

GREGORIAN FELLOWS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Named for St. Gregory the Great, the first Benedictine to become pope, the Gregorian Fellows leadership program is a unique educational opportunity for students to advance Catholic culture on campus and in the world. The purpose of the Gregorian Fellows leadership program is to graduate students of character and competence who are committed to greatness. The Gregorian Fellows program provides students with a way to grow in knowledge, love for learning, and skills that will serve them well in preparing for graduate school or a career. The offerings of the program consist of both academically themed components, such as the Fellows Forums, retreats, and Distinguished Speaker series, and also practical components, such as oral presentation skills, persuasive writing, and team management.

Mission

The Gregorian Fellows Leadership Program at Benedictine College promotes Catholic identity in public life by equipping current Catholic leaders with the principles of Catholic identity in their field and by forming a new generation of Catholic leaders who unite faith and reason in their work.

Objectives

1. To effect a transformation of individuals through intellectual, personal, and spiritual formation
2. To inspire future leadership of self and others through individual reflection, discussion of enduring questions using classic and contemporary works, and experiential learning
3. To contribute to the renewal of Catholic culture and freedom of religious expression in America through leadership in student, community, civic, and ecclesial organizations
4. To disseminate the distinctive charism of Benedictine spirituality by providing a more in-depth education in this religious tradition
5. To support the future life and work of the Church, by fostering a deeper commitment to the Roman Catholic faith and to campus/parish communities

Highlights

- **Retreat:** Gregorian Fellows take part in a Fellows-only retreat that consists of academic and practical components.
- **Presidential Roundtable:** Gregorian Fellows meet with the President of the College for luncheon discussions of key issues of the day and their role in shaping American culture.
- **Campus Involvement:** Gregorian Fellows are required to join a campus club or organization for the year to both observe peer leadership and to serve an active role on campus or in the community.
- **Fellows Forum:** Gregorian Fellows meet at a monthly gathering of Fellows and a facilitator at which participants will discuss classic and contemporary texts that shed light on enduring questions and significant aspects of the human experience.
- **Fellows Workshops:** Gregorian Fellows learn specific competencies to assist them in their effectiveness as leaders in society and for the Church.
- **Discovery Research Project:** Gregorian Fellows attend Discovery Day to be exposed to peer research and observe and critique oral

forms of communication. Later in the program, Fellows conduct their own collaborative research project through the Discovery Program, Benedictine College's undergraduate research opportunity.

- **Gregorian Scholarship:** Gregorian Fellows receive a \$2,000 scholarship after their Freshman year that can be spent on any approved educational endeavor.
- **Distinguished Speaker Series:** Gregorian Fellows attend on-campus lectures delivered by accomplished scholars and leaders who are experts in their fields or organizations.
- **Summoning the Fellows for Counsel:** Gregorian Fellows exclusively meet and converse with the distinguished speakers to delve deeper into the presenter's topic or area of expertise.

Website: <https://www.benedictine.edu/academics/programs-distinction/gregorian>

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