

Belmont University Student Affairs

Core Commitments

To reach the e^3 Point (exceptional at engaging and educating students) Belmont's Student Affairs division must be distinguished in many ways. Some of this distinction depends upon the "What" and "How" of our work (e.g. specific programs, procedures, etc.), but more fundamentally it rests on the "Why" behind everything we do. To that end, we have articulated the commitments that provide a foundation for our life and work together.

- ☞ We believe we are created to give ourselves to something bigger than our selves. We use our lives to "engage and transform the world" and in doing so, we are meaningfully transformed as well.*
- ☞ We believe God made each of us for a purpose and equipped us with unique dispositions, talents, and abilities to pursue it. Serving our purpose and living into our potential depends more upon discovering and making the most of these potential strengths than upon fixing our weaknesses.*
- ☞ We believe our commitment to "Jesus as the Christ and the measure for all things..." not only calls us to the highest standards of excellences, care, and commitment, but also to actively respect and protect individuals' rights to choose directions and beliefs of their own.*
- ☞ We believe students learn best when given authentic experiences in leadership and life—characterized by real power and responsibility, genuine opportunity and choice.*
- ☞ We believe leading others is a high calling, and leaders must rise to higher standards. We develop servant leaders whose lives portray their commitment to those they serve, and whose conduct exemplifies integrity, initiative, compassion, courage, and humility.*