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Leadership Profile

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Executive Summary

St. Bonaventure University seeks in its 22nd president a visionary, inclusive and community-oriented leader to build on the university’s considerable momentum and guide the institution to realizing its vision of becoming more broadly recognized as the nation’s top comprehensive Franciscan university.

The nation’s first Franciscan university, St. Bonaventure University is a community committed to transforming the lives of its students inside and outside the classroom, inspiring in them a lifelong commitment to service and citizenship. Dedicated to educational excellence as informed by its Franciscan and liberal arts traditions, the university’s full range of programs include 50 majors and programs at the undergraduate level as well as nearly 20 graduate programs in its schools of Arts & Sciences, Business, Communication, Education and Health Professions. More than a dozen graduate programs are offered 100% online. *U.S. News and World Report* ranked St. Bonaventure second in New York State and third on its list of Regional Universities North in 2020. It also ranked St. Bonaventure ninth among Best Colleges for Veterans – Regional Universities North category. St. Bonaventure students benefit from a rich and active residential living environment, service programs, enriching co-curricular and spiritual activities and 17 NCAA Division I sports in the Atlantic 10 Conference. St. Bonaventure’s approximately 1,830 undergraduate students and 700 graduate students represent 33 states and 18 foreign countries. Located 75 miles south of Buffalo near Olean, New York, St. Bonaventure’s picturesque campus is nestled in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains known as the Enchanted Mountain region. St. Bonaventure enjoys the passionate engagement and advocacy of its more than 31,000 alumni.

The new president will succeed Dennis R. DePerro, Ed.D., who passed away in March as a result of complications from COVID-19. The St. Bonaventure community has spent the last year considering its future, developing a set of strategic priorities and commitments that constitute the university's next strategic plan, approved by the board of trustees in June. The university’s new president will have the opportunity to shape and execute the plan – including establishing priorities, resources, tactics and metrics - to realize the promise of the aspirations it outlines. Among the new president’s most important resources in pursuing the success of the plan will be the institution’s Franciscan ethos, which emphasizes the unique dignity of every person, compassion and the transformative power of education.

The president will be committed to maintaining the university consistent with its Franciscan mission and values, and as a community with a small-town campus feel, yet maintain an awareness, understanding, and consider the dynamics in the broader environment that could impact the university. As a result, the president will also strengthen and encourage further innovation in the university’s academic portfolio, contemplating short-term and long-term trends such as the influences of technology, student success strategies, changes in the professional workplace and initiatives for remaining competitive with other universities. He or she must have a continued eye toward building on the current, positive enrollment trajectory and complete the university’s comprehensive campaign. The new president must drive efforts to make the university a more diverse, equitable and inclusive community. In keeping with St. Bonaventure University’s Franciscan traditions and ideals, the new president will be committed to educating the whole person who is prepared and discerning about how to live well in the world by promoting priorities, programs and activities that foster a greater awareness, understanding and respect for all people’s perspectives.
To accomplish these ends, St. Bonaventure University's next president will have a demonstrated history of serving as a successful and experienced leader of people and programs with the skill to nurture and shape institutional culture. Building on a deep understanding of the current circumstances of higher education – including the impact of, challenges associated with and opportunities presented in the post-2020 world – the president will be an active, enthusiastic and transparent communicator and collaborator who is dedicated to inclusive, data-informed decision-making and the tenets of shared governance. The president will resonate deeply and have demonstrated a personal and professional life consistent with the university's Franciscan values of community, compassion, wisdom and integrity. An earned terminal degree is required, as is at least a decade of progressively responsible managerial and leadership experience in one or more similarly complex environments, preferably in higher education. Strong fiscal and budgetary skills and a keen sense of the business of higher education are required. The president must have the necessary skill set and authentic enthusiasm to be a successful fundraiser, builder of community and creator of strategic partnerships. The next president will be dedicated to transforming the lives of St. Bonaventure's students, inspiring them to a lifelong commitment to service and citizenship and will fully embrace what it means to be a Bonnie.

Recruitment will continue until the position is filled. Information regarding the process for nominations and applications for this opportunity may be found near the end of this document in the section titled “Procedure for Candidacy.”
Opportunities and Expectations for Leadership

The following represent some of the immediate opportunities the new president will address during the first few years in office. They are presented here in no particular order.

