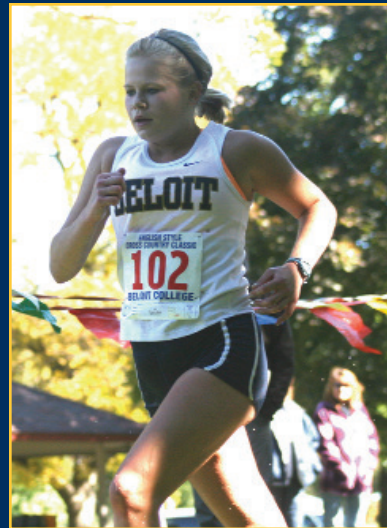




**Beloit College has much to offer the dedicated runner. While academics will be the focus of your life at Beloit, Cross Country can be an important part of it too.**

**The College provides first-class athletic facilities and coaching to give competitive runners every opportunity to excel.**



# Beloit College Cross Country



# The Beloit College Olde English Classic

Since 1961, one of the most popular cross country races in the region has been the Beloit College Olde English Cross Country Classic. It is one of the few English style cross country competitions in the Midwest.

More than 40 of the region's top men's and women's teams have converged on Beloit's Leeson Park on Homecoming Weekend for the women's 5-kilometer and men's 8-kilometer races.

The Beloit College Classic is not only popular for the runners, but also for the spectators who see the competitors run over an assortment of obstacles. The runners cross a creek, maneuver through bales of hay, jump over steeplechase barriers, and traverse through all kinds of terrain.



## This is Beloit College

Beloit College was founded in 1846, when Wisconsin was still a territory. The early curriculum was built on the classical tradition, but students were given an unusual amount of freedom to choose their own courses. Today, Beloit is recognized for its longstanding commitment to curricular innovation, and its first-year initiatives and international education programs.

The Beloit College community is diverse and noted for its passionate engagement with ideas and the world. Its nearly-1300 students are from nearly every state, the District of Columbia, and more than 40 nations. Twenty percent of its students are non-Caucasian; ten percent come from countries other than the United States. No more than ten percent of a graduating class is represented in any one of Beloit's majors.

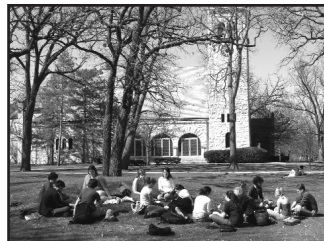
98% of Beloit's 103 full-time faculty members hold a Ph.D. or the highest degree in their field. Teaching is the faculty's highest priority but all professors are active scholars and artists. Many are leaders in educational reform. Professors serve as mentors, guides, and partners on research projects and academic work. A strong tradition of student-teacher collaboration contributes to the college's lively intellectual community.

Beloit offers more than fifty majors, more than thirty minors, and a number of dual-degree and preprofessional pro-

grams. A flexible curriculum, grounded in rigorous study encourages independent research, fieldwork, and collaboration with peers and professors. Coursework is interdisciplinary, experiential, and global in scope. The average class size is 15 students; Beloit's student-to-faculty ratio is 11:1.

Beloit's wooded forty-acre campus includes twenty-eight buildings in a range of architectural styles; four buildings are listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places. The campus is marked by winding pathways, expansive lawns, displays of public art, and ancient Indian mounds.

The college's academic facilities include the internationally recognized Logan Museum of Anthropology, the Wright Museum of Art, a state of the art performing arts complex and research labs equipped with advanced technology. Beloit offers more than thirty international programs, dozens of domestic study programs, and hundreds of internships and field study programs.



## Head Coach Dave Eckburg

Dave Eckburg became the Buccaneer Men's Cross Country Head coach in 1996 and took the reins of the Women's team in 2000.

Under his tenure, the men's and women's teams have established

themselves as perennial Midwest Conference contenders.

Eckburg is a 1995 graduate of the University of Illinois, where he was a four-year varsity runner, earning several awards. In 1993 he was named the team's MVP and in 1994 he received All-Big Ten honors in cross country while competing for the Illini. He also earned cross country Academic All-American honors from 1990 to 1994. He also earned NCAA Division I Regional honors in the 10,000m as a senior.



## Brian Bliese Cross Country Coordinator

Brian Bliese became the head coach of the Buccaneer Men's and Women's Track & Field squad at the beginning of the 2000 season. He is also the coordinator of the Buccaneer Cross

Country program.

Bliese came to Beloit College from Midwest Conference rival Carroll College, where he coached a combination of track, cross country and football teams during his 16-year tenure there. He served as head track coach for both the men and women, was the cross country coach in 1999 and the cross country coordinator before that, and was the offensive coordinator of the Pioneer football team through the 1998 season. Before Carroll, he coached track and football at Carthage College and coached football, women's volleyball, basketball and softball at his alma mater, Milton College. He also was the women's athletic director at Milton.

Bliese graduated from Milton College in 1976 after a successful career as a quarterback. During his senior season, Bliese led Milton to an undefeated and untied season, the only collegiate school in the nation to accomplish that feat in 1975.

Over the past 20 years, Bliese has coached over 30 All-Americans and four National Champions in Track & Field.

## 2011 Beloit College Rosters

### Women

Lauren Hall	Sr	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Elizabeth Peckham	Sr	Austin, Tex.
Melissa Fiegel	Jr	Glendale, Wis.
Kate Finman	Jr	Waukesha, Wis.
Molly Noyed	Jr	Wayzata, Minn.
Geneva Schulz-Welo	Jr	Madison, Wis.
Betsy Wynn	Jr	Whitefish Bay, Wis.
Karly Clippingier	Fr	Wales, Wis.
Margaret Cress	Fr	Gunnison, Colo.
Sara DeLong	Fr	Concord, Mass.
Karen Jones	Fr	Portage, Mich.
Jada Viner	Fr	Mt. Horeb, Wis.
Anna Wenzel	Fr	Tillamook, Ore.

### Men

Aaron Joiner	Sr	South, Beloit, Ill.
Steven White Jr.	Sr	Waukegan, Ill.
Jason Busack	Jr	Cottage Grove, Wis.
Stephen Heinz	Jr	Chicago, Ill.
Matthew McKay	Jr	Burlington, Vt.
Turner Smith	Jr	Forest Grove, Ore.
Quinn Crawford	So	Waterford, Wis.
Dan Gonzales	So	South Beloit, Ill.
Ethan Ley	So	Jaffrey, N.H.
Peter Siess	So	Amesbury, Mass.
Alexander Keesey	Fr	Beloit, Wis.
Joseph Skurski	Fr	Las Vegas, Nev.
Josh Smith	Fr	Downers Grove, Ill.

