



**StudentLife<sup>®</sup>**

**Annual Report 2020-2021**





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# Student Life Vision & Philosophy



At Baker College, we believe that higher education is about more than taking courses and earning a degree. Student Life is an essential part of the college experience and includes both extracurricular and co-curricular opportunities. We provide, support, and encourage activities in **leadership, social responsibility, citizenship, volunteerism, and recreation.**

The College provides leadership in developing a student-centered community that supports students' academic, career, and personal goals. We strive to create an environment that promotes civility, respect, and equity among all members of the BakerProud community.

## Unique Factors Impacting the 2020-2021 Academic Year

The world faced an unprecedented array of challenges during the 2020 calendar year. Most notably, the COVID-19 pandemic drastically impacted higher education and our normal way of life. Social injustice, political division, and economic downturn also affected our lives in a significant way. Despite these circumstances, BC students demonstrated outstanding agility, resilience, and perseverance in helping one another and achieving their goals.

**Video:** [Thank You from Baker College](#)  
(0:30)





# L.E.A.D. Framework

Baker College utilizes the L.E.A.D framework to structure Student Life initiatives at the campus and organizational levels. This framework ensures alignment of Student Life goals and objectives and includes four complementary pillars:



**L: Leadership & Professional Development**

Civic engagement and networking.



**A: Academic Success**

Collaboration, synergy, innovation, drive, and focus.



**E: Emotional & Personal Growth**

Fiscal responsibility, character, and integrity.

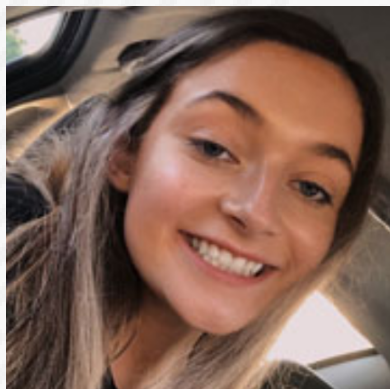


**D: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**

Openness, awareness, and activism.



## Professional Development Activities



### In their words

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“The Student Life Leadership Council is an amazing experience! You get to meet all types of people, create professional relationships, and construct versatile leadership skills. This opportunity has allowed me to strengthen my leadership skills, diversify my resume, and be more active in Student Life.”

**Savannah Trout,**  
**Occupational Therapy**  
**Assistant Major**

### Student Ambassador Program (SA)

BC Student Ambassadors help promote the institution to prospective students and their families. They also provide practical assistance with Enrollment Management events, campus tours, and social media.

- **13 STUDENT AMBASSADORS ACROSS SIX CAMPUSES**
- **\$13,000 IN SA BRONZE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

### Student Life Leadership Council (SLLC)

Baker College students have the opportunity to develop leadership skills through creating, planning, and promoting campus and community events.

- **21 COUNCIL MEMBERS ACROSS TWO CAMPUSES**
- **OVER \$65,000 IN SLLC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

### P.R.O.U.D Peer Mentoring

Building others up is an important aspect of leadership. As a P.R.O.U.D Peer Mentor, our students get a hands-on education in what it means to serve others. Mentors play a vital role in helping incoming students make a successful transition to Baker College.



L.E.A.D—Demonstrating **Leadership** Through

## Student Clubs and Organizations

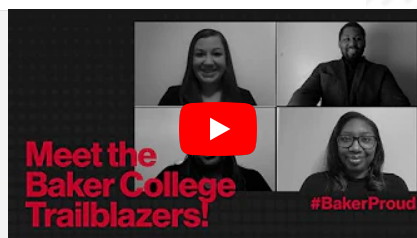
Clubs and organizations allow BC students to become immersed in their field of study, expand their personal and professional networks, and provide an outlet for individual expression.

Some student groups even engage in various local, regional, and national student competitions. These events challenge students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to design and finish a project or even solve complex problems.

- **30+ STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS WITH NEARLY 500 STUDENT PARTICIPANTS**
- **BC CYBER DEFENSE CLUB WINS 2021 MICHIGAN COLLEGIATE CYBER DEFENSE CHAMPIONSHIP**



Read the BC Blog, [Five Benefits of Belonging to a Student Club](#).