**Build on current momentum and shape and execute the strategic plan**

Under the auspices of its current, soon-to-be-completed strategic plan, the university has realized stronger enrollments, programmatic and pedagogical innovation, increased fundraising results and stronger relationships with its regional community. One benefit of this success is strong morale across the institution and a desire among its constituents to build upon its success to date. The university's next strategic plan will provide the pathway.

While the new strategic plan was approved by the board of trustees in June 2021, there will be much for the new president to contribute. Priorities, resources, tactics, timelines and metrics must be attached to the plan, and the overarching plan must be supplemented by the planning of the institution's academic and administrative units. There will be myriad ways in which the new president will contribute to the planning of the university's future, and the president will be accountable for its entire execution. Of particular import will be decisions around the degree and the nature of growth the institution seeks and the investments necessary to enable that growth.

**Drive programmatic innovation and enrollment**

Among the signature successes of recent years have been increases in applications, enrollments and retention. This success grows from two principal activities – continued innovation in the university's academic offerings and unrelenting attention to enrollment management. The creation of the School of Health Professions is the quintessential example. A key component of the university's current strategic plan, the school responds to interest in the prospective student marketplace, addresses need in the communities that St. Bonaventure serves and, importantly, advances the university's Franciscan mission and values. It provides a successful example of academic innovation and program development to inform future programmatic growth.

This academic innovation has been a key to increased student demand, which has been augmented by a hands-on approach to enrollment management across the institution, starting with the president. By focusing on the student experience, being intentional and expansive about marketing and communications, investing substantially in physical plant improvements ($30 million of construction over the past three years) and focusing on student recruitment at an individual level, St. Bonaventure has grown its entering classes to approximately 500, a number not seen on the campus for more than a decade. While more can be done – including increased attention to issues of retention – building upon this enviable degree of momentum is among the new president's highest priorities.

**Continue to strengthen and refine the university's academic program**

While programmatic development has been among the university’s most successful ventures in recent years, it is a perpetual process that requires leadership and vigilance. Although the university has been aggressive and ambitious in pursuit of new programming, for example, it has been less active at reducing
or eliminating investment in programs that no longer contribute satisfactorily to the mission, values, intellectual environment, student success and/or financial sustainability of the university. Conversely, long-established programs with growth potential have been neglected and may require an infusion of new resources. The continuation and enhancement of program review and decision-making about the future of the academic program will be a focus of the new president.

Critical to any such review, of course, is the balance of programming and pedagogy that generates satisfaction among the institution's students and faculty and contributes to its mission and values. Over recent years, St. Bonaventure, like many liberal arts institutions, has found success by growing programs beyond the humanities and social sciences and with the growth of and addition to graduate programs. Particularly during the COVID-19 crisis, pedagogical innovation has been a priority, and the percentage of graduate courses offered online has grown substantially. These innovations, while welcome, stretch the university's historical self-conception as a residential, undergraduate, liberal arts institution. The new president will work with constituents across the institution to ensure that the entirety of the academic program serves the mission of the institution educationally, intellectually, developmentally and spiritually.

**Successfully complete the comprehensive campaign**

For the past four years, the university has been working in the quiet phase of a comprehensive campaign, *A Bolder Bonaventure*. As of April 30, 2021, that effort had secured more than $60 million in commitments, positioning the university to take the effort public upon the arrival of the new president. It is therefore critical that the new leader be ready to hit the ground running in terms of building relationships with alumni, parents and other external constituents. The university's division of advancement is preparing for this transition and will be ready to make critical introductions and provide strategic support of the president's cultivation and solicitation efforts. The new president will be the face of the next phase of the campaign and should embrace work in philanthropy as a principal tenet of his/her service.

**Drive efforts to make the university more diverse, equitable and inclusive**

As primary spokesperson and leader of the university, the new president's vision must include a commitment to emphasizing that St. Bonaventure is a Catholic university that welcomes, supports and embraces diversity and inclusion of people of all races, faiths and traditions, consistent with our mission. St. Bonaventure has made strides in its efforts to become a more diverse community, particularly in regard to the demography of the student body. That effort is ongoing and requires the leadership of the new president to maintain and build upon its progress to date. While similar efforts are underway in regard to the diversity of the faculty and staff, progress has been somewhat slower. The president will both set the tone for the community in regard to the value of diversity and the
criticality of providing an inclusive, equitable environment for all and will hold the entirety of the institution accountable for progress in this regard, thus making manifest that these efforts are central to the university’s Catholic, Franciscan mission and values. Given that the university is an institution of higher education with a fundamental commitment to Franciscan ideals and is seen as a leader in the region, the new president will need to invest in and promote an awareness, understanding and appreciation for diversity, equity and inclusion across the university community and beyond, including faculty, staff and students. In particular, this commitment must focus on preparing graduating students to be citizens of a just and equitable world.

Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities

The president of St. Bonaventure University will have a demonstrated history of serving as an experienced and successful leader of people and programs with a deep and abiding understanding of the traditions and the current circumstances of higher education. The successful candidate will demonstrate a record of collaboration and inclusive decision-making characterized by exceptional communication and relationship-building skills. Successful leadership experience in higher education is preferred; analogous experience outside higher education will be considered. Of critical necessity, however, is a thorough understanding of current trends in the evolving higher education marketplace accompanied by a vision for how St. Bonaventure can continue to adapt to that marketplace. The next president should also be attuned to the issues higher education faces in the new normal of the post-pandemic era. A successful track record as a leader and shaper of institutional culture is absolutely required, and superior knowledge and a personal track record of successful engagement with the business and financial operations of higher education is highly preferred.

St. Bonaventure seeks an inspirational leader who will galvanize the community and build from the momentum of recent successes. Of particular import will be the president’s ability to relate to disparate and diverse communities and stakeholders, liberating the talents and the passions of the entire SBU community through transparency via genuine and authentic communications. Previous experience as a successful generator of philanthropic support is highly preferred. The president will possess exceptional community and public relations skills, in particular the ability to connect with audiences large and small and a genuine enjoyment of and enthusiasm for engaging deeply across a broad and diverse public.

The president will possess all of the central tenets of leadership, including unimpeachable integrity, excellent judgment, compassion, emotional maturity, exceptional listening skills, intelligence, relentless optimism, decisiveness, courage of convictions, creativity, a sense of humor, a willingness to accept risk and be a champion of transparency.

Finally, the president will embrace and advance St. Bonaventure’s core Catholic, Franciscan values and mission. Direct experience with faith-based, mission-centric institutions and engagement with the
Catholic tradition and Franciscan charism will be highly valued. Among the most important of those values for St. Bonaventure is a commitment to the student experience within and outside the classroom. Thus, candidates with a track record of engagement with students combined with an accessible, inclusive personal approach will be at a particular advantage.

In addition to the requirements delineated above, the ideal candidate will demonstrate the following:

- an earned terminal degree and a deep, personal resonance with excellence in scholarship and teaching;
- a successful record of at least 10 years as a leader within one or more institutions of comparable or greater complexity, preferably in higher education;
- an ability to earn the respect and trust of the faculty and an active interest in their work; ability to advance the academic quality and distinctiveness of the university in a way consistent with its values as a Catholic, Franciscan institution;
- outstanding fiscal skills, including a record of sound budgetary stewardship; resourcefulness in developing ways to generate revenue through new avenues; knowledge of changing university financial models, enrollment trends, intercollegiate athletics and instructional delivery technologies and methodologies;
- a successful history as a catalyst for change; demonstrated change management skills and experience, including the ability to galvanize and inspire stakeholders;
- a demonstrated record of accomplishment and impact in advancing issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion; encouraging a culture of diverse thought and comfortably participating and leading campus conversation about social issues that impact the university community; and experience with NCAA Division 1 athletics, with an understanding of how to successfully maximize that experience for the student athlete and monetize its value to the brand of the university.
About St. Bonaventure University

Overview

At St. Bonaventure, we believe education should be a transformational experience – competitive with practical and marketable skills – but also enriched by the tools to love more humanely, deeply and well in the world. A mission we take to heart on both levels.

We cultivate graduates who are confident and creative communicators, collaborative leaders and team members, and innovative problem solvers who are respectful of themselves, others and the diverse world around them. We establish pathways to internships, graduate schools and careers in the context of our renowned liberal arts tradition.

The university’s most popular undergraduate academic programs are biology, business, education, communication, criminology, health science, marketing and psychology. A full range of programs complements these enrollment drivers, with nearly 50 majors and programs available to students at the undergraduate level. Combined-degree and early assurance programs in health care professions, including with George Washington University medical school, draw high-quality students from across the United States.

