



## 2019 Report to Central District Conference

### Ten-year accreditation

Bluffton University has been reaccredited with no stipulations for 10 years by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Bluffton met the requirements without a need for follow-up evaluations from the committee before the next accreditation visit during the 2028-29 academic year. **"I believe Bluffton University is an institution that lives out its mission more than any other of which I've been a part,"** said Dr. Jane Wood, president. "This positive step in our journey only solidifies that belief."

### Voices of Conscience

From Feb. 17-March 31, Bluffton University hosted "Voices of Conscience," a traveling exhibit developed by the Kauffman Museum, which remembers the witness of peace-minded people against the First World War. **"Of Bronze and Bravery,"** a complementary exhibit developed by Bluffton alumnae and archivist Carrie Phillips '99, featured selected works and archival documents exploring the Bluffton College experience during the Great War. A self-guided art trail featuring artist John Peter Klassen's work was developed and several exhibit-related events took place on campus. For more information, visit [www.bluffton.edu/voices](http://www.bluffton.edu/voices).

### Dr. Jane Wood inaugurated

President Jane Wood shined the light on Christian higher education during her Sept. 28, 2018, inauguration as Bluffton's 10th president. "From the very beginning," noted Dr. Wood, "this college set out to transform young people by calling them to lives of meaning and purpose. Bluffton University has, for 120 years, lighted the way for students to face and find solutions for the personal and social issues facing their lives and their communities. The foundation of a Bluffton education, in seeking truth, asking questions, and posing solutions, will position students well for life."

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Thank you to the many donors who have helped confirm more than 90 percent of the \$14.5 million total project cost for the Austin E. Knowlton Science Center. The 32,500 square foot building is designed for 21st teaching and learning for students in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, pre-medicine, nursing and dietetics. The facility will also serve as an integral part of Bluffton's liberal arts education for all students.

### Thank you!

Bluffton University currently enrolls nine students from Central District Conference churches. **Justin Berg** and **Ezra Amstutz**, Eighth Street Mennonite; **Meghan Gibson**, **Lydia Lugibihl**, **Andrew Renner**, **Alex Weaver**, **Ben Weaver**, Grace Mennonite; **Madeleine Elwell**, Trenton Mennonite; **Jeff Strayer**, Columbus Mennonite. Matching Scholarship support is \$12,100 for 2018-19.

CDC representatives on Bluffton's Board of Trustees include **Heather Reichenbach**, Eighth Street Mennonite, Goshen, Ind.; **Kerry Strayer**, Columbus Mennonite, Columbus, Ohio; and **Kent Yoder**, Silverwood Mennonite, Goshen, Ind.

### #BeaversAll

**Alicia Loch '19**, a biology and sociology double major from Quakertown, Pa., is completing a year-long research project on paper waste. Her goal is to work in environmental sociology.

Read more about Alicia and other Bluffton students, faculty and staff at [www.bluffton.edu/beaversall](http://www.bluffton.edu/beaversall)

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