

BETHEL UNIVERSITY

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

ROYALS FOOTBALL

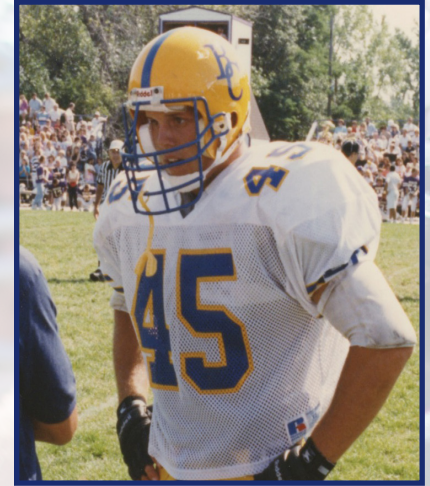
PERSPECTIVES ON BETHEL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

Jon Eliason

Bethel Linebacker: 1989-91

**Career: S. Martin Lindenauer Collegiate Professor of Vascular Surgery
Co-Director, Frankel Cardiovascular Center Multidisciplinary Aortic Program,
University of Michigan**

Eliason, an All-MIAC linebacker, was an instrumental player in Bethel becoming a successful football program. After graduating with a degree in biology, Eliason has gone on to a distinguished medical career. After getting his medical degree from the University of Minnesota, he completed his general surgery residency at Vanderbilt University which was followed by a two-year Vascular Surgery Fellowship at the University of Michigan. During this time, he was also in the United States Air Force and served as a staff surgeon at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and was deployed to Balad, Iraq as a vascular surgeon. Upon completing his time in the Air Force, he began in his current position at the University of Michigan.



Why did I choose Bethel?

I came to Bethel as a sophomore transfer student-athlete from an NCAA Division II program in California. I still wanted to play a high level of football, but I knew I needed more in the way of spiritual comradery. I also desired a pre-med track, and this was more solidified at Bethel.

What is special/set Bethel apart?

I was familiar with Bethel as my parents were alumni. Bethel exceeded my expectations and offered a unique blend of outstanding Christian liberal arts education, excellent class offerings in the sciences, an established pre-med track, and high-quality athletics with like-minded Christian young men.

How did Bethel prepare me for my current career?

Bethel provided a wonderful foundation for my career as an academic vascular surgeon. It helped me establish an ethic of working hard as unto the Lord. This was true both on the football field and in the biology labs. I felt well prepared for medical school and the subsequent long training path. Most of all, my time at Bethel helped me realize that I needed Christ to be the center of my life in ALL I do.

Highlights of our Science (Biology/Chemistry) Program which Jon Eliason:

- Medical School placement rate above 90% (national average is 35%)
- 45 biology students in the last decade have received scholarships for summer research projects including Research Experience for Undergraduate awards, providing a huge advantage for students competing for graduate admission and scholarships
- Over 70 biology graduates have been accepted into health-related professional schools over the past 3 years

Highlights of our academic programs are:

- 85% four-year graduation rate (national average is 40%)
- 7th nationally in study abroad programs
- Ranked in the Top 50 "Smartest Colleges in America." Bethel joined other elite academic institutions such as MIT, Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Stanford and Duke
- 12:1 student to faculty ratio
- 96% job/graduate school placement within six months of graduation
- Factoring in total cost of education and alumni earnings, Payscale.com ranked Bethel #2 among all private schools in Minnesota for the return on your investment
- 93% of business students are employed within three months of graduation (90% employed in their direct field of study)

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