St. Bonaventure offers master’s and certificate programs in our Schools of Arts & Sciences, Business, Communication, Education and Health Professions. More than a dozen graduate programs are offered 100% online. Visit http://www.sbu.edu/academics/departments-majors-minors/programs-a-z-listings for a full list of all undergraduate and graduate programs. Visit online.sbu.edu to learn more about the online programs.

St. Bonaventure is accredited in the School of Education by CAEP and CACREP (Counselor Education program); in the School of Business by the AACSB; and in the School of Communication by the ACEJMC. The university’s regional accreditation is with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and was reaffirmed with commendation on March 5, 2015. The university’s next self-study is 2023-2024. The link to the accreditation statement is here: https://www.msche.org/institution/0376/.

Mission

St. Bonaventure is a Catholic university dedicated to educational excellence as informed by our Franciscan and liberal arts traditions. In the words of our patron, we believe there should be “no knowledge without love,” and thus seek to transform the lives of our students, inspiring in them a lifelong commitment to service and citizenship.

St. Bonaventure embraces students, faculty and staff of all faiths and cultures and strives to bring out the best in every individual through meaningful relationships. As an academic and spiritual community, we endeavor to prepare our students for the challenges they will face in their professional careers and personal lives.
Values

Our Franciscan COMMUNITY affirms the unique dignity of everyone, each person reflecting the goodness of God, and invites all of our sisters and brothers to forge bonds of mutual acceptance and understanding that create a true sense of belonging.

We are a COMMUNITY...

Nurturing COMPASSION.
Seeking WISDOM.
Building INTEGRITY.

COMPASSION: We are convinced that all of creation is God’s gift, an awareness that calls forth a sense of solidarity with everyone and everything. As images of God, we strive to share God’s unconditional love, particularly with those on the margins of society – the needy, the ignored and the excluded.

WISDOM: We are convinced that education must be transformative of the whole person, concerned not only with the intellect, but also with the will, the heart and the body. Education must be eminently practical, not just about learning concepts and skills, but discerning how to truly live humanly, deeply and well in the world.

INTEGRITY: We are convinced that each of us must accept responsibility for our actions and that our relationships should be based on respect for the dignity of others, honesty and transparency, realizing that the values we espouse mean little unless they are embodied in our personal and professional lives.

The Campus

Our campus plant and facilities are a unique treasure, and they bring the intellectual heritage of the university to life. We are careful to protect the unparalleled natural beauty of the Allegheny River Valley that cradles our 450 acres, and our 33 buildings boast a rare architectural continuity with ties to the origins of the Franciscan order in medieval Italy.

Over the past two decades, the campus has been transformed through investment of more than $120 million in new campus facilities, renovations, historic rehabilitations and improved outdoor spaces. New buildings and facilities created during this time include:

- The William F. Walsh Science Center
- William E. and Ann L. Swan Business Center
- Holy Name Library for the Franciscan Institute
- The Sandra A. and William L. Richter Center
Major renovations and enhancements during this time include:

- Francis Hall to transform it into the School of Health Professions
- De La Roche Hall
- Admissions Welcome Area
- Hickey Dining Hall
- Robinson, Falconio, Shay and Loughlen Residence Halls
- Devereux Hall (common areas)
- Garden Apartments
- Fire Pit Pavilion (summer 2021)
- Welcome Sign (summer 2021)
- Women’s Basketball Locker Room
- Men’s Basketball Locker Room
- Bob Lanier Court
- McGraw-Jennings Field
- The Grotto
- Plassmann Hall (2021-2022)

The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts offers a rich cadre of programs for academic instruction in the visual and performing arts while also serving as a cultural hub for regional Western New York collaboration and thought.

**Distinctive Characteristics**

In addition to its high-quality and distinctive academic programs, St. Bonaventure students benefit from a rich and active residential living environment, service programs, enriching co-curricular and spiritual activities and 17 NCAA Division I sports in the Atlantic 10 Conference. St. Bonaventure has a very robust club sports program, highlighted by men’s and women’s rugby, and more than 80% of students participate in some kind of intramural sports activity.

Approximately 83% of undergraduate students live on campus (98% of first-year students), and all students who wish to live on campus may do so for their entire four years of enrollment. Our students (53% female / 47% male) represent 33 states and 18 foreign countries.

