
Student Activities

Spiritual Formation

The University believes the spiritual life of the individual student is of utmost importance. Therefore, every student is urged to set aside time for prayer and studying God's Word. Students can also choose to be part of small discipleship groups—men or women. In addition to these personal devotional periods, undergraduate students meet each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Chase Gymnasium for a 40-minute chapel service of worship and praise and an alternate chapel on Thursday. The graduate schools plan separate chapel programs. The chapel programs include speakers chosen from faculty, alumni, students, visiting guests; musical groups; Christian films; drama; and other special events. Each fall there is a Spiritual Emphasis Week. Once each semester the school observes a planned Day of Prayer, and informal prayer groups meet as a regular part of residence hall life. The Torrey Memorial Bible Conference and the Missions Conference are high points in the development of the spiritual life of the student. Attendance is required at all of these events.

Student Government For Undergraduates

All registered undergraduate students are members of the Associated Students (A.S.), Biola's undergraduate student government. The stated purpose of this organization is: "To represent the student body on an administrative level, giving ear to their voice, providing services, and facilitating events necessary to foster a Christ-centered community"

The A.S. President presides over two branches that comprise the student government, the Executive Branch and the Services Branch. The Executive Branch, which holds the legislative power of A.S., is chaired by the Senior Vice-President and consists of elected Senators. The Services Branch, which plans activities and provides services is chaired by the Vice President of Services and consists of the following members: Social Board Chair, Multi-cultural Relations Board Chair, Chapel Board Chair and Chair Elect, Intramural Board Chair, Spirit Board Chair, Director of Religious and Academic Relations, Marketing Director, International Student Association President, Chimes Editor-in-Chief (the student newspaper) and Biolan Editor-in-Chief (the undergraduate yearbook). Other offices of AS include Vice-President of Finance, Controller, Secretaries, and the AS Office Manager.

A.S. offers many avenues for involvement with many elected positions, over 40 appointed and hired positions, and many volunteer opportunities each year. They are located in the upper level of the Student Union Building and are open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They can also be reached at (562) 903-4882.

Student Government for Graduate Students

Each graduate school has an appropriate student government program which provides leadership and activities appropriate for graduate students. For additional information contact the respective graduate school offices.

Student Missionary Union

The Student Missionary Union (SMU) is a student led organization, founded in 1922, that has at the heart of its mission to glorify God and to see Him glorified. All of history is moving to a time when God will restore all of creation to what He had intended from the beginning. God began His work of restoration through Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. God has made us agents of that restoration by making us His ambassadors.

SMU seeks to motivate students to a lifetime of service to the Master through its Short Term Missions Department, Prayer Ministries, Missions Conference and Long Term Missions Department.

SMU facilitates the sending of more than twenty short-term mission teams to locations all over the globe, including such places as China, Mozambique, Mexico, Holland and Romania. They sponsor a Persecuted Church Simulation, weekly prayer meetings and other events through their Prayer Ministries. The entire student body attends Missions Conference, which includes exciting events such as Global Awareness, where students experience another culture, and Explorations, where they can visit such places as a mosque or a Mormon temple. The Long Term Missions Department seeks to answer many practical questions from students interested in long-term crosscultural work .

SMU offers a multitude of opportunities for involvement with 24 staff positions and more than 100 volunteers each year. They are located in the upper level of the Student Union Building and are open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They can also be reached at (562) 903-4881.

Athletics

Intercollegiate athletics at Biola University provide men and women with interest and ability in athletics an opportunity to compete with other institutions of higher education whose size and athletic policies are similar. Intercollegiate competition for men is conducted in the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross-country, soccer, swimming and track & field. Sports for women include basketball, cross-country, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, soccer and volleyball.

Intramural activities are organized in both team and individual sports for men and women. This program is directed by the Associated Students.

Student Publications

The undergraduate student body sponsors two student publications: a weekly newspaper—the Chimes—and a yearbook—the

Biolan. These serve to transmit news, keep a record of school life and provide further outlet for student creativity and expression.

Theatre Productions

The Speech / Drama emphasis within the Communication Studies Department provides fall and spring drama productions and many student-driven productions for the campus and immediate community. These productions are open for audition to all students, faculty and staff. Theatre seasons include serious drama, comedies, original student and family productions and musical theatre.

Forensics

In recent years Biola University has been ranked with successful speech squads among colleges and universities nationwide. As an active member of the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association, Biola regularly attends debate and individual events speech tournaments throughout the western states. Exceptional student performances qualify for national tournaments each year in individual events and team debates.

OTHER PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

One-act play fundraisers for the forensics team, student film productions and occasional on-campus musical theatre productions have open auditions for all students, staff and faculty members. Performance dates are spread throughout the academic year.

Student Ministry

As part of Biola University's commitment to impact the world for the Lord Jesus Christ, the mission of Student Ministries is to equip students to be lifelong, healthy ministers of the gospel in the church and the world. The intention of Student Ministries is to be fully yielded servants of Christ who are believing God in all things and becoming:

- Anchored in the truth of God's Word
- Engaged in Spirit-empowered believing prayer
- Integrated into the local church
- Disciplined through loving and accountable relationships
- Faithful in proclaiming Christ to the world

As an integral part of Biola's academic program and mission, Student Ministries provides a broad range of opportunities for ministry in areas such as evangelism, missions, discipleship, urban and community services outreaches. Student Ministries is available to help students prayerfully seek where they can be involved during their years at Biola. If you have any questions, please call or come by our office located in the upper level of the Student Union Building.