

# BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY FACT BOOK

## FOREWORD

The Office of Institutional Research & Analytics is pleased to present the 2023-2024 Bucknell University Fact Book. This book is intended as a single, comprehensive, readily accessible and accurate source of information about Bucknell University, and it provides answers to many commonly asked questions about our institution and the people who are part of it, including trends over time.

The 2023-2024 Fact Book reflects Bucknell's commitment to transparency and accountability, as well as our continuing effort to improve the quality and accessibility of information about our university to internal and external stakeholders. We'd also like to take a moment to direct your attention to the Institutional Research & Analytics webpage. This page houses relevant survey results, insightful dashboards, and additional resources that align with the discussions and our commitments around the value of data as an institutional asset. You can access the page at:

[bucknell.edu/azdirectory/office-institutional-research-analytics](https://bucknell.edu/azdirectory/office-institutional-research-analytics).

The dashboards on the webpage have added functionality, essentially allowing the stakeholders to conduct real-time analyses to answer specific questions, and it is our hope that they will make the information both more accessible and easier to use.

As in the previous years, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all offices that contributed to the creation of the Fact Book by providing us with the requested data as well as sharing their expertise in other ways. We hope that you will find the Fact Book informative and useful. Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions about how we could improve either the print version or the new dashboard edition in the future.

All the best,  
Kevork Horissian



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## THE MISSION OF BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

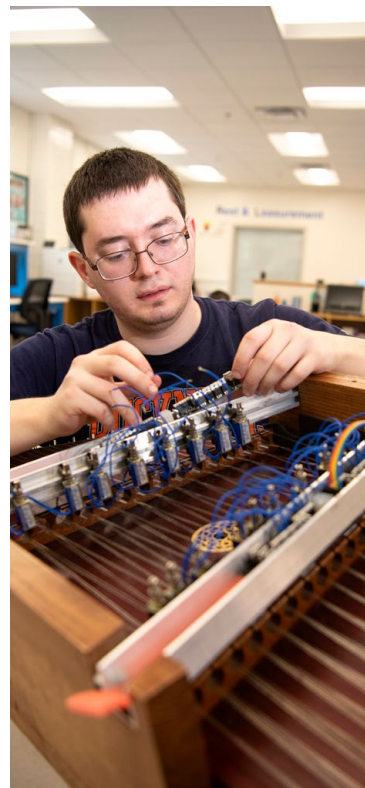
Bucknell is a unique national university where liberal arts and professional programs complement each other. Bucknell educates students for a lifetime of critical thinking and strong leadership characterized by continued intellectual exploration, creativity, and imagination. A Bucknell education enables students to interact daily with faculty who exemplify a passion for learning and a dedication to teaching and scholarship. Bucknell fosters a residential, co-curricular environment in which students develop intellectual maturity, personal conviction and strength of character, informed by a deep understanding of different cultures and diverse perspectives. Bucknell seeks to educate our students to serve the common good and to promote justice in ways sensitive to the moral and ethical dimensions of life.

Bucknell's rich history and heritage will influence its planning for the future. Bucknell's potential as an institution of higher learning extends beyond that of a traditional liberal arts college by virtue of its larger size and expansive programs. The University's broader spectrum of disciplines and courses of study within a diverse and active residential campus community enhance the quality of all aspects of the undergraduate experience, both in and out of the classroom.

## THE VISION OF BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

**To provide students with the premier undergraduate experience in American higher education.**

Bucknell will offer an academic program that is challenging and distinctive, with the capacity to prepare its graduates for successful personal, professional, and civic lives in the 21st century. Bucknell's residential life and co-curricular activities will fully support its academic program. This integrated environment for student learning and growth, enhanced by diversity in all its forms, will build connections to a global society. In doing so, Bucknell will emerge from a place of strength to a position of preeminence within American higher education.



# *A brief history of* **BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY**

Bucknell University was founded in 1846 by a group of Baptists who deemed it “desirable that a Literary Institution should be established in Central Pennsylvania, embracing a High School for male pupils, another for females, a College and also a Theological Institution.”

