Matthew Dotson, Belmont alumnus ’09, has proven himself as a strong student, athlete and community leader. Dotson’s name appeared on the Dean’s List throughout his years at Belmont, he presented his original research at the 2009 Belmont Undergraduate Research Symposium, and was awarded the 2009 Outstanding Graduating Senior Award by the History Department. In addition, Dotson competed in 3 NCAA Division 1 Basketball Tournaments as a member of Belmont’s Men’s Basketball team. He currently teaches Government and U.S. History and coaches at Hickman County High School in Centerville, Tennessee, and serves his church as an Associate Minister.

Matthew continues to engage and transform the world as an educator, coach and church leader in his community. This is how Matthew Dotson is Belmont.

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History is the study of human change over time. Recognizing that human experience is continuous, historians seek to understand how people lived in the past and how their actions, institutions and leadership shaped their world and our own. As an intellectual discipline, history fosters students’ abilities to read critically, think analytically, communicate ideas effectively and examine human problems in light of ethical values and religious traditions.

As part of the University’s common core, historical reflection strengthens students’ understanding of the variety of human ideas, cultural perspectives and conceptual frameworks which make up the interdependent world in which we live.

A History degree from Belmont prepares students for many opportunities and diverse career paths; among them, further study at the graduate level and/or law school, teaching at all educational levels, library studies, archival management, museum/historical landmark curator and many others. With a Belmont History degree, the opportunities are endless.

The Belmont History Department also offers outlets for faculty and peer interaction. Students (who qualify) are invited to join Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honors society. Membership is open to all Belmont students in the Belmont History Society, which sponsors social gatherings and activities for anyone interested in history.

Belmont offers both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree in History to better serve students’ individual needs. As well, the Department offers an 18-hour Minor for students majoring in other disciplines but with an interest in History.

The program’s core courses include HIS 2010/2020, The American Experience, HIS 2050, The Craft of History, and HIS 3050, Writing History. Beyond these, Belmont’s History students build their programs from a menu of courses, fulfilling requirements in U.S., European and World History.