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STRENGTHEN YOUR VOICE

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COLLEGE IS THE TIME TO RAISE THE BAR FOR YOURSELF.

So consider all the ways you could grow—and what you could accomplish—surrounded with faculty, peers, advisors and experiences that stimulate and question and provoke. It would be the best kind of challenge.

It happens here, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, at Bridgewater College.

We help you identify and achieve your goals. All you need is the desire to learn. Consider how rewarding that kind of challenge could be.
Forget—for just a moment—about specific career goals.
You’ll have plenty of time at Bridgewater to choose a major and develop specialized knowledge.

As a liberal arts college, Bridgewater offers even more: The chance to gain a broad understanding of the world. Exposure to multiple disciplines and points of view. The tools to discover what interests you.

By “liberal arts,” we mean liberating arts—those skills that free you to do whatever you might want to do. Skills of writing. Research. Analysis. The ability to think critically. To communicate effectively. To argue persuasively. Practice reflecting on ethical questions, evaluating ideas, weighing actions. Practice seeing many sides of issues—and looking beyond simple answers.

At Bridgewater, you’ll stretch your abilities.

The results: Choices you didn’t have before. Insights into paths of study you didn’t know existed. Greater flexibility in whatever job market the future may bring.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES.
MORE OPTIONS.
MORE POWER.

LIKE WHERE THIS IS GOING?
KEEP READING.
It’s been said that the key to a liberal arts education is conversation. The sharing of ideas not only in class but also at meals, in the dorms and everywhere else.

At Bridgewater, we make sure that you confront and discuss important issues, because that’s how you learn to think. To articulate concepts. To formulate opinions in response to new ideas.

One way we do this is through the **BIG QUESTION**—an annual theme, chosen with input from Bridgewater students, that surfaces everywhere from residence life programs to course work and papers. The theme for 2016-17—“Where Do We Go from Here?”—prompted a range of conversations around our future: as individuals, as participants in a learning community and as members of a global society. The 2017-18 theme “Can You Hear Me?” promises to be equally thought provoking.

Another way we stimulate conversation is through **ENDOWED LECTURES, LYCEUMS AND CONVOCATIONS**—programs that bring the campus community together regularly to address important social issues. Endowed lectures, lyceums and convocations include films, speakers, presentations, and musical and cultural events.

What does all this mean for you? You’ll become a more interesting person, a more valuable employee and a greater contributor to your community and society as a whole.
Kelsey Limbert, philosophy and religion and Spanish double major, Brookeville, OH

Born and raised in the Church of the Brethren, a denomination historically committed to peace, Kelsey Limbert has found kindred spirits at Bridgewater. She entered the College as a peace studies minor and was soon asked to be one of three student members of the Zane D. Showker Institute for Responsible Leadership. Through the Institute, she developed leadership experience—both on and off campus—and learned firsthand about the role of ethical decision making in leadership.

When you're actively involved in your education, what you learn acquires more meaning—and stays with you longer.

That's the concept behind Bridgewater's Center for Engaged Learning (CEL). The Center shows you how to combine academic and extracurricular interests to draw on all aspects of who you are, and to add dimensions to your studies and your personal development. Through the Center, you can begin mapping a path for a meaningful life during and after college.

The Center's work is at the core of a Bridgewater education. It is rooted in the belief that your studies should take you outside of classrooms and labs and reveal opportunities for true difference-making. The CEL's three pillars can have a profound impact on your education and your life.

LEADERSHIP

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PEACEBUILDING

Courses, organizations and activities, and interaction with guest experts brought to campus by the Kline-Bowman Institute for Creative Peacebuilding place you at the center of the important conversations about conflict resolution, nonviolence, interfaith dialogue and environmental sustainability.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

If you have an idea that involves teaching others, the Wade Institute for Teaching and Learning can help you become a Student Teaching Fellow prepared to run your own experiential learning project, discussion group or help session. Its invaluable resources range from faculty to alumni to community leaders.

