis, or doing more for Christ and therefore doing more for others.

"What I love about Bellarmine is that it doesn't just emphasize the development of yourself intellectually, it's also preparing you to be a good member of society; to be open to growth, loving, committed to justice and religious. You're not just one dimensional. You're multi-faceted and you're really prepared to be involved in your community."

Luke Jouflas B'21



— Intellectually
Competent

Bellarmino graduates exhibit a mastery of many intellectual skills and understandings that exceed academic requirements for college entrance. Graduates also develop habits of intellectual inquiry, as well as a desire to be life-long learners.

BELLARMINE'S COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

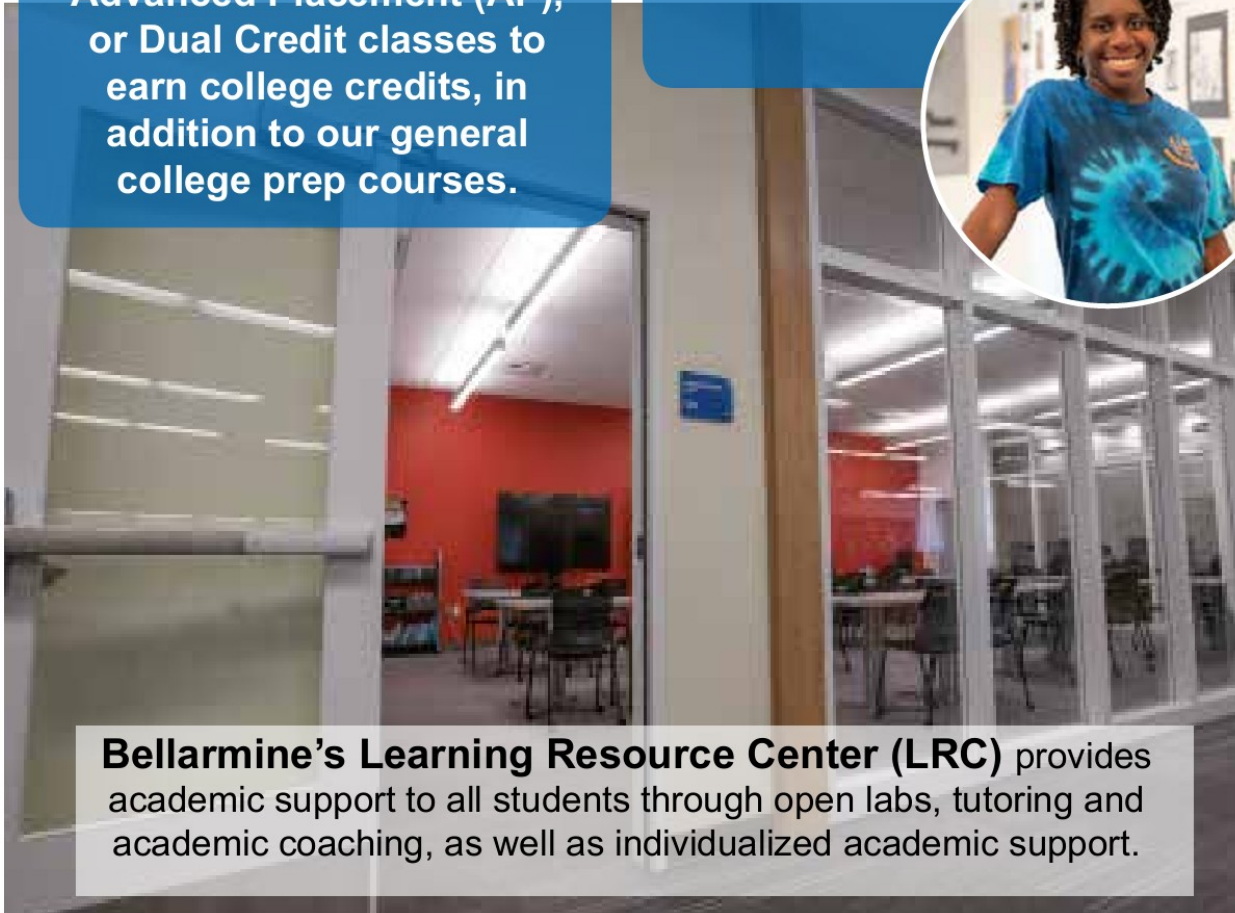
Bellarmino's comprehensive curriculum is designed to ensure that our students benefit from the great and historic strengths of Jesuit education – an approach to learning emphasizing inquiry, experience, action and reflection.



As a college prep school, classes at Bellarmine prepare students for the rigors of college curriculum and beyond. Students have the opportunity to take numerous Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), or Dual Credit classes to earn college credits, in addition to our general college prep courses.

