



2021 Report to Mosaic Mennonite Conference

KNOWLTON SCIENCE CENTER

Bluffton University held a groundbreaking celebration for the Austin E. Knowlton Science Center on Oct. 1 during the 2021 Homecoming and Alumni Weekend celebration. The \$10 million building features several teaching labs and will transform science education at Bluffton as we prepare leaders equipped to address the pressing science, technology, math and health care needs of the region.

The building is expected to open in time for the 2023 academic year.

DESIGN YOUR LIFE

During the 2020-21 academic year, two sections of Bluffton's first-year Becoming a Scholar class piloted a new program called Design Your Life (DYL). This year, the curriculum is being fully implemented on campus.

Originally developed at Stanford University and modified for Bluffton undergraduates, lessons help students:

Engage—explore, prototype and develop an action mindset

Reflect— learn by taking stock of experiences after they happen

Storytell— articulate a point of view to gain clarity and create opportunities

The goal is for students to get more out of (instead of just cramming more into) their college experience. Senior students will come full circle with the DYL process as they transition the framework from getting more out of their college experience to getting more out of life.

PRESIDENT WOOD REAPPOINTED

During their June 2021 meeting, Bluffton University's Board of Trustees completed a presidential review process and reappointed President Jane M. Wood, Ph.D., for a five-year term. The board noted her areas of strength as mission and planning, administrative management, budget and finance, enrollment management, student life and representing the institution. President Wood came to Bluffton in summer 2018.

MISSION STATEMENT

"Shaped by the historic peace church tradition and nourished by a desire for excellence in all phases of its programs, Bluffton University seeks to prepare students of all backgrounds for life as well as vocation, for responsible citizenship, for service to all peoples and, ultimately, for the purposes of God's universal kingdom."

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14 COUNTRIES

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