



Samford University®

FAITH & LEARNING

A NATIONAL PILLAR FOR EDUCATING  
WITH STRENGTH AND PURPOSE SINCE 1841



A photograph of the Samford University Chapel, a large brick building with a prominent steeple, set against a blue sky with white clouds. The chapel is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-manicured lawn. In the foreground, there are out-of-focus pink and purple flowers. A black lamppost is visible on the left side of the frame.

# *Thrive at the intersection of* FAITH & LEARNING

**Welcome** to a place that celebrates what is great in you and helps you take it even further. Welcome to a community that believes in every bit of your potential. Welcome to Samford University.

At Samford, you'll learn how to strengthen your talents and delight in God's world. You'll learn how to use your gifts so that others may thrive. You'll do it all at a university rooted in faith and learning since 1841.





# 14 to 1

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

## WHAT DOES A 14:1 STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO MEAN FOR YOU?

At Samford, our 14:1 student-to-faculty ratio is more than a number. It's a promise that, when you step into a classroom, you matter. Whether you're in the front row or the back, in a lab or art studio, doing original research or performing music, gazing heavenward in the planetarium or competing in the gym, your professors challenge and support you.

At Samford, you'll meet professors like Darin White (Executive Director for Samford's Center for Sports Analytics), who has crafted business relationships with some of the most prestigious sports organizations in the world. Or Ahinee Amamoo (PhD, School of Public Health), who brings over 20 years of public health experience as a biostatistician and epidemiologist, and selflessly serves as a mentor to students. Or Professor Wink Winkler (Instructor of Digital Arts), who has over 15 years of industry experience in Games, Movies and TV, and brings real-world education to life through virtual arts by dedicating time and knowledge to his students. Our faculty know you. They listen to your hopes, pray with you and guide you at the intersection of faith and learning.



# LEARNING *that* STRENGTHENS

Your education at Samford gives you the depth and breadth of knowledge to navigate a changing world. Our comprehensive Core Curriculum grounds you and puts your learning into action. You can delight in great literature, discuss ethics in business and public health and connect to a legacy of Christian faith. Career preparation at Samford leads students to change the world for God's glory, and this is why *The Wall Street Journal* ranks us #8 in the nation for Career Preparation (2025).

## PREPARED TO LEAD

During his second year, Samford alumnus Bill Mouchette '23 asked his Professor Jeremy Thornton (associate dean, Brock School of Business) about career paths in economics.

Thornton, PhD, crafted a tailor-made independent study that helped Bill understand how economics can support real communities. Their wide-ranging conversations gave Bill the confidence to ask big questions about what faith calls him to do with knowledge.

These questions led Bill to groundbreaking research that earned him a grant from the American Enterprise Institute's Young Scholar Awards Program—one of only six awarded nationwide in 2022.

## STEPPING FORWARD

Since graduating, Bill began his career as a business development analyst before returning to his alma mater, where he is now pursuing a Juris Doctor at Samford's Cumberland School of Law.

#8

In the Nation for Career Preparation  
(*The Wall Street Journal*, 2025)



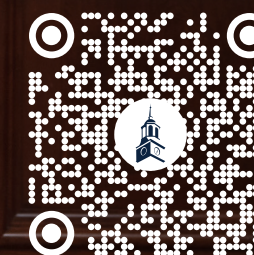
*Samford is what college is supposed to be. I was challenged not just to learn new ideas but to understand them. Here, we're invited to an education that calls us, in the words of Micah 6:8, 'to SEEK justice, LOVE mercy and WALK humbly.'*

**BILL MOUCHETTE '23**  
Economics and Finance



178

majors, minors  
and concentrations





# MENTORSHIP *that* TRANSFORMS

*Darin White, PhD, (executive director for Samford's Center for Sports Analytics) is pictured with students in the Brock School of Business Sports Analytics Lab.*



“Through mentorship, students not only navigate the COMPLEXITIES OF ACADEMIA with confidence but also develop life skills, create MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS with peers and faculty and ultimately transform their Samford experience into a journey of personal, spiritual and academic growth.”

DE'JANAE TOOKES, EdD  
Executive Director  
Office of Student Success

**At Samford, students like you find mentors in their professors, coaches, teammates and others across a campus where compassion and generosity are shared commitments.**

**19** Average class size, giving you personal access to faculty mentors

**Mentorship** at the intersection of faith and learning is deeply rooted in the university's mission to nurture intellect, creativity, faith and personhood. Whatever you major in, you'll encounter compassionate peers and faculty dedicated to your growth and development along the journey to success.

