

# BETHEL UNIVERSITY

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

## ROYALS FOOTBALL

### WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A COLLEGE

As a senior football player you are embarking on one of the most meaningful seasons of your life. You have invested much into your team and teammates. This year, whether your record is good or bad, better or worse than you expect, it will be memorable.

Your leadership skills will be put to the test. Challenge yourself to serve your teammates by being fully prepared and never tire of doing what's right and good. It's amazing what can be accomplished when nobody cares who gets the credit!

As you enter your senior season, the recruiting process will become more intense. Watch and listen - make sure you see evidence of what a coach, recruiter or admissions counselor tells you!

It is imperative that you know what to look for as you search for a school. We believe that your college decision is one of the most important decisions in your life - so use wisdom and discernment as you search and base your decision on factors that have lasting value (relationships, culture), not on things that fade (uniforms, etc.). This is much more than a four-year decision. It is a lifetime decision. Use the three areas below to serve as a template for your search.



**1. Academics:** Find a challenging school that offers the program you are interested in. Bethel offers over 100 areas of study, many of which are among the top in the nation. 85% of our students graduate in four years (national average is 40%) and 97% of our graduating seniors have fulltime employment within three months of graduation.

**2. Athletics:** Play at the highest level of football where you will see the field. Realistically evaluate where you fit. Things to consider as you look at colleges are: What needs does the team have regarding the position I play? Does the team win? Bethel, a five-time MIAC champion, has had 23 consecutive winning seasons - the most in the MIAC. During that time, Bethel has advanced to the NCAA playoffs eight times and has won two region championships.

**3. Atmosphere:** THE BIGGEST! We believe that who you go to school with is more important than where, because who you go to college with will mark you life. Look for a culture that displays toughness, joy, and a devotion to one another. This will have a major impact on your life as a husband, dad, professional, and community member. At Bethel you will be surrounded by a Christ-centered community that is intentional about loving you through encouragement and accountability. The foundation of the Bethel football program is based on the core values of having gratefulness in all things, toughness in discipline, and being devoted to our teammates and the King.

Make a mark on your team this year as a player and a man. Let winning take care of itself by preparing well, leading well, and playing well!

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