Other programs administered by the Center for Engaged Learning include the Office of Study Abroad, the Office of Career Services, the Flory Honors Program, the Office of Sustainability, and Endowed Lectures, Lyceums and Convocations.
How do you go from high school student to career- or grad school-ready in four years? The answer: close faculty advising and rigorous academic programs. And with more than 60 majors and minors, it’s likely that Bridgewater has a program that’s just right for you.

From the start, your PDP instructor works with you to assess your options; once you declare a major, you’re assigned an academic advisor who is knowledgeable about your degree. Our faculty scholars are not only experts in their fields, but they also care about teaching—and about getting to know your interests and abilities. Through their mentoring, you’ll learn what it takes to gain the expertise necessary for success.
Knowledge should be more than what you absorb—it should be something you discover and create. At Bridgewater, research and scholarly inquiry are key to active learning. Undergraduate research provides opportunities to explore a question in depth, in any discipline. Moreover, it includes practice in communicating your results—an important facet of the research process.

Bridgewater’s Research Resource Group promotes faculty and student research by facilitating access to resources and presentation opportunities. So if you want to do research on or off campus—either as an internship, independent study, independent research or honors project—you’ll have the tools to do it well.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Dr. John W. Martin Summer Science Research Institute—
Provides up to $5,000 to student-faculty teams for summer research in the natural sciences

Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges—
Makes $2,000 available for supervised summer research

The Research Experience @Bridgewater—Provides up to $4,000 to student-faculty teams for summer research in any discipline

Aaron McMillion, chemistry major, Verona, VA

After taking courses with Dr. Sara Fitzgerald in organic and medicinal chemistry, Aaron McMillion asked if he could assist with her research. “She showed me what she does with computational chemistry and how to run all the programs,” he says. Soon, Aaron was doing computational work with Fitzgerald and synthesis with her colleague, Dr. Cyrille Griveau. “Our experiments involved trying to extend the half-life of a peptide,” he says. “I learned so much from Dr. Fitzgerald. I’m sure I want to create medicines that help people.”
Alya Shearer, business major, Springfield, VA

For the experiential learning component of her Entrepreneurship course, Alya Shearer created a marketing plan for Northend Greenway, a nonprofit dedicated to constructing a bike and pedestrian path through nearby Harrisonburg. “The Greenway project allowed me to gain real-world business experience as opposed to just listening to lectures and reading a textbook,” says Alya. Her professor, Dr. Maria Lugo, worked with her to develop the plan. “At the end of the semester,” says Alya, “I needed to present the marketing plan in front of four organizations. This was frightening to me—but the challenge became really easy after Dr. Lugo had me practice in front of the class a few times. Being used to presenting to my classmates calmed my nerves.”

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING COURSES (A SAMPLING)**
- Adult Development and Aging
- Community Action
- Cross-Cultural Issues in Business
- Entrepreneurship
- Marine Ecology
- Nonprofit Communication
- Personal and Community Health
- Social Welfare
- The Study of Religious Traditions
- The TV and Film Studio System

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS (A SAMPLING)**
- Blood Drives
- Food Drives
- Preparation of Christmas Care Packages for Soldiers
- “Read with an Eagle” Program
- Relay for Life
- Trail Maintenance at Natural Reserves
- Working with Area 4 Special Olympics at the College Pool
- Working with Skyline Literacy

**A CHALLENGE**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

As a Bridgewater student, you’ll be constantly learning—and wanting to try out your new knowledge in real-world situations.

To give you opportunities to apply what you’ve learned, Bridgewater partners with members of the local community in selected courses, providing them with students willing to work—and providing students the chance to gain experience and expand their skills. These experiential learning courses combine the skills and ideas you learn in class with experience outside the classroom.

