

Student Life Annual Report

2021 - 2022



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Student Life Vision & Philosophy

At Baker College, we believe that education is about more than taking courses and earning a degree - it is about transformational processes, and contributing to the communities that support us. Student Life is an essential part of the college experience, and includes both extracurricular and co-curricular opportunities. Baker College provides support and encourages students to engage 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 2021-2022 Academic Year

The world continued to respond to the global pandemic, and to forge a path toward wellness and re-engaging with our changed society. Students at Baker College rose to the occasion, embarking on new service projects, volunteering their time and energy, and earning accolades in their studies and in their communities.

New Resources for 2021-2022

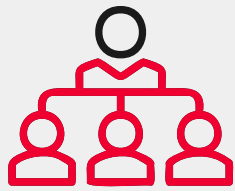
Student Affairs utilized BC Mobile, a seamlessly integrated mobile application that allows for direct communication with students based on their campus location and specific student groups. This resource allows for connections to social media, Student Life calendars and events, Canvas, and discussion boards.

The 2021-2022 academic year was the inaugural year for the PROUD Peer Mentoring program. The PROUD Peer Mentoring program was developed with the primary purpose of offering students a supportive peer to assist with the transition to Baker College, while teaching valuable mentorship skills to those who seek to guide others on their educational and personal journey.



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:



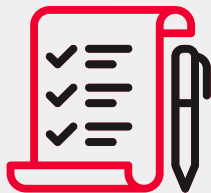
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Diversity, Equity
& Inclusion

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“Being on the Student Life Leadership Council definitely made my experience at Baker fun and impactful. I was able to meet a lot of new students, plan events that got people of all ages involved, and have had opportunities to volunteer in the community and attend leadership training.”

- Hannah Denys





Leadership & Professional Development



Student Life seeks to provide leadership in the development and sustained implementation of a student-centered community that supports the achievement of students' academic, career, and personal goals, while simultaneously promoting civility, respect, and equity among all members of the college community

- **PROUD Peer Mentoring Program**

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. 31 students enrolled this year.

- **Student Ambassador Program**

The Student Ambassador Program provides an opportunity for students to assist the enrollment team in promoting Baker College to prospective students, their families and other guests. Student Ambassadors are trained to educate visitors about the campus life, traditions and achievements of the college by conducting campus tours and supporting the enrollment management team at outreach events. 25 students enrolled this year along with \$20,500 in scholarships awarded.

- **Student Leadership Conference**

Student leaders from all campuses came together for a day of learning, collaboration and fun. Over 50 students participated in this interactive, engaging leadership conference.

- **First Generation College Student Program**

This monthly program for prospective first-generation college students prepares high school students by sharing resources, ideas and strategies to overcome obstacles that many first generation college students face. 27 students enrolled this year.

- **Student Life Leadership Council**

Baker College students have the opportunity to develop leadership skills through creating, planning, and promoting campus and community events. 28 students enrolled this year, along with \$11,250 in scholarships awarded.

- **Residence Life Activities**

Resident Assistants provide leadership and guidance to their peers by fostering a supportive atmosphere and encouraging social opportunities that promote a positive living, learning environment. 97 extracurricular activities and events this year.

- **Eduguide**

BC students leaders participated in a pilot program through Eduguide which provided an opportunity to build mentorship skills and create a campus culture of caring for others.

Service Learning & Community Volunteering

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- Infant & Maternal Health Fair
- Flu Clinics
- Little Mary's Hospitality House
- Albion Health and Safety Expo
- Albion Healthy Babies Day Event
- Jackson Interfaith Shelter
- South Michigan Food Bank
- Making Strides Walk
- Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis Walk
- Adopt a Highway
- Stehouwer Free Clinic
- Blood Drive
- Stop the Bleed



“The Student Life Leadership Council has positively impacted my experience at Baker College! It has helped me to learn more about leadership, how to build and maintain professional relationships, and the importance of diversity and inclusion.”

- Mackenzie Worden



Period of Purple Crying and Click for Babies Campaign

Muskegon NSNA students created educational bundles which included educational materials related to safe sleep in infancy, tips to manage the period of purple crying, and a list of upcoming Period of Purple Crying courses. Students collaborated with Muskegon Pregnancy Services, Safe Kids West Michigan, and Catholic Charities of West Michigan.



Operation Gratitude

The Cadillac campus sent care packages to military and first responders as a small thank you for their service.



Emotional & Personal Growth





On-Campus Living

300 students lived in Baker College Student Housing during the 2021-22 academic year. Several campuses also hosted students from other colleges who were completing internships in the local area, supporting our community partners in their efforts to recruit top talent.

Wellness Events

- Intramural Volleyball
- Free YMCA Memberships
- Activity Challenges
- Run Drugs Out of Town 5K
- Yoga Classes
- Meditation Mondays
- Cross Country & Ice Skating Events
- Mental Health & Stress Management Seminar



Soul Food Cooking Experience

American Culinary Federation Muskegon chapter hosted a Soul Food Cooking experience. Our ACF chapter works on providing students extra, hands-on education that they wouldn't necessarily get from labs. The students, faculty, and staff were invited to cook traditional soul food recipes. We had the privilege of working with Muskegon's soul Filled Kitchen. Chef LaKisha started off by sharing her story about being in the industry.

Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week

Each year, students participate in events during Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. This student is trying to navigate a course while wearing “impairment goggles” which simulate different levels of intoxication.