"The classes are rigorous, but there's always someone to help you. There are lots of programs for you to get help like math lab, or writing lab. So even if you're struggling you can talk to someone and get help."

Mykahla George B'21



Bellarmino's Learning Resource Center (LRC) provides academic support to all students through open labs, tutoring and academic coaching, as well as individualized academic support.

70%

of Bellarmine's administration and faculty have advanced degrees.

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Full-time certified counselors who provide college, academic, personal and social-emotional support to students.

1:1

Each student uses an iPad to enhance learning and to develop the 21st century skills that colleges and businesses desire. Our students learn new ways to communicate, collaborate, create and think critically using technology.



College Preparatory

Bellarmino students have been accepted into over 500 colleges and universities around the world in the last 5 years, including these schools from the *Forbes 2019 150 Top Colleges* list:

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| American University | Colorado College |
| Amherst College | Colorado School of Mines |
| Babson College | Columbia University |
| Barnard College | Connecticut College |
| Bates College | Cornell University |
| Bentley University | Dartmouth College |
| Boston College | Dickinson College |
| Boston University | Duke University |
| Bowdoin College | Emory University |
| Brandeis University | Fairfield University |
| Brown University | Fordham University |
| Bucknell University | Franklin & Marshall College |
| California Institute of Technology | Georgetown University |
| California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo | Georgia Institute of Technology |
| Carleton College | Gettysburg College |
| Carnegie Mellon University | Hamilton College |
| Claremont McKenna College | Harvard University |
| Clemson University | Harvey Mudd College |
| Colgate University | Haverford College |
| College of the Holy Cross | Indiana University at Bloomington |
| College of William and Mary | James Madison University |
| | Johns Hopkins University |

Kenyon College	University of California, Davis
Lehigh University	University of California, Irvine
Loyola Marymount University	University of California, Los Angeles
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California, San Diego
New York University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Northwestern University	University of Chicago
Oberlin College	University of Colorado at Boulder
Occidental College	University of Connecticut
Pennsylvania State University	University of Delaware
Pepperdine University	University of Denver
Pomona College	University of Florida
Princeton University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Purdue University	University of Maryland, College Park
Reed College	University of Miami
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Michigan
Rhodes College	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Rice University	University of Notre Dame
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Pennsylvania
Rutgers University, New Brunswick	University of Pittsburgh
Santa Clara University	University of Portland
Scripps College	University of Rochester
Southern Methodist University	University of San Diego
St. Olaf College	University of Southern California
Stanford University	University of Virginia
Swarthmore College	University of Washington
Texas A&M University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Texas Christian University	Vanderbilt University
The George Washington University	Vassar College
The Ohio State University	Villanova University
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Virginia Tech
The University of Texas, Austin	Wake Forest University
Trinity University	Washington University in St. Louis
Tufts University	Wheaton College
Tulane University	Whitman College
United States Air Force Academy	Williams College
United States Merchant Marine Academy	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
United States Military Academy, Army	Yale University
United States Naval Academy	
University of California, Berkeley	

The 3 most popular choices for Bellarmine students are **Gonzaga University, University of Washington, and Washington State University.**



Open to Growth

Bellarmino graduates will see learning as a lifelong process of intellectual, spiritual and personal growth. Lions understand that seeking opportunities to stretch one's mind, imagination, feelings and religious consciousness are vital to their development.

Jesuit education extends far beyond the walls of the classroom. Being a Lion is about more than academics; we strive to develop our students as a whole person. At Bellarmine, there are countless ways for students to discover their passions, get involved on campus and build friendships. These opportunities inspire our students to become leaders that are dedicated to serving others.

ACTIVITIES



“There are so many great things about being a Lion. One of my favorite things being the relationships that I’ve built throughout my time here, and being a part of all the different organizations and programs that Bellarmine offers.”

Maxx Stewart B'20

Students are encouraged to explore our vast variety of co-curricular programs and activities. From theater, to music, to student-led clubs, Robotics, cheerleading, the arts, Model United Nations, Student Senate and more-Bellarmino has endless opportunities for Lions to find their passion and place on campus.

Students have the opportunity to start and lead their own clubs.

85% of our students participate in at least one club or activity.

The Bellarmine Robotics team regularly competes in the World Championships, along with thousands of other students from around the world.

Our Model United Nations program was the invited to participate in a conference hosted at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

“Bellarmino means a place that students feel welcome and comfortable; they feel incorporated and they have a desire to be great. Bellarmine means being open to new experiences and relationships, and being willing to expand your limits and try new things. But most importantly, Bellarmine is a place where all people are accepted for who they are.”

Daniel Southard B'20



GLOBAL CITIZENS

The World Language and History Departments offer immersion trips for students as an enhancement to their learning to countries such as France, Japan, Spain, Costa Rica and Colombia. Students experience language and culture, touring cultural sites and monuments, and take steps along the path to becoming global citizens.