To further your development as a citizen—a person mindful of his or her responsibility to the community—Bridgewater encourages you to participate in community service projects unrelated to course work as well. Such involvement helps you cultivate lifelong skills and provides lasting insights into the value of helping others.
A CHALLENGE TO ENCOUNTER

At least once while you’re at Bridgewater, you’ll want to gain experience somewhere else. Treat your eyes to new visions, your feet to new terrain. Surprise your mind with new perspectives. Studying abroad via Bridgewater’s Office of Study Abroad—either for a full semester or a few weeks of May Term travel—is one sure way to do this. Fieldwork within courses is another. And yet another way is through an internship, which Bridgewater’s Office of Career Services can help you find. It’s a great opportunity to clarify career choices, gain practical experience and develop contacts—before you launch your career.

STUDY ABROAD, INTERTERM, FIELD STUDY, INTERNSHIPS

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES*

PREFERRED PROGRAMS

Argentina
Botswana
Bulgaria
Chile
Costa Rica
Cyprus
Czech Republic
France
Germany
Ghana
Morocco
Nicaragua
Spain
Thailand
Uruguay

AFFILIATED PROGRAMS

Austria
Belgium
China
Ecuador
England
France
Germany
Ghana
Morocco
Nicaragua
Spain
Thailand
Uruguay

PAST TRAVEL COURSES

Conservation Biology of Florida
Cuban Life and Culture (Cuba)
European Media and Culture (London and Paris)

Francophone Cultural Studies (Guadeloupe)
India Past and Present (Northern India)
Marine Ecology (Belize)
Politics of Social Change (South Africa)
Spanish Life and Culture (Barcelona, Madrid, and other cities)
TV/Film Studio (Los Angeles, California)
Visual Arts of Spain

*Or choose from one of 52 other countries as part of BC’s exchange program.

Tyler Goss, philosophy and religion and mathematics double major, Mechanicsville, VA

Tyler Goss joined Chaplain Robbie Miller and other students on a travel course in Israel and Jordan. “I wanted to be able to see, smell and taste the places I was learning about in class,” says Tyler. “The experience was eye-opening in other ways as well. We learned of religious and cultural differences that place people at odds in today’s society, and we witnessed the desire and need for peace between these clashing cultures,” he says. “It’s easy to try and label one side as the ‘good guys’ and one side as the ‘bad guys,’ from the comfort of the United States, but when I was immersed in the beautiful culture and pride in Israel and Jordan, all I found was hospitality from all.”
Matt Phillips, biology major, Mt. Jackson, VA

Starting with contacts provided by the Office of Career Services, Matt Phillips found an internship in the radiology department at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. “I rotated through each modality (MRI, X-ray, CT, Special Procedures, Nuclear Medicine) and even worked with a few doctors,” he says. His genetics and biochemistry professor, Dr. Robyn Pufenbarger, acted as his advisor for the internship. “She received copies of my journal entries and offered advice when I needed it,” says Matt. “I fell in love with nuclear medicine, which I’d never heard of before the internship.”

The challenge: “I was forced to use new knowledge in a way that was unfamiliar to me, in a real-life setting.”

IN MANY COURSES, FIELD EXPERIENCES HELP BRING CLASSROOM LEARNING TO LIFE.

**FIELD STUDY EXAMPLES**

**Art**—learn about business ownership at a successful pottery shop  
**Business**—tour manufacturing plants throughout the Shenandoah Valley  
**Biology**—explore ecosystems in Costa Rica, work with native birds to gather DNA and identify their prey  
**Chemistry**—learn about business ownership at a successful pottery shop  
**Education**—observe and assist in local classrooms  
**History**—walk the battlefields of the American Civil War  
**Philosophy**—exist sustainable and organic farms and breeders to learn about environmental ethics  
**Religion**—visit religious centers  
**Sociology**—tour rehabilitation centers and regional jails  

Bridgewater’s location provides unique educational opportunities. Here, environmental science students investigate species and record conditions on the Dry River.