**Video:** [Meet the Winners of the IACBE 2020 Virtual Live Case Competition!](#) (13:43)



L.E.A.D—Demonstrating **Leadership** Through

## Civic Engagement and Networking

Baker College students hone their leadership and networking skills by working with local, state, and national affiliates. By doing so, students gain a broader perspective of the issues and concerns impacting the lives of those around them. It also gives students a platform to have their voices heard and provide meaningful contributions to their respective areas of study.

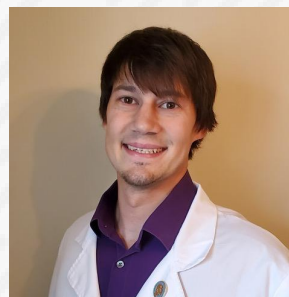


Students in action

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**BC students Victoria Ford (left) and Tonya Scheanwald (right) became the first published authors from the BC School of Nursing** when their resolution, "[In Support of Increasing Visibility of Nurses in the Media](#)," was adopted at the 2021 National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) Resolution Hearings.



**Trevor Voice became the first BC student to serve on a national board** when appointed to the Nominations and Election Committee (NEC) Northern Election Area by the NSNA Board of Directors.

## L.E.A.D—Demonstrating **Leadership** Through **Community Involvement**

In their words

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"The fact that [Baker College] would do a fundraiser during the pandemic and also provide it to the children here means so much. You are giving their voice so much purpose."

**Claudnyse Holloman, Esq.**  
**Genesee County President & CEO**  
**Voices for Children**

Empowering students to better themselves and the lives of those in the communities where they live, learn, and work is a fundamental aspect of Student Life at Baker College.

We seek out opportunities for students to become active in their communities through service learning and volunteerism. During the pandemic, many BC students stepped up by becoming essential workers, volunteering to assist with vaccine distribution, and supporting our most vulnerable populations.

We applaud our students for generously giving their time and resources to provide practical assistance to underserved and underrepresented groups within the community.

- **250+ STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**
- **500+ HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Here are just a few of our outstanding **community partners**.**







L.E.A.D—Demonstrating **Emotional & Personal Growth** Through

## On-Campus Living

Safe and affordable housing is available to students at our Cadillac, Muskegon, Owosso, and Port Huron campuses. Residents enjoyed various opportunities to engage in social, educational, fitness, recreation, and diversity activities.

Events such as volleyball, basketball, bingo, ice cream socials, painting parties, and scavenger hunts were adapted to meet COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

- **600+ RESIDENCE LIFE STUDENTS DURING THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR**
- **100+ EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR HOUSING STUDENTS**
- **350+ STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN RESIDENCE LIFE EVENTS**



Read the BC Blog, [Benefits of Student Housing](#).



Read the BC Blog, [How I Managed College During COVID](#).



## Wellness Activities

Baker College recognizes the importance of student growth beyond the realm of academics. Enabling students to engage with their physical, emotional, and spiritual selves, Student Life at BC promotes the development of the entire individual through exercise, exploration, and reflection.

Our *Start A Conversation* event series provided an opportunity for students to discuss timely topics related to **self-care** and **mental health, stress and coping skills**, and **suicide prevention**. Other events, such as *Take a Hike*, *Hibernation Hustle*, and *Walk-N-Talk*, gave students a safe outlet to decompress and express their feelings during the pandemic.

- **11 STUDENT WELLNESS ACTIVITIES**
- **230+ STUDENT PARTICIPANTS**
- **30,000+ MINUTES OF EXERCISE LOGGED DURING WELLNESS ACTIVITIES**





## Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities

Baker College has designed and implemented co-curricular activities outside of the classroom to complement program syllabi. These activities provide students with supplemental experiences to expand their knowledge and gain confidence through competitions, talent demonstrations, essay authorship, and creative exhibitions.

- **40+ MEDALS WON BY CULINARY STUDENTS (INCLUDING 16 GOLD)**
- **81 ENTRIES FOR THE 2021 MLK JR. SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD ESSAY CONTEST**



**Video:** [A Look Into the CIM's Spring 2021 ACF Sanctioned Competitions](#) (4:43)



Read the BC Blog, [The Many Benefits of Student Competitions](#).