The charter for the University at Lewisburg was granted by the Legislature of Pennsylvania and approved by the governor on Feb. 5, 1846. Classes were held in the basement of the First Baptist Church in Lewisburg.

In 1850, the University moved into Taylor Hall, the first building completed on campus, which housed both women and men’s studies until the opening of the Female Institute in 1852. The school’s first commencement was held Aug. 20, 1851, for a graduation class of seven men.

The Female Institute began instruction in 1852, with college courses being opened to women in 1883. The first woman graduate was Chella Scott, who received a bachelor’s degree with honors in 1885, and spoke at her commencement.

In 1875, Edward McKnight Brawley was Bucknell’s first African-American graduate, receiving a bachelor’s and master’s degree. He served as president of what became Selma University and Morris College, which he helped to found. Bucknell’s first international student was Maung Shaw Loo, who came from what is now called Myanmar as the first Burmese native to study in the United States; he graduated in 1864 and served many years as a physician in his home country.

The University at Lewisburg was renamed in 1886 in honor of William Bucknell, a charter member of the Board of Trustees and a major benefactor who challenged the board to match his donation. Mr. Bucknell also funded the University’s first scholarship, the first prizes for female students and the building of Commencement Hall, a chapel now named Bucknell Hall and home to the Stadler Center for Poetry.

Today, Bucknell is the nation’s largest private liberal arts university with 3,500 undergraduates on a 450-acre campus. As a highly selective private university, Bucknell offers a personalized and comprehensive liberal arts education to exceptionally talented students from across the U.S. and around the world. It offers academic programs in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, and social and natural sciences as well as the creative and performing arts; facilities for professional-grade instrumentation and spaces for digital and collaborative learning; and broad opportunities outside of class.

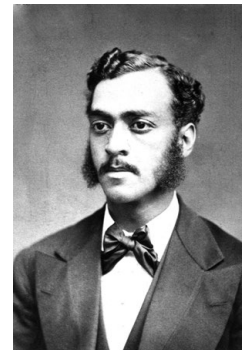
Bucknell University is now much more than a literary institution: It is a place that prepares students for success in an increasingly complex and interconnected global society.



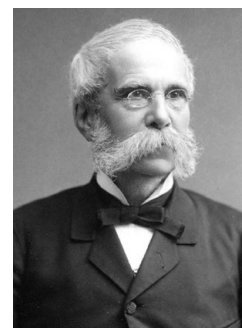
*Roberts Hall*



*Chella Scott*



*Edward Brawley*



*William Bucknell*

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## TRUSTEES OF BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, JULY 1, 2023

VOTING MEMBERS	TERM EXPIRES (JUNE 30)	AFFILIATIONS
Christopher J. O'Brien '80 Chair, Board of Trustees Chair, Executive Committee	2027	President O'Brien Capital Advisors
Annie Seibold Drapeau '88 Vice Chair, Board of Trustees Vice Chair, Executive Committee Chair, Executive Resources Subcommittee Chair, Human Resources Committee	2024	Chief People Officer Toast, Inc.
Steven A. Kohn '81 Vice Chair, Board of Trustees Vice Chair, Executive Committee	2025	Chairman, Cushman and Wakefield Equity Debt & Structured Finance
Garry D. Thaniel '04 Secretary, Board of Trustees Chair, Equity & Inclusive Excellence Committee	2028	General Manager – eBay Canada
Laureen Leptinsky Costa '90 Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees Vice Chair, Advancement Committee	2028	Managing Director, Private Equity Group J.P. Morgan Asset Management
Carolyn Neely Ainslie '80	2026	Chief Financial Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Daisy Auger-Domínguez '95	2028	Auger-Dominguez Ventures
Dawn M. Becker '85 Chair, Audit Compliance & Risk Management Committee	2026	EVP – General Counsel & Secretary Federal Realty Investment Trust
Keren Bergman '88 Chair, Academic Affairs Committee	2025	Charles Batchelor Professor of Electrical Engineering Columbia University Department of Electrical Engineering
John C. Bravman		President, Bucknell University
J. Frank Brown '78	2026	Advisory Director, General Atlantic
Thomas A. Buchholz '84 Vice Chair, Academic Affairs Committee	2025	Senior Vice President and Medical Director Scripps MD Anderson Cancer Center, and Chief Scientific Officer, Scripps Health
Frank A. Davis '82	2024	President and CEO, Horizon Services Corporation
Lisa Cadette Detwiler Chair, Student Life Committee	2027	Realtor, The Corcoran Group
Michael Dominguez '91 Vice Chair, Investments Committee (1/1/2024)	2026	Chief Investment Officer Providence Equity Partners, LLC
Brenda Earl '81	2024	Principal, Earl Investments