**INTERNERSHIP SITES (A SAMPLING)**

**Bridgewater Retirement Community**—planning and executing programs to enhance the living environment of the residents (Bridgewater, VA)  
**Commonwealth Attorney’s Office**—gaining real-world law experience and legal research skills (Harrisonburg, VA)  
**Dynamic Aviation**—working with an IT Department at a major aviation contracting firm (Bridgewater, VA)  
**Innovative Refrigeration Systems, Inc.**—web development (Lyndhurst, VA)  
**International Museum of the Horse**—learning historical archival procedures and creating compelling museum exhibits (Lexington, KY)  
**JumpStart**—working with children of low-income backgrounds on language and literacy skills (Washington, DC)  
**Nielsen Builders, Inc.**—hands-on experience in project management and business development at a construction company (Harrisonburg, VA)  
**People Places Inc.**—mentoring foster children (Staunton, VA)  
**Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation**—assisting with conservation programs that benefit soil, water, air, plant and animal resources (Harrisonburg, VA)  
**Uhler & Company**—building a tiny house while implementing sustainable living (Ayr, VA)  
**Walt Disney World Resort**—learning about business management in the hospitality industry (Orlando, FL)  
**Westwood Animal Hospital**—providing health and emergency care for pets with health and emergency issues (Staunton, VA)
TO REVEL IN YOUR SURROUNDINGS

The Shenandoah Valley. If you’re native to the area, you may take it for granted. If you’re not, you may never have seen anything like it. Either way, you’ll want to venture off Bridgewater’s 300-acre campus to enjoy outdoor adventures in the College’s backyard—one of the most scenic regions in the nation.

For more than nature, the city of Harrisonburg is only eight minutes away—and arts, cultural entertainment, and historical attractions are sprinkled throughout the Valley.

Metropolitan options: With Washington, DC, to the northeast, and Charlottesville and Richmond to the southeast, Bridgewater students can take advantage of big-city resources and return to their campus home in the Valley in a single day.

WASHINGTON, DC 150 MILES

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 60 MILES

RICHMOND, VA 125 MILES

Outdoors
Hiking, mountain biking and rock climbing. Canoeing and whitewater rafting. Skiing and snow tubing. Caving. Trail riding. Within minutes of campus, there’s an outdoor activity for every taste and every season. Bridgewater’s Outdoor Program sponsors trips guided by BC staff or outside experts—or you can head for the hills with your friends.

Arts, Culture, and History
There’s no telling what you might discover in the region’s art galleries and unique shops. Fairs, festivals and events such as the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival showcase local talent and culture. Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton—a re-creation of Shakespeare’s indoor theater—hosts dozens of performances each year. The Frontier Culture Museum and numerous Civil War battlefields take you on a journey into history. And Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello—a living monument to the nation’s most visionary statesman—is only an hour away.

WASHINGTON, DC

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As soon as you move into your residence hall, you can feel it: you’re part of the Bridgewater community. From sharing space with your roommate to sharing opinions in late-night debates with other members of your hall, opportunities for personal growth are everywhere. Here’s your chance to develop as a responsible, considerate, ethical person—to show others that you deserve their respect by respecting them first—and to have fun discovering who you are.

Housing options from residence halls to apartments make it easy to find your place. As you move through your years at Bridgewater, you may want to try a number of living arrangements—and explore the unique atmosphere and character of each.
College is an ideal time to expand your interests. With Bridgewater’s wide range of campus activities, you can do things you never thought possible. Serve as an officer or senator in Student Government. Help plan events as part of Eagle Productions. Write or take photographs for the Veritas student newspaper. Join a service, sports, cultural, media or academic club.