Faculty and staff members, like De'Janae Tookes, walk alongside students during their college years and beyond, encouraging them to become the best versions of themselves. Now, as a mentor to students, she cherishes the opportunity to pay it forward, helping others unlock their potential and achieve their goals.

Mentorship at Samford means opportunities for undergraduate research, meaningful internships and forged relationships with leaders in your field.

Most importantly, it exemplifies the deep connection between faith and learning. Students find a deeper connection to the Samford community and beyond through these valuable relationships during their time at Samford so they can go out and change their communities for God's glory.



# CARE *that* EMPOWERS

*No matter who you are, Samford provides ways for you to find loving support from faculty, staff and peers.*

**Samford CARES** connects students who are experiencing unusual stress or challenges with a variety of institutional resources including our University Counseling Services, Accessibility & Accommodations and the Academic Success Center.

**Student organizations** like the Student Government Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and International Club offer the care of compassionate communities.

**Resident Assistants** offer ongoing support and help you navigate on campus living and opportunities to connect with other students.



*My time at Samford has been so ENRICHING thanks to the community that close friends, professors and other campus resources have developed for me. No matter what background you have or where you are from, Samford provides this community FOR ANYONE WHO CHOOSES TO BE A BULLDOG.*

BLAKE ANDRES '27



Find out more about how we support and care for your well-being.



AT SAMFORD, you'll engage with faculty, student groups and endless initiatives that prioritize your physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.



*Samford is truly invested in the safety of everyone who calls campus home. When you come to campus, you feel that here."*

**TOMMY TAYLOR**

Chief of Police  
and Director of Public Safety  
and Emergency Management



## YOUR SAFETY

**At Samford,** we know that real learning begins when you are secure in your person and your purpose. Our Chief of Police, Tommy Taylor, knows it, too. Each morning, he walks campus, often stopping on his rounds to pray with students.

Guided by faith, he works tirelessly to ensure that Samford remains safe. Just like Chief Taylor, we are committed to making sure Samford is a place where you can live, worship and thrive with confidence.



# SPACES *built* FOR YOU

Brick by brick, we're expanding the foundation for community at Samford. From the moment you arrive on campus, you'll find intentional spaces that will help you grow your community and thrive at Samford—a Samford that was built for *you* to thrive at the intersection of faith and learning.

We are in the midst of a university master plan to expand the spaces that foster community for you. Located centrally on campus, each of these projects provides room to cultivate relationships with peers and grow academically, spiritually and emotionally, all within state-of-the-art facilities.

At the heart of these projects is a strong desire to see all Samford students flourish in the pursuit of health, happiness and knowledge. This collection of facilities will further equip our students to thrive in all that they do. The possibilities are endless at Samford.



*Explore these spaces.*

2023



RENOVATED UNIVERSITY CAFETERIA

2024



CAMPUS RECREATION, WELLNESS & ATHLETIC COMPLEX

2025



RESIDENCE HALLS AND PARKING

“

*Above all, this complex is a place FOR COMMUNITY. Obviously, students will use the equipment, but they'll have the opportunity to RUN INTO EACH OTHER, to ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER and to STUDY FOR AN EXAM between an intramural game. This is going to be a real hub in the West Campus area.”*

**BECK A. TAYLOR, PhD**  
Samford University President





# FAITH *that* ACTS

At Samford, we live out our faith in everything we do.

Faith shapes prayerful moments in chapel and shared song that uplifts others. Faith connects conversations about ethics in classrooms to leadership positions, where our alumni create real change. Faith invites us to the wisdom of the Gospels and to service projects as far away as Malaysia and as close as Birmingham.

Action strengthens our faith and spreads God's love. It builds community by showing us what we can achieve when we come together with a common purpose. It gives each of us the chance to grow as people and to become the leaders we are called to be. We learn to be leaders who work for the joy, safety and well-being of others and interact everywhere we go as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

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*For we are his workmanship,  
CREATED IN  
CHRIST JESUS  
for good works, which God  
prepared beforehand, that  
we should walk in them.”*

EPHESIANS 2:10

Abby Bradford '23 double-majored in Spanish and Christian Ministry. She is now pursuing a Master of Divinity at Samford's Beeson Divinity School.





