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For the third consecutive year, Belmont’s men’s basketball team helped make the university One to Watch in the nation, only this time the game came down to the final second. Though the Bruins endured a heart-breaking one-point loss to Duke in the first round of the NCAA tournament, the team captured new fans around the country with its impressive performance and competitive spirit.

In addition, for the first time since its arrival in Division-I, Belmont Athletics reached postseason play in all of its fall sports of competition. Volleyball, men’s soccer, and women’s soccer all competed for conference championships, while the men’s and women’s cross country teams won their sixth titles. Pride in Belmont athletes, however, extends far beyond the court. Last May for an unprecedented sixth time, Belmont earned the Atlantic Sun Conference’s All-Academic Trophy. More than 70 percent of Belmont’s student-athletes received A-Sun All Academic honors.

Of course, the 2008 Town Hall Presidential Debate delivered another significant boost to Belmont’s status as One to Watch in the nation. Hosting the debate was an incomparable honor for the university, and it made an already historic election even more inspirational. On Jan. 20, 2009, hundreds of members of the Belmont community watched the inauguration of President Barack Obama,
gathered together only steps away from the site where he debated John McCain a mere three months earlier.

It was a big year for Belmont’s business programs as well. Entrepreneurship was selected by the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship as the winner of the National Model Undergraduate Program, and the undergraduate School of Business achieved a Top 100 national ranking in BusinessWeek’s third annual report on "The Best Undergrad B-Schools" in the U.S. BusinessWeek also named Belmont’s ethics program as one of the top 10 university programs in the country. Meanwhile, Ohio native and current Belmont senior Andy Tabar was selected as a semifinalist in two national business start-up contests, IdeaBlob.com and the Fifth Annual Spirit of Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development (S.E.E.D.). Tabar garnered notice for his company Bizooki Inc., which helps domestic and global clients connect with their customer base online.

And what would Belmont University be without a little music? For the third straight year the “CMT Music Awards” were held on campus, and numerous students from Belmont’s Curb College of Entertainment and Music Business were given a first-hand look at the show’s inner workings. The event brought several alumni back to campus as well… this time as nominees, performers and presenters! ☑
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IN THE WORLD
For the first time, Belmont University students journeyed to India for a Study Abroad course and quite literally became Ones to Watch in the world when a local journalist snapped the Americans’ photo for a major Hindi paper. It was an appropriate teaching moment as the Study Abroad trip focused on an emerging field: “Visual Sociology: Exploring India and the Self Through Photography.” With nods to both tradition and innovation, students captured their own poignant images of the rapidly changing country and its diverse people and cultures.

Of course, tradition and innovation go hand-in-hand in many departments at Belmont University. The School of Music, for example, recently announced its intent to become one of only 88 colleges, universities, conservatories or schools world-wide to have the distinction of being an All-Steinway School. From the practice room to the recital hall, all Belmont pianos are designed by Steinway & Sons, demonstrating the university’s commitment to providing the best instruments possible for its students and faculty.
To fully deliver on the Belmont mission, though, requires more than sending classes to far-off lands or bringing the world’s best instruments to campus. Rather, each and every Belmont student is encouraged “to engage and transform the world” by using their intellectual skills, creativity and faith to meet the challenges and opportunities that face the human community, regardless of location. The environment represented a significant emphasis in that direction for 2008 with an expanded campus-wide recycling program and numerous conservation initiatives surrounding the presidential debate. In addition, Belmont partnered with Zipcar to provide on-demand vehicles as an environmentally friendly alternative to the costs and hassles of keeping a car on campus.

In December, Belmont students, faculty and staff impacted the world in a different way. Hundreds of volunteers from Belmont and local record companies came together in the Curb Event Center to package meals for non-profit hunger-relief organization Feed My Starving Children. In just eight hours, volunteers packed 426,816 meals, enough to feed 1,169 needy children in Thailand for a year.

Undoubtedly, 2008 was quite a year for Belmont University. From the Town Hall Presidential Debate to record-breaking growth in enrollment to involvement and impact in the community, region, nation and world, it’s easy to see why Belmont University is One to Watch.
Founded: 1890

Fall 2008 Enrollment: 5,023
Enrollment increase since 2000: 69%
Acceptance rate for Fall 2008: 63%
Fall 2008 freshman represented 41 states and 5 foreign countries
Class included 31 valedictorians and 17 salutatorians
Total undergraduates: 4,206
Total graduate students: 817
Fall 2007 Freshman Retention: 81%
2008 Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded: 915
2008 Master’s Degrees Awarded: 237
2008 Doctoral Degrees Awarded: 44
Percent of students receiving financial aid from any source: 80%
Tuition and fees: $21,110
Room and Board: $8,200
Student to Teacher ratio: 12:1
Classes with 20 students or less: 49%
Classes with 30 students or less: 86%
Graduates who have secured professional, full-time employment, enrolled in graduate school or enlisted in military service six months after graduation: 85%

Belmont by the Numbers
With more than 75 areas of study, 12 master’s programs and three doctoral degrees, there is no limit to the ways Belmont University can expand an individual’s horizon.

Vision: To be a leader among teaching universities, bringing together the best of liberal arts and professional education in a Christian community of learning and service.

Mission: Belmont University is a student-centered Christian community providing an academically challenging education that empowers men and women of diverse backgrounds to engage and transform the world with disciplined intelligence, compassion, courage and faith.
STORMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
May 31, 2008

ASSETS
Cash .................................................. $6,102,057
Investments ........................................ 91,704,435
Receivable from Others ....................... 13,652,136
Property, Buildings, and Equipment, net ....... 194,421,150
Other Assets ...................................... 5,069,282
Total Assets ...................................... 310,949,060

LIABILITIES
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities ....... 7,760,902
Notes Payable ..................................... 93,500,066
Other Liabilities .................................... 7,805,665
Total Liabilities .................................... 109,066,633

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted .......................................... 124,581,273
Temporarily Restricted ......................... 26,864,289
Permanently Restricted ......................... 50,436,865
Total Net Assets ................................... 201,882,427
Total Liabilities and Net Assets ................. $310,949,060

STORMENT OF ACTIVITIES ALL FUNDS
Year Ended May 31, 2008

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT
Tuition and Fees .................................... $91,858,501
Less: Scholarships and Fellowships ........... (13,804,991)
Net Tuition ......................................... 78,053,510
Gifts, Grants and Contracts ..................... 7,375,099
Income on Investments ......................... 869,278
Auxiliary Enterprises Sales and Services ...... 16,978,460
Other Sources ..................................... 953,589
Total Revenue and Other Support ............... 104,229,936

EXPENSES
Instruction ......................................... 36,283,101
Academic Support ................................. 10,091,986
Student Services ................................... 13,747,521
Institutional Support .............................. 17,324,350
Auxiliary Enterprises ............................ 16,175,354
Total Expenses .................................... 93,622,312

Net Increase in Net Assets ....................... 10,607,624
Net Assets at Beginning of Year ............... 191,274,803
Net Assets at End of Year ....................... $201,882,427
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