

Hi, Andrew!

My name is Amanda, and I'm thrilled you have shown interest in my alma mater, Baker University. I've been a part of the Baker community since 2008 when I was a freshman, and I will be your No. I source for all things Baker throughout your college decision process. I fell in love with Baker's size and opportunities, and I think you will, too! Feel free to text me at 620.951.4313 or send an email to amanda.hershberger@bakerU.edu.



Abilities | Relationships | Experiences

Baker professors believe in a versatile approach to teaching. You don't live in only one dimension, so why should you learn in one?

As you may expect, you will read some textbooks, and yes, you will sit through some lectures. But that won't be everything.

Your Baker education will include discussion-based seminars with fewer than 10 students, internships at world-renowned organizations and Fortune 500 companies, thrilling global travel and opportunities to make a positive impact on various communities.

Baker professors use inquiry-driven methods to deliver a distinctive liberal arts education. At Baker, we call this journey the **Quest** program.



Abilities Create Confidence WRITE | SPEAK | THINK

At the heart and soul of the **Quest** program are three specific competencies: your ability to write, speak and think.

After four years you will leave Baker with honed abilities in writing, speaking and thinking, regardless of your major study.

And what's best, you'll apply these tools to coursework that interests you! The **Quest** program is largely customized by the student.



Professionalism

At Baker we think professional development is a lifelong activity. Career Services instills professionalism in our undergraduates through services such as resume writing, mock interviews, internship opportunities, career fairs, a dress-for-success fashion show and more



Communication

Baker offers several extracurricular activities that allow students to hone valuable skills. Speech Choir develops students' public speaking and written abilities, and instills confidence.

See a video about Speech Choir at www.bakerU.edu/BUacademics.

Bold Approach to Core Skills
At most other colleges, freshmen are required to take a couple of writing classes and a speech class that are isolated from other general education requirements.

Through the **Quest** program, Baker students continue to practice and improve writing, speaking and critical thinking extensively through all four years.

That's a bold approach that not many other colleges can claim.

—Dave Bostwick, assistant professor of mass media

I never thought my discussions in Mass Media and Society would carry over into my social justice classroom. It's amazing to take conclusions I developed on my own and apply them to coursework from a completely different field. It's a very realworld approach to learning.

Sample Quest Courses

Assistant Professor of Mass Media Dave Bostwick's **Quest** courses show how the topic of digital media can grow from year to year.

QS 112 Citizenship in an iWorld

Discover yourself by learning how the Internet affects brain activity.

Discuss this with classmates taking connected courses such as art, Spanish, psychology and mass media.

QS 212 Am I Literate?

Explore thought and human expression by learning how digital media alters our definition of literacy, how text messages affect the way we write, and how images can manipulate messages.

Discuss this with classmates taking courses in art, mass media, sociology, social justice or theatre.



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Abilities | **Relationships** | Experiences

The Quest program is tailored for each student. Its interdisciplinary nature allows for students to combine, compare and connect several academic interests and passions, whether they seem related or not.

Faculty-Student Collaboration

Read any informational piece from a small or midsize university and it will invariably deliver facts about small class sizes. And while we think this is important — Baker's student-to-faculty ratio is an impressive 12:1 — we care much more about what we do with that number.

Every year, students leave Baker amazed at the relationships they develop with their professors. "One of the most rewarding things about teaching at Baker is being able to see these students develop up close," business professor Kevin McCarthy said. "It's always a joy to watch an inexperienced student come in as a freshman, work

hard to absorb the information we present them, take that knowledge into an internship or experiential learning situation, and then watch them get hired before they walk across the stage to graduate."

"But the absolute best part is when my colleagues and I receive wedding invitations and baby announcements," he said. "We truly care about these people, and the relationships students develop at Baker are lifelong."

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to be our next number ONE!

#1 four-year rate in Kansas for and public

number of NAIA Scholar Athletes, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics equivalent to academic All-

Baker is also proud of these distinctions:

#1 in the nation for

In addition to Baker's 40-plus academic programs (see back cover flap) several preprofessional programs are offered:

Baker's School of Education and School of Nursing

Baker's School of Education and School of Nursing are known for producing

some of the most talented, experienced teachers and nurses in the region. Through our mandatory student-teaching programs, observation hours and

clinical training, these students are surrounded by established professionals

throughout their undergraduate years. Baker practices what it preaches,

implementing hands-on approaches to educating our society's future

Church Leadership

education and healthcare professionals.

