



2022 Report to Western District 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.

TRANSCENDING DISCIPLINARY BOUNDARIES

Faculty from Mennonite institutions of Higher Education in the U.S. and Canada came together May 26-27, 2022, for the Marpeck Deans Conference hosted by Bluffton. Sessions focused on how productive teaching, learning and research emerge through interdisciplinary approaches and curricula.

MULTIPLE “MESSIAH” PERFORMANCES

Bluffton held the 126th performance of Handel’s “Messiah” on Dec. 12, 2021, in Yoder Recital Hall. The performance featured soloists, orchestra and the Bluffton Choral Society. On April 10, 2022, Bluffton’s Masterworks Concert featured parts 2 and 3 of “Messiah.” The second performance was funded by the Krehbiel-Raid-Pankratz Music Endowment.

TOUR OF MENNONITE MIGRATIONS

President Jane Wood and Dr. Gerald Mast hosted a tour of Europe for Bluffton alumni and friends during the month of May 2022. Stops included Emmental Valley, Trachselwald Castle, Unterlinden Museum, Menno Simons monument and the meetinghouse of Witmarsum congregation. Bluffton is working toward offering alumni and friend tours on an every-other-year basis in the future, so keep an eye out for our next destination!

NEW CAMPUS PASTOR

Chalsi Campbell, a 2012 Bluffton graduate, is now serving as campus pastor. After studying religion and youth ministry in her undergrad, Campbell earned her master’s in theological studies from Conrad Grebel University College. Since then, she has worked in a range of church and teaching positions. As a Bluffton student, Campbell was instrumental in the creation of the university’s Prayer Labyrinth and served as Spiritual Life Week Coordinator.

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Save the date

**Voices Together art exhibit
at Bluffton University**

Jan. 11-Feb. 19, 2023,
Sauder Visual Arts Center

Exhibit includes 12 works of original
visual art by Mennonite artists included
in the new hymnal—Voices Together

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