



SC ETV BROADCAST OF A BJU CONCERT

One hundred years ago, a dream began to take shape—one that would become Bob Jones University. As BJU enters its second century, we are grateful for a university where musical excellence has long reflected a pursuit of God’s goodness, truth and beauty.

That legacy was on display at the recent America the Beautiful concert, celebrating our country’s 250th anniversary. This memorable concert featured patriotic favorites and timeless symphonic works performed by the BJU Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Michael Moore, with special guest trumpet artist Barry Perkins and GRAMMY Award–winning conductor Richard Kaufman. Kaufman, widely recognized for his distinguished career and leadership in orchestral and film music, has conducted major orchestras around the world. His guest appearance brought exceptional artistry and national distinction to this special evening.

A professionally recorded broadcast of the concert will air this July on South Carolina ETV, bringing this meaningful evening to audiences across the region.

SC ETV Airdates:

- July 4 at 6 p.m. (ETV)
- July 5 at 10:30 p.m. (SC Channel)

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KINESIOLOGY PROGRAM SUCCESS

We are excited to share that BJU's kinesiology program, part of the Division of Exercise & Sport Science within the School of Health Professions, has earned accreditation from Commission on Accreditation on Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). The accreditation process, led by faculty member Vickie Britton, included a program self-study, site visits and reviews focused on student outcomes.



This program specific accreditation is essential as many students pursue advanced certifications like the exercise physiologist credential from The American College of Sports Medicine. While students currently qualify with a bachelor's degree in exercise science, kinesiology or a related field, beginning in 2028 eligibility will require a degree from an accredited program. Through accreditation, this program ensures that students meet future requirements and remain competitive.

This milestone reflects the strength of the kinesiology program and our commitment to equipping students for professional success.

EQUIPPED FOR WHAT'S NEXT



When a recent engineering graduate crossed the Commencement platform, he carried more than a degree. His transformative journey at BJU was defined by rigorous academics, intentional mentorship and steady spiritual growth that prepared him for both career and calling. In a LinkedIn post this summer, Armando Morales ('26 grad) describes a college experience shaped by challenge and growth. Pursuing one of the University's most demanding programs requires perseverance, discipline and a commitment to excellence. Yet it was within those pressures that meaningful formation took place—both intellectually and spiritually. "Through it all, God graciously guided me along a path that was exactly right for me," he shared.

That growth was shaped in community and through many opportunities. Faculty mentors like Drs. Fred Coleman and Mark Vowels made a lasting impact, while experiences across engineering teams, student organizations, music groups and campus jobs encouraged excellence and fostered lasting, Christ-centered friendships.

Among all the benefits of his college experience, he points to the spiritual foundation of his time at BJU as the defining element. “I’m not the same person I was when I arrived,” he said. “I’m better equipped for the life God has called me to live.”

Following graduation, Armando began full-time work as an engineering draftsman at Maddox Transformers, stepping directly into a role where he can apply the skills and perspective he developed at BJU. “My future is in the best of hands, and I’m excited to see how the Lord uses me for His glory and Kingdom! I’d appreciate prayer that the Lord would always be first in my life, that He would strengthen me physically and spiritually for His calling, and that He would use me as an encouragement in the lives of others.”

INTRODUCING THE NEW DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

Ray Arnett is no stranger to Bob Jones University. He was born in the university hospital and attended the Academy during his junior and senior years. Now, after many years serving the Lord elsewhere, Ray has joined BJU as the Director of Libraries.

Ray holds a Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministries and a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies from Northland Baptist Bible College, a Master of Divinity from Maranatha Baptist University and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. He began his career in the Northland library, where he progressed to Director of Library Services, and later served as a library director in two other locations.

Called into ministry, Ray returned to South Carolina to serve as a pastor in Anderson which he continues today. In 2023, he became branch manager of the Travelers Rest Library and then the Branch Library Services Manager for the Greenville County Library System. With twentytwo years of experience in public and academic libraries, Ray brings expertise and insight to BJU’s Mack Library system.

Serving students is at the heart of Ray’s approach. He and his staff “are here to serve students,” and with this purpose in mind, he envisions the library as an active teaching partner, equipping students to use information—and sources like AI—in a manner that honors God. In Ray’s words, “My goal and my reason for moving to Bob Jones is to help train the next generation of students to be Christian leaders... with hearts for service and hands that are skilled.”



Ray is eager to extend library support to alumni as well. Graduates can access two EBSCOhost databases—Academic Search Alumni Edition and Business Source Alumni Edition—and connect with library staff for research assistance. He also invites alumni to visit Mack Library, especially during the centennial year, when exhibits will highlight BJU’s history and archives in addition to other valuable artifacts.

DID YOU KNOW?

More than 365 current Bob Jones University students were introduced to campus for the first time through EDUcamp—a powerful reminder of how God uses these summer experiences to open doors for these future Bruins. This summer marks a new milestone, with a record number of camps operating on campus. More than 100 camps will welcome over 2,000 young people from across the country. From hands-on learning to athletic training, campers can explore a wide range of interests through 23 new offerings—including Robotics, World of Chemistry, Automotive Technology, Global Fluency and a variety of sports camps.