Think of these activities as part of your education—or think of them as just plain fun. However you approach them, your out-of-class experiences in the campus community will make you a more well-rounded, more aware and more interesting person.
NEARLY 80 SOCIAL, CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS AND ACADEMIC CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Ida Basilio, sociology major, Mechanicsville, VA

As president of the Lend A Paw club, Ida Basilio advocates for the health and well-being of animals. “They don’t get much of a voice,” she says, “so I wanted to do something to help them.” In the process, she has found her own voice. “I have always been rather shy, and I dislike talking to people I don’t really know, but with my position in the club, I’ve been able to meet some wonderful people.” Working with faculty club advisor and mentor Lori Gano-Overway, Ida has planned events such as food drives for Animalia Veterinary Center and Cat’s Cradle, as well as the upcoming Pet Treats With Pets, which will put students and dogs together for stress-reducing play just before exams. “I never thought I would take on a leadership role while at Bridgewater,” she says. Now she’s running for Student Senate.

CLUBS
Active Minds—promotes dialogue about mental health issues
Alpha Phi Omega—national coed service organization
Asian Student Association
BC Allies—promotes understanding of LGBTQ issues
BC Athletic Training Student Association
BC Chemistry Club
BC Computing Club
BC Republicans
BC Ultimate Club—intercollegiate Ultimate Frisbee competition
BC Voice—student media—newspaper, online and radio
Black Student Association
Brethren Student Movement—Christian fellowship and growth
Bridgewater College Campus Chapter of New Community Project—promotes an aware, active and caring campus
Bridgewater College Family and Consumer Sciences Student Union (BCFCSSU)
Bushido—promotes Eastern martial arts practices
Catholic Campus Ministry
Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization
Comitatus—promotes study and practice of Western martial arts
Comm Club—communication focus
Creative Writing Club
CRU (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ)
Dialogue Club
Disc Golf
Diversity League
Eagle Productions—student programming board that implements social weekend activities
Eco-Action Club—promotes sustainability
Equestrian Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Fly Fishing Club
Future Educators of Bridgewater College
Games Club
Habitat for Humanity
HEAL Club—health and wellness education
In-Step Ballroom Dance Club
Interfaith Association
Knitting Club
Latin Student Association
Lend a Paw—promotes kindness toward animals
Muslim Student Association
Otaku—Asian pop culture
Physics Club
Pinion Players—student-run theatre organization
Pre-Health Society
Pre-Law Society
Public History Club
Residence Hall Association
Ski and Snowboard Club
Society for Human Resource Management, BC Chapter
Spike Ball Club
Student Ambassadors
Student Senate
Student Support Foundation
World Languages Club
Wrestling Club
Young Americans for Liberty

ORGANIZATIONS
BC Commuters
BC Interfaith Board
BC Spiritual Life Board
Chorale
Church Travel Teams
Concert Choir
Handbell Choir
Interdistrict Youth Cabinet—plans Church of the Brethren youth programming
Jazz Ensemble
Gospel Choir
Music Educators National Conference
Oratorio Choir
Screaming Eagles Pep Band
Soar Mentors
Spirit Team—College mascot
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Symphonic Band

The College also has eight honor society chapters.
Broderick Brown, business administration major, Dumfries, VA

“When I visited Bridgewater and met the coaches, I saw how much passion they had for the game, and I wanted to be part of that,” says Broderick Brown. A cornerback on the Eagles football team, Broderick works to improve himself on and off the field. “Coach Raeford stresses the little things—fundamentals and techniques, like working on footwork after practice,” he says. “His advice applies to what happens off the playing field as well. It’s the little things we do in life that make the difference between being great and being average.”
Equestrian’s Zellie Wothers won a national IHSA title in the Intermediate Equitation on the Flat class.

Cross Country
Field Hockey
Lacrosse
Soccer
Track and Field
Basketball
Swimming
Tennis
Volleyball

Christina Herbert won the NCAA Division III golf championship, led D-III in scoring average for the season, and was named the National Athlete of the Year by WGCA and Honda.

Amber Celen was the indoor track National Athlete of the Year in 2017, winning three national championships in the indoor 60 meters and 200 meters and the outdoor 100 meters.