See nursing video at www.bakerU.edu/BUacademics.

Engineering

Forestry & Environmental Studies

Law

Health & Medicine

- dentistry
- medicine

- pharmacy
- physical therapy
- physician's assistant veterinary medicine

Although programs like Wildcats at Work help Baker maintain its outstanding reputation for graduate employment, Baker's Career Services offers a variety of programs beyond simple job searches. Learn more at ww.bakerU.edu/careerservices.



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Scholars Symposium

One doesn't need to look further than the Scholars Symposium to see the results of the **Quest** program in action. Every year, the Baker academic departments showcase their stellar students at the spring Scholars

graduate-level projects produced by award-winnning undergraduates. Quickly emerging as one of Baker's most esteemed traditions, families and prospective students are encouraged to watch BU's finest write, speak and think for themselves!

Symposium, a collection of research presentations and

Kat, '12, presents her psychology study at the annual Scholars Symposium.





Parker, a sociology major, is the manifestation of the **Quest** program at work. He always knew he wanted to help people, but he wasn't sure how the abilities and relationships he developed in the classroom could translate to the real world. After one-on-one discussions with several of his professors, he initiated a campaign to raise awareness for youth homelessness.

See Parker's video at www.bakerU.edu/BUacademics.

Facilitating Internships

Ninety-nine percent of Baker graduates are either employed full time or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation. We care about outcomes, and facilitating internship opportunities is one of the most effective services to help get you to where you want to be.



Clarence, '13, was one of 17 students selected nationally for the

2012 NASCAR Diversity Internship Program. The senior spent 10 weeks in Charlotte, N.C., and Daytona Beach, Fla., the heart of auto racing country.

During his time with the program, Scott operated the NASCAR Pulse Twitter account, developed marketing plans for the Chase for the Sprint Cup, and presented awards at premier NASCAR races.

Scott said his internship would not have been possible without the support and guidance of the Baker University Career Services.



Will, '12, recently returned from Fort Meade, Md., where he excelled in the National Security Agency's prestigious Summer Director's Program. The internship, which called for the nation's most outstanding undergraduate mathematics majors, was an incredible experience for the triple major. "My professors worked with me to develop the skills and resume needed for this level of internship," he said. "The faculty here will do everything they can to see students succeed." Duncan is now enrolled in graduate school at the University of Oxford, one of the leading universities in the world.

arn more about Baker internship opportunities at www.bakerU.edu/BUacademics.

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Study Abroad

One eye-opening way to fulfill the *experience* requirements of the **Quest** program is to study abroad. Baker faculty and coaches believe wholeheartedly that studying outside the United States should be a capstone in every student's education, and we'll work with you to ensure it's affordable.

Baker offers study abroad programs in countries all over the world. Our most popular is Harlaxton College, our partner institution, in Grantham, England. Scholars live in an authentic English manor and the rest of Europe

is just an inexpensive train ride away. Need we say more?

Cheyenne traveled with several of her Baker classmates to Australia, one of the many study abroad destinations Baker offers, where she became fascinated with the country's culture and history. See video at www.bakerU.edu/BUacademics.



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Interterm is a distinctive program at Baker that provides students with a break in the normal academic calendar. During this three-week period immediately following New Year's, students are encouraged to participate in internships, trave or enroll in an exciting, shortened liberal arts class.

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Connect Your Quest Listen to Carly, '15, quickly discuss the interconnectivity of the Quest

program and how she applies what she learns in the classroom to the outside world

www.bakerU.edu/carly



Did you know?

Applying to Baker University is free. If you complete your academic scholarships. Begin your **Quest** at



application by March 1, you may be eligible for www.bakerU.edu/apply.



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See Clayton's video at www.bakerU.edu/BUacademics.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Accounting History

Art Education International Business Art History International Studies

Art (Studio) Mass Media Biology Mathematics Business Music

Chemistry Music Education

Nursing Conflict Management Philosophy Computer Science Physics Criminal Justice Psychology

Economics Public Sociology

Education Religion

English Social Justice Exercise Science Sociology

French Spanish

German Sports Administration

Health and Physical Theatre

Education

Baker offers over 40 different areas of study with 32 major programs. Visit www.bakerU.edu/programs to learn more.

PREPROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Church Leadership

Engineering

Forestry & Environmental Studies

Law

Health & Medicine

(dentistry, medicine, nursing, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician's assistant and veterinary medicine programs)

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