Model United Nations

BellarMUN is one of Bellarmine's fastest-growing extracurricular activities. As a part of the Model UN program, students role-play delegates of the United Nations and simulate UN committees to address global problems and issues. BellarMUN is focused on providing a welcoming environment that nurtures a global perspective of the issues facing our world, and encourages students to work together to solve our common problems peacefully.



LEADERSHIP

Leadership elective courses are offered in the Fall and Spring.

Leadership students developed a pilot program in partnership with St. Patrick School that focuses on mentoring and supporting the academic needs of local parochial school students.

Bellarmino offers opportunities to attend and lead leadership retreats with other Jesuit Schools.



At Bellarmine, we believe that every student is a leader. We are committed to developing our students into leaders who are passionate about transforming our world and serving others in our community. There are countless ways for students to serve on campus and beyond through clubs, retreats, athletics, student government, student activities or mentorship.



Over 200 of our students participate in the Summer Leadership Symposium.

ATHLETICS

58

State Titles

62%

of students participate in our Athletic Programs.

4A

We are part of the SPSL 4A Division, the highest level of competition in the state.



“I’m a Lion because I feel like it’s a place where you can grow into the best version of yourself, whether it’s as a student, as an athlete or as a person.”

Ella Borsheim B'22

In the Fall of 2018, Ella Borsheim B'22 took 1st place in State Cross Country.



With **43** teams in **18** sports, including **4** non-cut sports, students of all skill levels find their place on a team.

While Bellarmine Athletics has a tradition of excellence, our program is about much more than winning. Our athletes share and develop their God-given talents for the betterment of others - rather than their own glory.



In the Spring of 2019
Julia Bordeaux B'20
won the 4A State
Golf title.

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Girls Golf has won
12 state titles and is
consistently among
the top programs in
the state.



Loving

Bellarmino graduates move beyond self-interest or self-centeredness in relationships. They are confident in seeking deeper levels of connections and feel as though they can share feelings, and cherish others for who they are.

Cura Personalis
Care for the Whole Person



“My favorite thing about being a Lion is the strong sense of community. I feel so welcomed and I feel like I have a place here. I found my home at Bellarmine through all the activities that I am involved with, my volleyball team, and my friends in the Black Student Union.”

Taylor Jackson B'20



Equity and Inclusion

As a Jesuit school, Bellarmine has a strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion based on the core Ignatian value of “seeing God in all people.” We promote an environment of understanding, respect and inclusion of students of all backgrounds on our campus. Through our diverse curriculum, numerous service and global travel opportunities, our students are encouraged to seek a greater understanding of individuals of different cultures, religions, gender identities and economic backgrounds.