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Makoto Fujimura '83	2025	Artist
Martin K. Gilliard '99	2027	CEO, Arteli Inc.
Robert J. Gilligan '81 Chair, Finance Committee	2026	Former VP of Transmission & Distribution General Electric Company
Eugene A. Gorab '85 Chair, Investments Committee	2026	President and CEO, Greenfield Partners LLC
Sunil Gulati '81	2027	Michael K. Dakolias Senior Lecturer Discipline of Economics, Columbia University
Donald N. Isken '75	2026	Of Counsel, Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP
Alexandra Ahrens Jung '92	2024	Managing Partner, Amateras AEA, Head of Private Debt AEA Investors, Board Director – NVR, Inc.
Bridget LaCroix Lecky '09	2024	Business Development – Senior Vice President Leucadia Asset Management
Jordan H. Leiser '06 Vice Chair, Strategy Committee (10/21/22)	2025	Co-Founder and CEO The Working Name
Carolyn Speer Miles '83 Vice Chair, Nominating & Governance Committee	2026	Exec Fellow/Professor of Practice University of Virginia – Darden School of Business
Samuel C. Nana-Sinkam, Jr. '10 Vice Chair, Student Life Committee	2025	Founding Partner Third Place
Scott A. Perricelli '94 Chair, Advancement Committee	2024	Partner, LLR Partners Inc.
John T. Reynolds '92 Chair, Strategy Committee	2027	Co-Founder & Managing Director Lime Rock Partners
Laurie E. Schmidt '99	2027	Partner, Goldman Sachs & Co.
Franklin K. Schoeneman '76	2026	Chairman and CEO, Empire Education Group
Erika N.D. Stanat '90 Chair, Nominating & Governance Committee	2024	Partner Harter, Secrest & Emery, LLP
Kecia M. Thomas '88	2028	Dean of the UAB College of Arts & Sciences
Scott Uebele '00	2028	Chief Operating Officer, Advarra
Kathryn Boselli Vizas '79 Vice Chair, Audit, Compliance & Risk Management Committee, effective on Sept. 2023	2026	Former General Counsel Peregrine Systems, Inc.
Audra M. Wilson '94	2026	President and CEO, Shriver Center on Poverty Law
Robin Gale Zafirovski '79	2024	Former Financial Analyst, GE Capital

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

John Bravman, *President (sabbatical 1/1/24–7/31/24)*  
Margot Vigeant, *Co-acting President (1/1/24–7/31/24), Interim Provost*  
Scott Rosevear, *Co-acting president (1/1/24–7/31/24), Vice President, University Strategy and Advancement*  
Param Bedi, *Vice President and Chief Operating Officer*  
Vernese Edghill-Walden, *Vice President, Equity & Inclusive Excellence*  
Cynthia Guthrie, *Interim Dean, Freeman College of Management*  
Heather Johns, *Vice President, Marketing & Communications*  
Lisa Keegan, *Vice President for Student Enrollment, Engagement and Success*  
Carol Kennedy, *Executive Director, Office of the President and University Secretary*  
Jeffrey Loss, *Associate Vice President for Facilities*  
Brad Putman, *Richard E. Garman Dean of the College of Engineering*  
Karin Rilley, *Vice President, General Counsel and Chief of Staff*  
Jermaine Truax, *Vice President, Director of Athletics*  
Karl Voss, *Douglas K. Candland Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences*  
Nicole Whitehead, *Vice President, Talent, Culture and Human Resources*