Community service activities are coordinated by the Franciscan Center for Social Concern, which not only ensures that students are aware of service opportunities, but that they participate in preparatory and post-service reflection programs that reinforce the value of service experiences. BonaResponds answers calls for help from near and far, our Warming House is believed to be the oldest student-run soup kitchen in the nation and we travel to Africa and the Bahamas to help those in need. University Ministries welcomes students of all religious affiliations to participate in a variety of opportunities for spiritual growth, service learning and social action.
Co-curricular programs such as The Bona Venture (campus newspaper), the campus radio station The Buzz (both voted annually by Princeton Review among the nation’s best), Students In Money Management and our award-winning mock trial team are complemented by organizations such as the Student Government Association, the Campus Activities Board, and Students for the Mountain, which engages the campus in spiritual activities at the Franciscan mountain retreat, Mt. Irenaeus.

The Career and Professional Readiness Center engages students starting in their freshman year to assure success after graduation. Programs such as the Bonnies 4 Bonnies networking program and The Competitive Edge Certificate Program (The Edge) call students to plan for their future success throughout their college career.

**Student Outcomes**

St. Bonaventure graduates are leading some of the world’s largest and most well-known businesses and schools. They are also working for every major broadcast network and many of the world’s most-read major print and electronic publications. Other highlights include the following:

- 95% are employed or move on to graduate school within six months of graduation.
- 84% of freshmen return for their sophomore year, which is significantly higher than the national average of 67% for private institutions.
- Our graduation rates are consistently 20% higher than the national average.
- Students accepted into the competitive B.S./B.A.-M.D. 4+4 Dual Admissions Program are automatically accepted as first-year students into medical school at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and University at Buffalo Dental and Pharmacy schools.
- Nearly 100% placement rate of MBA/Accounting graduates.
- St. Bonaventure has produced six Pulitzer Prize winners.
- By their senior year, St. Bonaventure students participate, on average, in two or more high-impact learning practices, including learning communities, service learning, research with faculty, internships, study abroad and capstone experiences.
- St. Bonaventure's School of Education is one of the nation's top 25 innovative teacher education programs, according to the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).
- Results from the National Study of Student Engagement show St. Bonaventure students find our classroom environments collaborative, engaging and supportive at levels significantly higher than at peer institutions nationally.
University Planning

In the summer of 2019, University President Dr. Dennis DePerro invited the campus community into a new process to develop the next strategic plan for the university. He reconstituted the University Planning Commission (UPC) to lay the groundwork for this plan and charged it with the following tasks:

- reviewing progress on the strategic initiatives underway;
- identifying and helping move forward strategic initiatives that are planned for future years;
- fostering a culture of planning across the university; and
- developing a strategic vision for the university that moves beyond the strategic plan.

In August 2019, the UPC engaged faculty and staff during the fall convocation with a presentation on the progress of the 57 initiatives initiated and completed in the previous plan (2016-2021). It also surveyed the community on challenges and opportunities moving forward. Based on this survey and discussions with university leaders, the UPC identified eight research topics and broke into sub-teams to answer those questions and develop a library of strategic research to guide its analysis moving forward.

Based on the work of the research teams, the UPC identified 10 strategic trends facing the university that needed to be addressed in the upcoming strategic plan. In February of 2020, the UPC presented the research questions and strategic trends to the campus community and sought its advice on possible strategic commitments and priorities. Discussions followed across the campus and with university leadership.

In the spring of 2020, the UPC worked on identifying four strategic commitments and 12 strategic priorities. Task forces for each were organized. More than 100 people became involved in these task forces.

The strategic commitments are these:

- Developing a Franciscan Mission-Driven Culture focused on Innovation, Agility and Strategic Thinking
- Fostering Transformative Academic Excellence across the Institution
- Cultivating a Student Population and Experience characterized by Diversity, Inclusion and Excellence
- Creating a Sustainable Future through the Responsible Stewardship of St. Bonaventure’s Financial, Natural, Human and other Resources

In August 2020, the UPC presented the strategic commitments and priorities to the campus community to gauge the level of support for the work and direction that the UPC was undertaking. That fall, the task forces submitted draft strategies to the UPC for its discussion, analysis and review. After consultation with the president and his senior executive management team and the president’s council, the UPC merged the strategies into a draft strategy matrix.