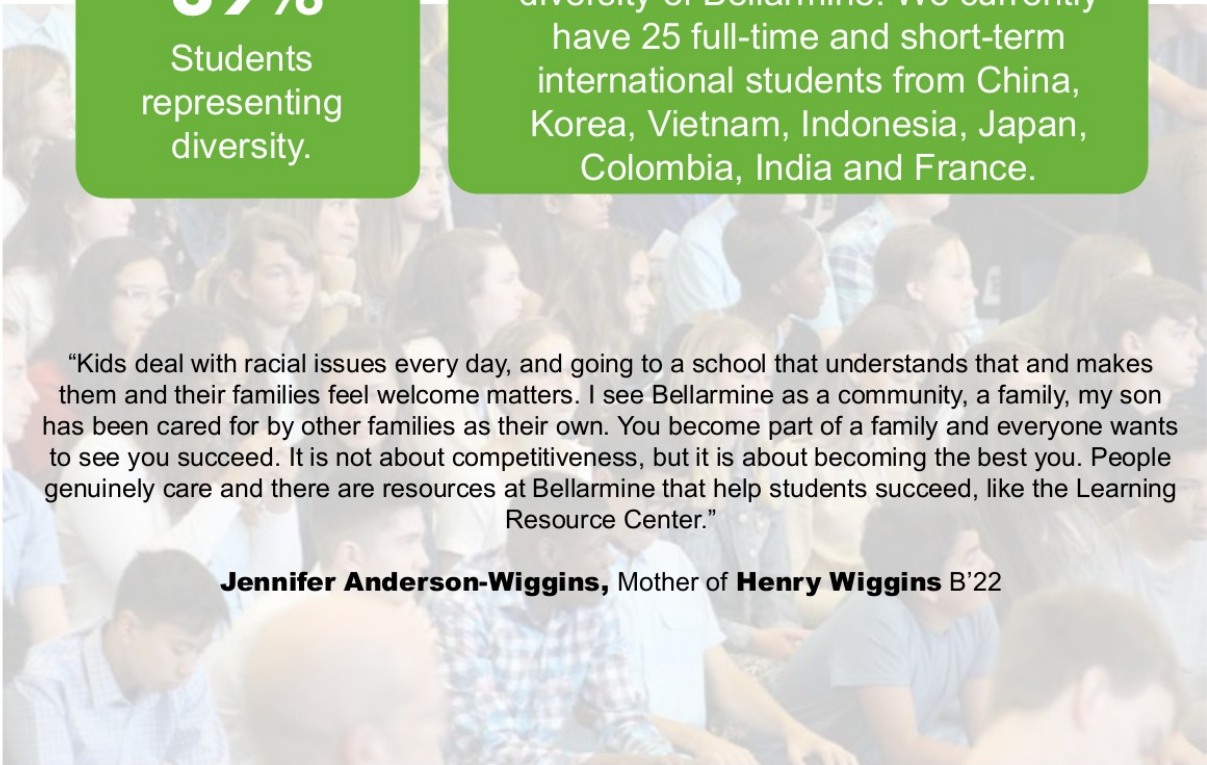


39%

Students
representing
diversity.



International students enrich the global diversity of Bellarmine. We currently have 25 full-time and short-term international students from China, Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Japan, Colombia, India and France.



“Kids deal with racial issues every day, and going to a school that understands that and makes them and their families feel welcome matters. I see Bellarmine as a community, a family, my son has been cared for by other families as their own. You become part of a family and everyone wants to see you succeed. It is not about competitiveness, but it is about becoming the best you. People genuinely care and there are resources at Bellarmine that help students succeed, like the Learning Resource Center.”

Jennifer Anderson-Wiggins, Mother of **Henry Wiggins** B'22

Religious

Bellarmino graduates, through the study of Ignatian spirituality and the Catholic faith, will experience God as one who understands and loves them unconditionally. Graduates will have a deep understanding of and respect for their own and others religious traditions.



Ignatian Formation

Bellarmino's comprehensive, four-year Ignatian Formation program provides a unique opportunity for our students to experience service and leadership as well as academic and social support. Ignatian Formation classes meet every other day, and consist of 20-24 students who stay together all-four years, under the guidance of their advisor and counselor.

Bellarmino is centered around the Jesuit concept of *cura personalis* or "care for the whole person." We are dedicated to the development and care of each student's academic, spiritual, emotional and social well-being.

Campus Ministry at Bellarmine strives to strengthen our faith community through retreats, leadership opportunities, service, liturgies, prayer and our four-year Ignatian Formation program. Our programs encourage students to build their relationship with Christ and to open themselves to a journey of reflection, self-discovery and discernment of how we can use our gifts to serve others.



Bellarmino offers a variety of retreats for each grade level to deepen their faith as well as develop stronger relationships with others.

Weekly Mass or prayer services are held for students.

“Retreats open your eyes. They open your eyes and help you see the people you pass everyday in the halls in a completely different way. It’s something that you never really get to experience until those retreats. Once you get to that point it’s a great experience.”

Giuliano Alvarado B’20

Bellarmino prays The Daily Examen, a prayerful reflection on the events of the day to detect God’s presence and discern His direction for us.



95%

of students participate annually in at least one of our many religious retreats.

Committed to Doing Justice

Bellarmino graduates are inspired to develop the awareness and skills necessary to live and serve in a global society as a person for and with others. Graduates are prepared for the day when they will take their place in the community as competent, compassionate and responsible leaders.

Adopt-A-Family:

Bellarmino donates and delivers Christmas gifts annually to over 50 local families in need through the Adopt-A-Family Program.



Keep 'Em Warm

& Fed: Bellarmino students, faculty, parents and alumni participate weekly in Operation Keep 'Em Warm & Fed, a program that provides blankets, food, warm beverages and vitamins to those struggling with poverty, homelessness and addiction issues in Tacoma's inner city.



SERVICE



Each spring break, Bellarmine students travel with Shirts Across America to Louisiana and Mississippi to help families that are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Katrina rebuild and move home.

“Participating in service opportunities at local food banks has really given me a new perspective on receiving a ‘thank you’ from those in need, and it’s something I couldn’t learn at another school.”

Daniel Lovejoy B’20



Bellarmino participates in Courts For Kids, traveling to developing countries such as Panama and Jamaica to build sport courts for communities and children.



“Although our trip was only 10 days, what we did will be remembered for generations. We built not just a court, but history... we interacted with the locals, built friendships and learned about the culture. We truly challenged ourselves and this built character. However, what we have done, what we have seen and participated in, is so much bigger than ourselves.”

Asa Alstead B'21 on Courts for Kids Service Trip



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Become a **Lion**



“My favorite thing about being a Lion is meeting new people and learning what it means for them to be a Lion, and that impacts the way that I’ve grown as an individual.”

Henry Jacobson B'21



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For the Greater Glory of God