**Baking and pastry students Christina Curtis and Allison Walters** competed to create a unique recipe featured at Muskegon's Hamburger Mikey as the Burger of the Month.

Read the news story, [CIM Muskegon Students Have Winning Hamburger Recipe Featured in Local Restaurant](#).

## Student Achievements



Baker College students demonstrate excellence both inside and outside the classroom. Amid a global pandemic, our students showed dedication and perseverance as they remained focused on their studies. The College successfully transitioned most courses to virtual delivery while still maintaining high student satisfaction and outcomes. Despite challenges, a large number of students earned academic honors throughout the year and persisted to graduation.

Above all, our graduates especially showed the **optimism** and **positive attitude** that exemplifies our BakerProud community.

- **2,000+ GRADUATES DURING THE 2021 BC VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT**
- **500+ PRESIDENT'S LIST\* RECIPIENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR**
- **NEARLY 4,000 DEAN'S LIST\*\* RECIPIENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR**
- **61 EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENTS EARNED A CERTIFICATE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE**
- **6,400+ TRANSFERABLE COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED BY OUR RUNNINGSTART HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

\* **President's List:** Students who completed 12 or more credit hours during the semester with a 4.00 GPA.

\*\* **Dean's List:** Students who completed the semester with a 3.50–3.99 GPA (12+ credit hours) or a 3.50–4.00 GPA (6–11 credit hours).



## Openness, Awareness, and Activism

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Council has designed and implemented multiple events, activities, and training to present students the opportunity to understand the concepts surrounding DEI. These events help students to view difficult multicultural conversations as opportunities for critical thinking and transformative dialogue.

The DEI Professional Development Training Series focused on **Understanding Privilege and Structural Exclusion, Understanding You, Communication and Implicit Bias, and Advocacy.**

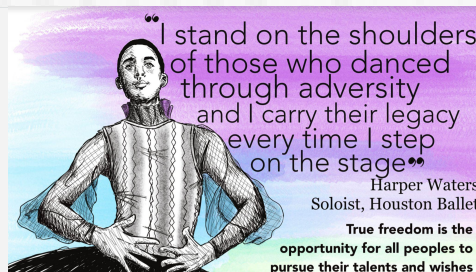
- **128 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN 5 DEI PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**
- **434 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN 11 DEI VIRTUAL EVENTS**
- **OVER \$11,000 IN DEI SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

### Diversity, Equity&Inclusion®

Baker College strives to ensure that all of our programs, institutional goals and events, and commitments are open to all constituencies of students, staff, faculty, community members, employees and participants. As an institution of higher learning committed to new knowledge and innovation, we understand that true excellence and attainment comes from the diversity of individuals who are fully a part of all of our institutional endeavors.



**Video:** *Baker College MLK Essay Contest Winners 2021* (5:14)



View the submissions from the 2021 *Black History Month Student Expo Virtual Poster Gallery*.

The 2020 – 2021 academic school year presented many unique challenges in higher education, including the COVID-19 pandemic. The inability to gather students together for campus events put an entirely new lens on student engagement. We are very proud of the effort and creativity of our Student Life team, residence hall professionals, club leaders and student leaders for their enthusiasm to reconsider what engagement looks like and to redevelop events in the digital sphere.

Their efforts made it possible for BC students to become part of the campus community, even from a social distance. With that said, we are looking forward to the season when we can return to sharing time, ideas and helping hands with our students and communities in a more personal setting while maintaining our ability to develop personal connections in a virtual environment.

## **Baker College Student Life Resources:**

- [Student Clubs & Organizations](#)
- [Student Life Leadership Council](#)
- [Student Ambassadors](#)
- [Residence Life](#)
- [Student Life Page](#)
- [Diversity Equity & Inclusion](#)
- [P.R.O.U.D. Peer Mentoring](#)
- [Baker College News](#)
- [Campus Events Calendar](#)
- [Student Life Blog](#)

