Celebrating 100 Years: Proud Past. Bright Future.

Ball State is celebrating its 100th year! Centennial celebrations, which began in September, will continue until June, 2019. The Centennial celebration includes numerous on-campus events and a state-wide roadshow that will bring the celebration to communities across Indiana.

"A century ago, it was the generosity of the Ball brothers who provided the land for this institution, but it was the generosity of the people of Muncie that sustained and grew their vision to bring higher education to east central Indiana," President Geoffrey S. Mears said. "I am thankful for their efforts, and in the months to come, I look forward to embracing our Centennial events, projects, and activities with an abiding sense of gratitude for the women and men who founded this institution."

Our roots

Ball State's tradition of innovation and entrepreneurship is rooted in the late 19th Century, when Muncie business leaders envisioned a local college to help boost the city's development. Among the visionaries were Frank C. Ball and his brothers, young New York industrialists who moved to Muncie looking to expand their glass container business. In 1899, a small, private teacher training school has opened in Muncie. After the community's efforts to sustain the college failed, the Ball brothers purchased the land and buildings of the defunct institution and donated them to the State of Indiana. This gift became the Indiana State Normal School Eastern Division, which opened in 1918 to meet Indiana's need for more and better teachers.

In recognition of the Ball family's generosity, the Indiana General Assembly changed the school's name to Ball Teachers College in 1922 and then Ball State Teachers College in 1929. The winged statue Beneficence stands on the campus as a tribute to the family.

By the 1960s, the regional teachers college had begun to attract faculty from outside the Midwest, and students sought majors in areas such as business, architecture, and other emerging disciplines. Enrollment and funding surged with national trends, and new facilities and degree offerings were added.

In 1965, the Indiana General Assembly renamed the college Ball State University, acknowledging its phenomenal growth in enrollment and facilities, the variety and quality of its educational programs and services, and the anticipation of the broader role it would play in the state's future.

Building the Future

Today, Ball State's entrepreneurial spirit continues to shine through numerous expansions and additions of degree offerings, technological resources, immersive learning opportunities, community outreach projects, and state-of-the-art facilities. These investments are preparing bright students to take advantage of current and emerging job opportunities, meet society's most pressing needs, and serve the communities in which they will live and work.

Visit bsu.edu/strategicplan to learn about the plan that will guide us as we embark on our next hundred years.

Consider a Gift to the Parents Fund

The Ball State Foundation has a special impact on your student's university, and every student benefits from private support. The Parents Annual Fund is a philanthropic opportunity for parents and guardians to support our exceptional student programs, and faculty and academic initiatives. This year, gifts to the Parents Fund will support Late Nite programming, emergency aid, scholarships, and more. To make your donation, please visit bsu.edu/give.
Dates to Remember

November 21-25, Wednesday-Sunday
Thanksgiving recess – no classes

December 11-14, Tuesday-Friday
Final examination period

December 14, Friday
Fall semester ends

December 15, Saturday
Commencement
Residence halls close at 4 p.m.

December 15-January 6
Semester break

January 6, Sunday
Residence halls open at 9 a.m.

January 7, Monday
Spring semester classes begin

January 21, Monday
MLK Day recess – no classes
University offices closed

March 2-10
Spring Break – no classes
University offices open

For more events and key dates, visit bsu.edu/calendar.

New Book Profiles Ball State’s History

From its early days as a teacher-training school, to its status today as a leading public university, Ball State’s history is detailed in an exciting new book.

*Ball State University* is a part of the Campus History Series. It tells the University’s rich history through dozens of photos organized in six distinct eras.

The book, which is part of Ball State’s official Centennial Celebration, is the combined work of E. Bruce Geelhoed, history professor; Michael G. Szajewski, assistant dean for digital scholarship and special collections; and Brandon T. Pieczko, who served as digital archivist for manuscript collections at Ball State.

The book also includes background and photos about the four failed schools that came before the Ball family bought the property and helped establish a state-assisted public normal school in 1918.

“Looking back from the perspective of a century, it is easy to dismiss the failures of the four private normal schools from 1899 to 1917 as inconsequential to Ball State’s larger story,” the authors write in their introduction. “But enduring examples of the importance of these failures do exist.”

For example, Ball State’s oldest structure, now the Frank A. Bracken Administration Building, was constructed in 1899 and continues to be a campus focal point.

“Our plan was to tell Ball State’s history in a compelling, inclusive, and human-centered way that our many and diverse alumni could connect with,” Szajewski said. “Our work was greatly enriched by the many beautiful and engaging images taken by Ball State photographers over the years and by the excellent work done at Ball State University Libraries to preserve and digitize these historic photographs.”

The book, which includes a foreword by Ball State President Geoffrey S. Mearns, also documents momentous moments such as the 1937 dedication of the University’s iconic Beneficence statue, visits to campus by U.S. Presidents, world-famous artists, and noted civil rights leaders; and historic athletic achievements. *Ball State University* is available at the Ball State Bookstore or can be ordered at bsu.bncollege.com.
Ball State Goes Test-Optional

Ball State is Indiana’s largest and first four-year public university to become test-optional, meaning students may decide whether to provide SAT or ACT scores as part of the application.

Research shows public colleges across the country see a rise in applications, an increase in graduation rates, and more diversity within the student population when this policy is put into effect.

This positive change comes at a good time in Ball State’s future. Over the past two years the University has enrolled record-setting freshman classes in size, academic quality, and diversity.

“By becoming test-optional, we will become more attractive and accessible to students across the entire state of Indiana,” said Kay Bales, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services.

“If students feel their SAT or ACT test scores don’t represent their academic abilities and decide not to submit them, we’ll holistically consider their academic work and difficulty, extracurricular participation, and any applicant statements or recommendations,” said Bales. “Our goal at Ball State is to lead students to have successful careers and meaningful lives. This starts by making college education a possibility for more qualified students.”

Opting to not provide SAT or ACT scores will not count against applicants. Instead, it gives them the ability to decide how to most accurately portray their academic strengths when applying to Ball State.

Ball State adopted this approach to its admissions review process in August 2018 because it:

- recognizes the importance of GPAs and high school curricula as a predictor of long-term student success
- believes a test-optional policy will allow it to reach students who might not perform well on standardized tests but perform well in the classroom
- believes that standardized testing is not always the best indicator of a student’s potential for college success.

Get Your Ball State Centennial Wallpaper for Mobile Phones

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- iPhone 6, 6S, 7, and 8
- iPhone 6+, 6S+, 7+, and 8+
- iPhoneX
- Google Pixel
- Google Pixel XL and 2 XL
- LG G5
- Nexus 6P
- Samsung Galaxy Note 5
- Samsung Galaxy S7 and S7 Edge
- Samsung Galaxy S8 and S8+
- Samsung Galaxy S9 and S9+

Anyone applying to Ball State as an undergraduate student may choose not to provide test scores unless the student:

- was homeschooled
- attended a high school that does not provide grades

For more information, visit: bsu.edu/admissions/undergraduate.
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time of publication, is subject to change.

Ball State University practices equal opportunity
in education and employment and is strongly
and actively committed to diversity within
its community.
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We welcome your questions and comments
as we partner with you to ensure your
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experience at Ball State and beyond.
Email Katie Slabaugh, associate dean of
students/Title IX coordinator, at
kslabaugh@bsu.edu, call 765-285-1545,
or write to her at the Office of the Vice
President for Student Affairs and Enrollment
Services, Bracken Administration Building,
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Many of these offices can be reached using the University's
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always available at bsu.edu.