## ACADEMIC DIVISIONS

### *The College of Arts & Sciences*

The College of Arts & Sciences has 2,427 degree seeking undergraduate students and 289 full-time faculty members. The College of Arts & Sciences offers programs of study leading to four degrees: the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, the Bachelor of Science in Education, and the Bachelor of Music. The programs are designed to carry out the educational objectives of the University through courses in the arts and humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences and mathematics.

### *The Freeman College of Management*

The Freeman College of Management comprises 704 degree seeking undergraduate students and 39 full-time faculty. The College of Management at Bucknell University offers innovative professional education in the context of one of the nation's leading liberal arts universities. A Bucknell education, combining technical skills and deep intellectual exploration, is preparation for thoughtful and capable leaders. In the classroom, students have the opportunity to follow their passions and develop expertise in sustainable commerce, innovative design thinking, global leadership, and accounting & financial management. The College of Management offers programs of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

### *The College of Engineering*

The College of Engineering comprises 687 degree seeking undergraduate students and 70 full-time faculty. The College of Engineering is dedicated to providing outstanding educational opportunities in engineering to a predominantly undergraduate student body of talented men and women. The faculty and courses are organized in six distinct departments: Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civic and Environmental Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical & Computer Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

### *Graduate Studies*

Bucknell's College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Engineering offer a variety of graduate degree programs leading to a master of arts or master of science degree. The role of graduate education is to provide "a deepening of the student's knowledge and experience base in the discipline by building on the increased commitment that graduate students bring to their work."



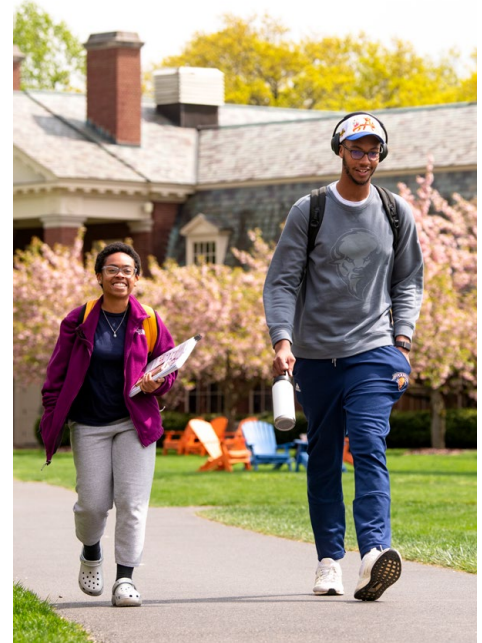
## ACCREDITATION

### *Middle States Accreditation*

Bucknell was first accredited by the Middle States in 1921. In 2014, Bucknell University completed its decennial reaccreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The institution is fully accredited until 2024.

### *Specialized Programmatic Accreditation and Licensure*

- **AACSB International** – The Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business. Less than 5% of the world’s 13,000 business programs have earned AACSB Accreditation.
- **ABET** – the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology, accredits the programs within the College of Engineering.
- **ACS** – the American Chemical Society is an industry-wide agency that certifies programs within the Department of Chemistry.
- **CSAB** – the Computer Science Accreditation Board, accredits the Bachelor of Science degree within the College of Arts & Sciences.
- **NASM** – the National Association of Schools of Music, accredits degree programs within the Department of Music.
- **NCAA** – the National Collegiate Athletic Association, conducts periodic certification reviews of Bucknell’s athletic programs.
- **The Pennsylvania Department of Education** oversees teaching certification within the Department of Education.







# PROVOST AREA

## Organizational Chart