This draft of university strategic commitments and priorities was shared with the board of trustees at its December 2020 meeting. Suggestions from the board have been incorporated into the 2021-2026 strategic plan, which was approved by the board trustees in June 2021.
Support for Scholarship

Of our full-time faculty, 75% have a Ph.D. or other terminal degree in their field. In recent years, faculty in the School of Arts and Sciences has been awarded grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, the Fulbright Program and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, among other institutions. The School of Business, accredited by AACSB, maintains a number of endowments for special purposes in the school. The CAEP-accredited School of Education has received funding from the New York State Education Department, the Manley Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education and maintains an endowment for the School of Education Forum. The Russell J. Jandoli School of Communication is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication and has endowment funds that sponsor a series of special events and projects conducted by the school. Additional accreditations include the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) for entry-level programs in clinical mental health counseling and school counseling, the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology for the university's biochemistry program, and the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant has granted accreditation-provisional status to St. Bonaventure's physician assistant program.

St. Bonaventure is home to the world-renowned Franciscan Institute, which is a major center in the English-speaking world for research in the 800-year history, philosophy and accomplishments of the Franciscans. The institute is supported by a number of endowments and in the past has benefited from grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Alumni

St. Bonaventure University proudly boasts more than 31,000 alumni worldwide. They are leading some of the largest and renowned businesses, organizations and schools in the world, and they are working for every major broadcast network. SBU grads are impressive, and their loyalty is legendary! They not only flock to campus each year for Alumni Reunion Weekend, but they gather regularly around the globe to celebrate the friendships, connections and networks inspired by their beloved alma mater.

The National Alumni Association Board actively engages alumni in supporting the university's mission and vision. With more than 30 chapters across the nation, alumni take part in an array of events and activities each year. They also actively engage with our students in mentoring relationships, hosting interns and providing career advice and assistance. They demonstrate their love through extraordinary philanthropic giving that significantly exceeds that of peer institutions annually. Alumni are strongly represented on the university's impressive and effectively engaged board of trustees.

University Advancement

The university has enjoyed significant success in the fundraising realm, with 17% of alumni contributing to the university annually – one of the highest levels of alumni fundraising participation of colleges and universities in Western New York. The Bonaventure Fund has posted record-breaking years for five of the past six years, with #BonaGivingDay21 resulting in a final tally of $403,505. The university is now in the silent phase of a comprehensive $100M capital campaign to build A Bolder Bonaventure. Centering on five pillars – Athletics, the School of Health Professions, the Jandoli School of Communication, Academic Mission & Student Experience, and Franciscan Mission and Ministries – the campaign aims to raise the
profile of the university radically. Donors have already stepped forward with significant levels of support, helping to transform the iconic Francis Hall into the new home for the School of Health Professions and open the doors to the first physician assistant studies cohort and the newly approved occupational therapy program that will begin this fall. With an impressive $60 million raised to date during the quiet phase, the campaign will publicly launch after the arrival of the new president.

**Selected Videos of Interest**

- [The Value of St. Bonaventure](#)
- [Television Commercial](#)
- [Franciscan Center for Social Concern](#)
- [A Bonnies Season to Remember](#)
- See more videos on the SBU YouTube Channel

**Leadership**

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St. Bonaventure, New York

Situated in the southwestern corner of New York State in an expansive region of natural beauty known as the Southern Tier, St. Bonaventure benefits from a location that is ideal for a residential college.

Located 75 miles south of Buffalo near Olean, New York, St. Bonaventure’s picturesque campus is nestled in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. The neighboring communities of Olean and Allegany provide venues for student off-campus employment, internships, community service, recreation, shopping and dining. The university is partnering with the Olean business community in economic development initiatives. A revitalization of the downtown area and the creation of the Olean Business Incubator (OBI) are providing many opportunities for our faculty and students to be involved in bolstering economic development in the region.

Many faculty and staff live in Olean and Allegany, as well as in the nearby communities, including Cuba to the east and Salamanca and Ellicottville to the west. Ellicottville is the home of Holiday Valley Resort, a four-seasons golf, skiing and recreation facility that is ranked among the top five ski resorts in the eastern United States.
Procedure for Candidacy

All applications, nominations and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume and a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile.

WittKieffer is assisting St. Bonaventure University in this search. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by September 13, 2021.

Application materials should be submitted using WittKieffer’s candidate portal.

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to:

    Dennis Barden, Suzanne Teer and Alejandra Gillette-Teran
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St. Bonaventure is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity educational institution. It is guided by the principle that equal opportunity means more than equal employment opportunity, and that access to facilities and services shall be available to all people regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression. This principle is applicable to every member of the St. Bonaventure community, both students and employed personnel at every level, and to all facilities and services.