Personal Growth

The Baker College Art Fair submissions can be viewed [here](#). Maycie Talsma from the Muskegon campus won 1st place with this entry. Motivational Speaker Anne Bonney presented at the Cadillac Campus on “Leaping Into the Unknowns,” and counseled students on how to embrace change ([pictures here](#)).



Residence Life Events

Over 100 events were hosted by students, for students. The events were all centered around having fun, but also included community building, stress relief, personal and community wellness, and volunteerism.



“Being involved in the Peer Mentoring Program at Baker has given me the opportunity to learn more about mentorship, leadership, and helping others.”

- Elizabeth Hemmes



Academic Success



Academic Success is directly tied to participation in student life events and co-curricular activities. Students at Baker College served their communities and fellow students while also thriving in their academic endeavors. 1,416 students graduated from Baker College in the 2021-22 academic year.

Co-curricular activities and Student Achievement

Students from the Metro, Owosso and Cadillac campuses represented Baker College at the 70th annual Michigan Nursing Students Association convention, and was coordinated by 2021 Baker graduate Victoria Ford.

- Baker graduate Victoria Ford served as the 2nd Vice President for the MNSA board for the last two years.
- Cadillac campus won the Chapter of the Year award and the Community Health Scholarship.
- Baker Cadillac students Hannah Sikkema and Nichole Brown presented their resolution on Self-Care and it was unanimously passed.
- Baker College Cadillac students Mariah Roling (1st Vice President), Faith Edinger (2nd Vice President), Lindsey Archambo (Treasurer) were all voted into the MNSA board.
- The School of Nursing at Baker College was recognized as a 2022 recipient of the Stellar School Chapter Recognition from the National Student Nurses' Association.
- Elizabeth Hemmes won 2nd place in the NSNA/AAHN Essay Contest for her essay on Mary Breckinridge: The Pioneer of American-Nurse Midwifery.
- Elizabeth Hemmes was elected to the Nominating and Elections Committee (NEC) North.





- Ruthann Strickland was a NSNA School Chapter Leadership Forum speaker as an “Exemplar of Professional Identity Formation.”
- Twenty-one student chefs and 11 instructors from our CIM campuses earned a variety of honors at the 2022 Roland E. Schaffer Culinary Classic ACF Sanctioned Competition.



- Baker College of Owosso's Cyber Defense Club, an eight-person undergraduate student team, earned the top spot statewide, and a third-place regional finish, in the qualifying event for the 2022 Midwest Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (MWCCDC), presented by the CSSIA: Center for Systems Security and Information Assurance.

- Congratulations to the Port Huron CIM students, and to their faculty mentors on their fourth consecutive win in the SKILLS USA Post Secondary Michigan State Championship in Culinary Arts and Commercial Baking



“Having a Baker mentor by my side has helped me to navigate through my educational goals and to see the hope inside myself reminding me that I can dream and achieve.”

-Deja Caesar



**Diversity,
Equity &
Inclusion**



The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Council is BakerProud to have students participate in DEI professional development series and events. These sessions provide students with frameworks to understand diversity and practical experiences to explore how difficult multicultural conversations can become opportunities for transformative dialogue.

- 128 students participated in 5 student DEI professional development events.
- 226 students participated in 8 DEI virtual events.
- Over \$11,700 in DEI scholarships were awarded during the 21-22 school year.

What students have said about their experiences with the Misunderstood Panel Discussions:

Barriers to Voting: Know your rights

This virtual panel discussion of experts and professionals addressed the topic of voting rights and access. Now more than ever, it is important that your vote is counted.

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- “Impactful and informative. Very inspiring and uplifting”
- “I need to become more educated with voting in my state”
- “Women should never wait for others to be a part of political issues and standing up for what is right”

Critical Race Theory

This virtual event focused on Critical Race Theory (CRT), and how it intersects with education and the criminal justice system. Professionals in the field of education, human/social services and criminal justice discussed what CRT is and is not while clarifying some of the public controversies surrounding this topic.

- “This was incredibly powerful and timely information”
- “It is vital for individual to come together and advocate for better policies that result in inclusion of all people”

Two BC students shared their experience as first generation college students to 25 high school students from the Cadillac area. These high school students travel to Baker College once a month to participate in the First Generation/Future Leaders Program designed for students who will be first generation college students after graduating from high school. Students who successfully complete this program can earn up to \$8,000 in scholarship funds to attend Baker College.

Conclusion

Student leadership took many forms during another unique year that saw our students, staff, and faculty continue to work through the lasting effects of a global pandemic. In developing a student-centered community we witnessed many new successes this year: virtual art fairs, talent shows and DEI events. We have learned that offering these events in a new format has allowed students the opportunity to engage with their classmates and College personnel in extracurricular activities where they may not have been able to do so in person.

Baker College students, staff, and faculty have made the most of these opportunities, and have offered a blend of both virtual and face-to-face engagement opportunities. Whether it was one of our virtual Misunderstood Panels, participating with a local partner to offer a 5K Run to support our communities, or the Residence Halls Halloween Dance, we want to offer our thanks.

Thank you to those who put forth the effort in the organization and promotion of these events, and to those who brought them to life with their participation, energy, and pride in their College. Thank you to the BakerProud!

For more information about Student Life at Baker College email studentlife@baker.edu.