EDUcamp Jr. alone has increased by more than 170 campers compared to last year. Behind the scenes, more than 180 individuals—including faculty, staff, student counselors and coaches—are investing in these campers' lives. And the impact goes far beyond the classroom or playing field—last summer, three campers made professions of faith.

There's still time for your family to be part of this life-changing experience. Learn more at the link below.

[Explore Available EDUcamp s](#)

CENTENNIAL YEAR HOMECOMING

We hope you are making plans to join us on November 13–14 for Homecoming during our Centennial Celebration Year. This fun weekend will be packed with activities and events such as reunions, special meals, campus tours, the Praise Service, the Turkey Festival, a Shakespeare play, an artisan market and plenty of time to reconnect.

We plan to host two major class reunions at Homecoming during this milestone celebration year.

- The 50-year reunion will include those who graduated in 1975, 1976 and 1977.
- The 40-year reunion will include those who graduated in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

Additional information about Homecoming, including the full schedule and when registration opens, will be coming to you soon.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BJU FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

[Nutrition Health Sciences Faculty](#)
[Application Support Administrator](#)
[Biology Faculty](#)
[Dean of Health Professions](#)

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BJA POSITIONS

[Varsity Boys Soccer Coach](#)
[Varsity Cross Country Coach](#)
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BJU PRESS POSITIONS

[Video Designer](#)
[Employee Event Specialist](#)
[Associate Data Analyst](#)

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ALUMNI UPDATES

FUTURE BRUINS

Coker, Chris '16 and Lorena (Uribe) '16, **Maverick Gerard** and **Callum Thomas**, 4/1/2025

Fox, Justin '11 and Dolly, **Elizabeth (Ellie)**, 11/1/24

Lind, Cody and Andrea (Gwillim) '24, **Preston Paul**, 06/07/26

Messer, Jared '18 and Erin (Matthews) '22, **Joseph Sidney**, 04/20/26

Pagliarini, Blaze '12 and Rosemary (Page) '13, **Lydia Grace**, 02/07/26

Patiño, Josue '23 and L'gean (Guerrero), **Keziah Xolani**, 07/18/2024

Probus, Allen '99 and Andrea (Smith) '00, **Samuel Allen**, 11/20/2024

Ratje, Chad '19 and Katy (Labadorf) '19, **Adeline Rose**, 06/06/2026

Washer, David '24 and Madeline (Brazeal) '24, **Samuel David**, 11/13/25

Weber, Ben '22 and Natalie (Crute) '22, **Micah Paul**, 06/09/26

DEATHS

Burk, Whitney (Martindale) '92, June 5, 2026

Englehardt, George '75, June 13, 2026

Evans, Wendell Lee '56, June 9, 2026

Goodell Jr., Wyman Williams '66, January 1, 2024

Hensley, Carol (Layden) '74, June 2, 2026

Holcomb, Pamela (Joann) '07, April 19, 2026

Hubbard, Karen (Yost) '88, June 3, 2026

Kelder, Lisa '98, May 17, 2026

Kwast, Richard Fred '72, May 20, 2025

Pagan, Roberto Enrique '70, October 9, 2025

Richards, Rebecca Ann, '96 FE, June 10, 2026

Seeley, Richard (Dick) '69 RFS, May 29, 2026

Thomas Jr., Earl Oliver '66, June 2, 2026

Walls, Catherine Irene '83, June 3, 2026

Wolstenholme, Linda (Thurston) '76, May 28, 2026

CLASS NOTES

Daniel Arter '20, is the new pastor of Bible Fellowship Church of Greentown, PA.

Rick Barry '82, (former assistant to Georgi Vins at Russian Gospel Ministries) is the office manager at Baptist International Evangelistic Ministries. This mission is primarily involved

in evangelism and church planting in Eastern Europe. Currently, the mission is also actively providing humanitarian aid to accompany evangelistic outreaches in Ukraine.

Joshua Briggs '97, completed OB/GYN residency with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in May. He will be starting as OB/GYN faculty in July 2026. He will also be the 3rd and 4th year clerkship director.

Col. Micheal H. Heuer '77 '80 '88, retired as an active duty USAF chaplain at the rank of Colonel in January 2018 and settled in the Washington, DC area near Annapolis, Maryland. Since active duty retirement he has been delivering workshops on suicide intervention skills to military and civilian audiences, at colleges and universities and to congregations. He has also become an endorser and mentor for military chaplains. Since his active duty retirement, he has served on the Board of Directors for the Military Chaplains Association of the USA (MCA) and was elected Vice President of MCA in 2025, in which role he and other Veteran Service Organization leaders received an invitation to appear with the POTUS and VPOTUS on the stage of the 2025 National Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ronald D Harrison Jr. '89, has received his Ph.D. in educational psychology at Regent University in May 2026. His dissertation is entitled, "A Phenomenological Exploration of Spirituality as Meaning-Making Embedded into the Integration of Behavior, Cognition, Emotion, Motivation, and Physiology as Concurrent K-12 Learner Dimensions."