For the second straight year, Bridgewater had the ODAC’s only national semifinalist for the NFF Campbell Trophy, linebacker Davey Hardesty. The award honors the nation’s top football scholar-athlete across all divisions.

Darin Council earned All-American honors in the indoor triple jump, placing seventh in the nation.

Bridgewater College’s five individual national titles in the spring 2017 semester alone exceeded the previous total of four from the school’s entire athletic history.
TO START YOUR FUTURE

The more you challenge yourself in college, the more prepared you’ll be for whatever the future may bring. By the end of senior year, our students—creative, articulate, reflective, healthy, determined and resourceful—are ready to take on the demands of graduate school and careers. They have a solid grounding in a discipline, portable skills of critical thinking and communication, and a broad knowledge of the way the world works.

The next challenge? They’re ready for it.

If you’re ready to take the first step toward joining them, have a look at our admissions and financial aid information. Imagine yourself at Bridgewater, and come visit us on campus. Then submit your application.

Your future might start here.

“My experience at Bridgewater . . . taught me how to prioritize and thrive in challenging and fast-paced environments.”

—Aubry Dicks Jr., alumnus in business administration; 2014 graduate of University of Richmond School of Law

Graduate programs accepting recent Bridgewater graduates:
- Duke University
- Harvard University
- Hood College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Kansas State University
- Penn State University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- University of Florida
- University of Maryland
- University of Miami
- University of North Carolina
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Richmond
- University of South Carolina
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest University

Employers of recent Bridgewater graduates:
- BB&T Bank
- Bon Secours Health System
- Defense Contract Auditing Agency
- Dynamic Aviation
- Excelis Inc.
- Immerge Technologies
- Mathews County, Va., Department of Social Services
- Miller and Associates Accounting
- Northrop Grumman
- Patriot Land and Wildlife
- Prince William County Public Schools
- SAP Software Solutions
- Sentara RMH Medical Center Theatre Workshop of Nantucket
- Tidewater Physical Therapy Inc.
- U.S. Census Bureau
- U.S. Department of Health
- Walt Disney World
- Washington Nationals

We consider applications as we receive them. Our rolling admission policy lets you know sooner rather than later whether you have been admitted. Apply early in your senior year.

Applying is FREE at bridgewater.edu.

Submit the following with your application:
- Standardized test scores (SAT/ACT)
- Official high school transcript

Our admissions counselors are here to help you through the admissions process. Go to bridgewater.edu/admissions to meet your counselor.

“Choosing Bridgewater College was one of the best decisions I’ve made in my life.”

—Kristin Young, alumna in communication studies; Foundations and Communications Director at MC MedAssist, Charlotte, NC
FINANCIAL AID

Bridgewater offers academic scholarships, grants, low-interest educational loans, and work-study programs to help you and your family afford your college education. In 2016-2017, the College awarded more than $40 million in academic scholarships and need-based grants. More than 99 percent of Bridgewater students receive some form of financial assistance.

Once you submit your application for admission, go to fafsa.ed.gov to apply for financial aid.

NET PRICE CALCULATOR
bridgewater.edu/FinancingYourEducation

DEADLINE
Submit your FAFSA by March 1.

2017-2018 Costs
Tuition/Fees: $33,820
Room/Board: $12,440
Total Charges: $46,260

VISITING CAMPUS

Take the opportunity to get to know Bridgewater College in person.

The typical visit is about two hours long and includes an information session with an admissions counselor, followed by a student-led campus tour.

You can also personalize your visit by talking with a professor or coach, attending a class or touring the equestrian center.

To schedule your visit, call the admissions office at 800-759-8328 or 540-515-3753, or email us at admissions@bridgewater.edu.

“Bridgewater College prepared me to be a self-guided, creative thinker.”

—Ryan Keebaugh, alumnus in music; Assistant Professor of Music at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA