

# BETHEL UNIVERSITY

8 NCAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES • 5 MIAC TITLES • 2 NCAA WEST REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS

## ROYALS FOOTBALL

### WHY CHOOSE BETHEL UNIVERSITY

#### LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE



**Kirby Carr: 2006 MIAC Most Valuable Player**

"I've often tried to explain my experience at Bethel and particularly my involvement with Bethel football. Many people can relate to playing football and others to forging life-long relationships. Few, however, can understand what me, my teammates, and other Bethel football players have enjoyed and experienced during four short years of practices, games, and everyday campus life. Many of my high school friends that went on to play football at other colleges would tell me how much they dreaded practices and were actually happy once the season was over. Practice was the highlight of my day and when the season ended it left a pit in your stomach simply

because you knew you wouldn't spend those few hours everyday with your buddies."

**Andy Birdsong: Basketball Operations - San Antonio Spurs, National Basketball Association**

"Bethel is a place where mentoring the heart and building up rock solid character is at a premium. It is a place where you come to compete, but you also come to grow in who you are. I owe A LOT of who I am today to the coaches that I had at Bethel. They taught me technical skill but they also taught me what it means to be a man of God. At Bethel you have the unique opportunity to daily pursue an education, a storied and successful athletic career, as well as an intimate pursuit of Christ. Often times people say that Christians are soft or that Jesus is a crutch to their abilities on the court or on the field. I contend the exact opposite, that because of Him we are strong and are called to compete at the highest level of our abilities. It is our gift and purpose to bring glory to His name and nothing does that more than developing your talents into excellence. At Bethel this is possible. It won't be easy and it's not supposed to be; through great challenge and struggle comes great reward. You have to willingly give your heart to something knowing in the end that it will get broken, but the journey outweighs the outcome a lot of times and the pursuit of excellence with a group of people that you genuinely care for is one of life's greatest gifts.

**Chris Meidt: Former College and NFL Assistant Coach/Business Executive**

"Bethel helped prepare me in mind, body and spirit to take on the challenges of Christian life. After 25 years of marriage, six family moves, coaching football at all levels, working for the largest company in the world, and now returning to Minnesota to run a small company, the lessons I learned playing and coaching football at Bethel have been instrumental in creating my core values that have carried me and my family throughout our journey."



**Ben Wetzell: 2007 MIAC Most Valuable Player**

"Matthew 7:24-25 tells us that a wise builder chooses solid rock as his foundation to help weather the storms that come. When I chose to attend Bethel, I was choosing to take the first steps towards building that foundation. What I experienced over the course of my years at Bethel was a continuation of building this foundation on solid rock for my role as a husband and father, as well as my career. Bethel offers an amazing opportunity to be surrounded by a strong community built on the love of Christ while developing and preparing yourself for your future. Being a part of the football program was frosting on the cake. Roommates, teammates, coaches and professors continually pushed me to make me a better person and prepare me for the road ahead. One of Coach J's famous quotes is 'give yourself away.' By doing this at Bethel as a football player, student and peer, you will come away from Bethel with a solid foundation that cannot be sunk...and have a lot of fun doing it!"

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