COMMUNITY

*that*

INSPIRES



*The community at Samford is truly special. It's a place where students, faculty and staff come together with a SHARED BELIEF SYSTEM and a vision for the future. It gives me a HOME AWAY FROM HOME, one that encourages my faith and sets me on a firm foundation, while fostering ACADEMIC AMBITION."*

**RACHEL FUENTES '27**  
Law, Politics and Society



## A CAMPUS LIKE NO OTHER

**Intramural sports** offer exhilarating competition and the chance to discover new passions.

**Varsity athletics** rally us to cheer together for our 17 NCAA Division I teams. Our teams have brought home 87 Southern Conference championships since 2008.

**Greek life** includes 18 fraternities and sororities that serve and lead in the community.

**Student clubs** range from recreational organizations like Fishing Club and Run Club to professional organizations like Christian Pharmacists Fellowship.

**Traditions** define Samford's enduring legacy and bring us back together year after year, including our beloved Step Sing, where students across campus produce, direct and act in original stage performances.



100+

Student organizations where you build lasting connections

6,101

Students from 45 states, Puerto Rico and 16 countries

152

Spiritual life events

Samford's campus community offers you endless ways to get involved and grow as a leader.

As Rachel Fuentes entered her freshman year at Samford, she sought a thriving campus filled with uplifting community, Christ-centered education and academic programs that would allow her to pursue her passion for political science. Samford University checked all those boxes and more.

Upon arriving at Samford, Rachel wasn't sure what kind of community she would find. As an only child, she was nervous about sharing living space with a roommate, but little did she know that the girls

living in her residence hall would become some of her closest friends. In addition to finding lifelong friendships during her freshman year, she met professors who made the classroom setting exciting and encouraged curiosity through her studies.

Now, as a member of the Samford Equestrian team and Samford Recruitment Team, Rachel has gained a vibrant, supportive community that has fueled her personal and professional development. Find your people, passions and potential at Samford.





# ATHLETICS *that* EXCEL



## #2

In the Nation for Graduation Success  
Rate, NCAA Division I

## 87

Southern Conference Championships  
Since Joining in 2008

## 98%

NCAA Division I Graduation  
Success Rate

Samford fields 17 varsity sports—eight men’s and nine women’s teams—that participate at the NCAA Division I level in the Southern Conference. Ranked #1 in Alabama, Samford’s athletic teams earned a 98% Graduation Success Rate (GSR) by the NCAA and have been awarded the Commissioner’s and Germann Cups for athletic excellence two years in a row.



The Samford Men’s Basketball team  
celebrates their 2024 Southern  
Conference Championship victory.

## THE JOURNEY *to* MARCH MADNESS

**At Samford**, all 17 of our athletic programs embody a spirit of excellence, integrity and community and embrace the university’s commitment to both athletic success and academic achievement.

Samford athletics includes a variety of sports, ranging from baseball, basketball and track to soccer, volleyball and beyond. Each team is driven by passionate coaches and a dedication to representing Samford with pride and sportsmanship.

In 2024, the Men’s Basketball team achieved historic success, as they went 29-5 in the regular season and won the 2024 Southern Conference Championship. This victory led the Bulldogs to a bid in the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament.

The Bulldogs’ journey to March Madness was filled with excitement and support as the Samford and Birmingham community rallied behind them as they faced Kansas in the first round of the “Big Dance.” Experience excellence on and off the court at Samford.



# SERVICE *that* IGNITES

**Every aspect of service**—from planning to travel to walking alongside others—brings Christ’s love to those around you. Matthew Grigg ’23 built meaningful connections in Malaysia through Samford’s Global Missions Scholars program. Helping run a sports camp for refugee children, Matthew learned of the daily challenges in their lives.

Through Samford, you can work for the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, equip young people to change their communities with YouthServe, help restore the Black Warrior River, nourish the hungry and help shelter the homeless through countless partnerships and much more. With Samford, you can ignite the faith of others wherever you go.

110+

Partnerships with service organizations allowing Samford students to give back to our community





# EXPERIENCES *that* AWAKEN



*Can a university in Birmingham, Alabama, impact the entire world? It can, and it is! I cannot rave more about my semester in London at the Daniel House. Samford HANDCRAFTS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE for every student.”*

**L.E. ACUFF ‘26**  
Accounting

99%

of students participate in a high-impact practice, such as studying abroad or presenting original research at the Samford Student Research Colloquia

At Samford, you’ll find powerful experiences that take you beyond the classroom and begin your career even before you graduate.

## CAMPUS CAREER PREPARATION

**Right on campus**, you can design original research projects that deepen your understanding and better the world. Prepare for a career in law, government or business through our Prelaw Scholars program. Practice crucial skills in health care at the Experiential Learning and Simulation Center. Hone your talents on stage and in our recording and art studios.

## LONDON, COSTA RICA AND BEYOND

**The flagship of Samford Abroad is the Daniel House**, a five-story home in central London. Celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2024, countless students have called the Daniel House home, engaging in life-changing experiences of living, working and studying abroad. Building on that tradition, Samford recently opened Finca de Samford, a 14-acre study center in Costa Rica that offers immersive opportunities in language, culture and service. With programs everywhere from Belfast to Paris to Hong Kong, Samford Abroad provides transformative experiences that broaden horizons and prepare students for meaningful careers.

## GENERATIONAL EXPERIENCES


**Jenny Acuff ‘99 and L.E. Acuff ‘26** both experienced the opportunity of a lifetime to study abroad in London at the Daniel House during their time at Samford. L.E. felt fortunate to embark on a similar journey as her mother, Jenny, who participated in the same program 25 years prior. Jenny, reminiscing on her own time at the Daniel House, noted the similarities between her experience and her daughter’s: They both navigated a whole new world of systems, grew academically and engaged in countless adventures during their time in London.



*The Daniel House is the CROWN JEWEL OF SAMFORD, and I am blessed that 25 years later, it is still shining.”*

**JENNY ACUFF ‘99**  
Mother of L.E. Acuff



An aerial photograph of the Samford University campus during the "golden hour" of sunset. The warm, orange light of the setting sun bathes the entire scene, creating a soft glow over the historic brick buildings and the surrounding green hills. In the foreground, a prominent clock tower with a white stone facade and a green copper dome stands out. The tower has two large clock faces and is topped with a weather vane. Other campus buildings with red brick roofs and white-trimmed windows are visible in the mid-ground. The background shows rolling hills covered in trees with some autumn-colored foliage. The overall mood is peaceful and inspiring.

## WHAT DOES #8 IN THE NATION FOR CAREER PREPARATION MEAN FOR YOU?

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY is ranked #8 of all colleges and universities in the United States for the quality of career preparation provided to its students, according to *The Wall Street Journal* (2025). This ranking affirms what alumni and current students already know—a Samford education excels in preparing students for the future.

At Samford, career preparation means even more. It means having faculty who are tireless in their loving support as you grow into the person you're meant to be. It's in every moment that reminds you your passion can lead to greatness. It means 97% of graduates are either employed, continuing their education in graduate school or in post-graduation internships upon graduation. That uncommonly high success rate is a measure of our commitment to nurturing you to your full potential.

Samford alumni have served as CEOs and Supreme Court Justices. They have succeeded as bestselling authors, Grammy Award-winning musicians, leaders in health care, nationally ranked athletes and so much more. Samford's legacy of support means that we never lose focus on what really matters—your purpose, your faith and your gifts.



# ACHIEVEMENTS *that* ENDURE

Since 1841, Samford has propelled its graduates to career success of all kinds. For Dulce Rivera '17, both the classroom and the community she built through student organizations at Samford prepared her for leadership roles such as CEO at Mi Pueblo Supermarket and chair for Fiesta BHAM, Alabama's largest celebration of Hispanic heritage.

**Dulce Rivera's journey to Samford** wasn't just about pursuing higher education; it was about navigating familial expectations, overcoming self-doubt and discovering her own path to success. Through her time at Samford, Dulce emerged not only as a successful professional but also as someone who cherishes the lessons learned and relationships formed along the way.

Now, as an alumna, Dulce is the CEO of Birmingham-based Mi Pueblo Supermarket. Over the last 19 years, this family-owned business has become a staple in Birmingham and a leader in the local Hispanic community. Dulce was also recently inducted in the 40th class of *Birmingham Business Journal's* "Top 40 Under 40."

Dulce's story serves as a testament to the transformative power of Christ-centered education and the profound impact of supportive communities in overcoming challenges and realizing one's potential.

Whatever your path, Samford offers you enduring relationships, a grounding in faith and unshakeable learning that lead you toward accomplishments that last.

## 57,000+

Alumni shaping the world through their lives and careers



SAMFORD HAS SHAPED ME *into the professional I am now. The level of commitment that professors have for their students is* REMARKABLE. *They taught me to listen because there is always something to learn from everyone but also to seek help when you need it."*

**DULCE RIVERA '17**

**CEO, Mi Pueblo Supermarket**





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