

# BRYN ATHYN COLLEGE

## 2015-16 Brief Review

### Program Developments

#### Education Major:

State Certification for Early Childhood and Special Education

- Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has approved Bryn Athyn College's application for State Certification in Early Childhood Education (includes pre-kindergarten through the fourth grade). First time the College is certified with this credential. The College had also submitted a certification request to PDE for Special Education which is still under review.
- Development of a Master Program in Literacy and Special Education

**Data Sciences Minor:** The data sciences minor combines mathematical, computer science, and business applications to prepare students to interpret real world data and information. Students learn how to work with databases, gather and analyze data, create and interpret models, and optimize results.

**Building Arts Associate Degree:** the program is open to students of any level of experience. This is a 2-year professional program that emphasizes hands-on studio courses taken in conjunction with the core liberal arts program at Bryn Athyn College. The focus is on forging and stained glass.

**Sherri Cooper Research Fund:** honors the vision and legacy of Dr. Sherri Cooper by supporting undergraduate science research at BAC. The fund focuses on 3 areas: support for undergraduate students engaged with science projects, support for faculty members mentoring students or leading projects, and support for research expenses.



### Infrastructure

**New Dormitories:** The most recent additions to Bryn Athyn College's eye-catching campus are two new residence halls that will house first-year students starting fall 2016. The new buildings have just received their names- Cooper and Goodenough, in honor of two former professors who have left lasting impressions on their colleagues and the students they taught. There will be a dedication ceremony taking place over Charter Day.



**New Turf Field:** BAC is excited to break ground on a new turf field at the end of September. The turf field will not only benefit the athletic department, but also the college community as a whole including the physical education department, intramurals, club sports, etc. Construction is expected to be completed by November and will be ready in time for the men's and women's lacrosse preseason.

**Alumni Office:** Amanda Lichtenstein has joined the college as the new alumni relations manager. Amanda has been connecting with many alumni and is planning many events and communications for this coming academic year.



## Advancing the Mission

**Dr. Moody Event - Final Words Study:** On September 19th, Bryn Athyn College hosted a riveting discussion highlighting Dr. Raymond Moody, a renowned physician, psychologist, philosopher, and author who coined the term “near-death experience.” The focus was on the study of end-of-life communicative behavior, and what it all means.

**Swedenborg Foundation - “Left Eye Team” moving to Campus:** The Swedenborg Foundation’s offTheLeftEye YouTube channel, which features the weekly webcast *Swedenborg and Life*, will be moving their production team to the BAC campus. They will also be providing opportunities for BAC students to intern with the team.

**BAC TV - Chapel talks, Speaker Series, Town Hall Meetings:** In the coming academic year, the alumni office plans to continue offering a number of alumni events, including the Chapel & Chat series—which invites alumni to attend a College Chapel service and stay for conversation with fellow alumni and College staff. And a Distinguished Speaker Series—which brings outstanding alumni and friends of the College to speak to students and alumni regarding pertinent topics.



**Swedenborg and the Arts Conference:** This international conference explores the substantial influence on artistic culture and aesthetics made by Emanuel Swedenborg. In what will be the first gathering of its kind, we are inviting scholars who work in religious studies, literature and literary theory, art history and visual culture, the history of ideas, and other cognates in the humanities for paper proposals that would situate Swedenborg’s place in the history of the arts, broadly-defined.

**Chaplain Program for Athletic Teams:** A team chaplain is a college community volunteer who possess both an understanding of Bryn Athyn College’s mission and values as well as a desire to be more involved with student life. Team chaplains accompany student athletes during their journey at BAC by modeling core values, like respect, integrity, and teamwork. We piloted the program with men’s ice hockey this past year and we will slowly add chaplains to programs as the year comes.



## This New Academic Year

**Enrollment - Continuous Growth:** BAC continues to grow! The Admissions department is excited to be working on recruiting for Fall 2017. Bryn Athyn College’s total enrollment will reach over 300 this year. Our admissions team is maintaining the work of recruiting and admitting quality students who embody a strong academic profile.

**Academic program expansion:** BAC is expanding its program offerings, adding the Data Sciences minor, the Building Arts AA, and now providing a state certification for Early Childhood Education.

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