

President Bruce McAllister's Centennial Message

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One hundred years. Fifty thousand graduates. In nearly 100 countries.

By God's grace, Bob Jones University has reached an extraordinary milestone — and this centennial year, I want you to be part of everything we're celebrating as a BJU family.

As we celebrate, we are also preparing for the students who will enroll in BJU during the next 100 years. We step into this next century with confidence and joy. Our board and administration are unified, and there is a sweet spirit on campus among our faculty, staff, and students. What an incredible privilege to serve these students, to get to know them, and to disciple them as they sharpen their gifts for the Lord. I've been especially impressed with their caliber and how engaging and joyful they are. Beyond the campus, alumni and friends of BJU are reaching out, letting us know they are praying for this next chapter.

Over the past two years, we've generated positive operating income, built meaningful cash reserves, and are investing in our future rather than simply reacting to need. And because we believe our faculty and staff are the heart of our mission, that same financial blessing allowed us to do something we're especially thankful for: every BJU employee received a salary increase.

Our financial health is further confirmed by an external source—the U.S. Department of Education. For two years in a row, the University has earned a Financial Responsibility Composite Score that's near the highest possible ranking — a 2.9 out of 3.0, followed by a 2.8 out of 3.0 — reflecting solid financial health and stability. God is good!

Last year, one of the first major actions I took as President was contracting with a higher ed firm to work together with my leadership team on a strategic planning process called BJU Forward. A major goal of this process is to establish a roadmap guiding where and how we invest in the years ahead. We are ten months into that process, working through a campus master plan, a complete facilities assessment, and an academic plan that together will help shape our future. *And later this academic year, I'll share where all of this is leading — a comprehensive vision for BJU's future.*

But during this centennial year, there are two foundational projects we're investing in right now: a new Student Information System and the underground utility infrastructure that supports the entire campus.

Why these projects? And why right now?

Our **Student Information System** serves every student from application to graduation. It manages academic records, registration, financial processes, and communications among

students, faculty, and staff. Once considered cutting edge, our current system can no longer effectively meet the future needs of our campus community. Updating this vital platform will better support resident, online, and dual-enrollment learning by providing a mobile-friendly, integrated experience today's students need and expect.

A second project we are investing in now is our **campus utility infrastructure**—the systems that provide power, water, sewer, and steam. Much of this runs through a network of underground pipes and electrical lines, supported by a central plant. Though this infrastructure has served the University's mission well for many years, it now significantly contributes to rising costs and operational inefficiencies.

To achieve long-term savings and properly prepare for our future, we must begin replacing this ageing infrastructure with a modern, efficient system.

So today, we are launching the **Centennial Fund** to help address these two critical needs. In the coming days, you will receive more information on this fund and how you might join us in this effort.

For a century, BJU has had the privilege of partnering with parents in something far bigger than a degree. If you are a graduate, or the parent of one, I would ask you to pause for a moment and reflect on what BJU has meant to your family.

I know what the University means to me personally and for our family. In more ways than I can count, our lives were shaped by what God did in us through BJU. That is why I'm asking you to join me in giving to this fund, however the Lord leads you.

Phillippians 4:19 tells us, "My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We serve a God who owns it all and can supply exactly what this next season requires. So, we are praying simply that you would give as He leads—and we are trusting Him as well for the exceptional gifts that only He can move someone to give. Thank you to all who have faithfully given to this ministry for many years.

With God's help, we are positioning BJU for a bright future. Join us as we go forward by looking upward.