

# THE PILOT SPIRIT

The glass-front cases in the lobby of the Wiekamp Athletic Center are filled with trophies—from national and conference championships, post-season play, tournament titles, and individual coach and athlete honors awarded over 45 years of Bethel College athletics.

But one award that is the culmination of the prevailing spirit of the Pilots came in 2004 with the Sports Ministries Award recognizing Bethel as the nation's top school in sports ministry. Presented by the National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association, the award honors the program that most exemplifies spiritual outreach through athletic ministries.

“Giving back to the community and the world is a large part of our mission,” says Bethel Director of Athletic Development Mike Lightfoot. “God has blessed our athletic teams and the work they do in so many ways. It is our responsibility to continue to use athletics as a tool to help those in need.”



At Bethel, it really is about the spirit of the game.

# UNITY AND GROWTH

The same spirit that launched Bethel's intercollegiate program in 1958 with one team is now 16 sports strong with more than 280 student-athletes. With support from the college, commitment of coaches and dedication of student-athletes, Bethel athletics has charted a course from a fledgling program to one of national prominence. The true spirit that binds Bethel athletes is their devotion to sport and learning, faith in God and commitment to serving the larger world around them. This spirit has guided the Pilots to:

- More than 20 team sport national championships
- More than 60 individual sport national championships
- Over 20 national Coach of the Year awards
- Over 200 Academic All-Americans
- Over 400 All-Americans
- More than 30 mission trips



## BETHEL COLLEGE PILOT CLUB

Our growing program needs your support to sustain it. Stewardship from those who share our mission is vital to the success of Bethel athletics. Financial gifts comprise a large portion of the athletic department's overall budget and support team travel, equipment, training and facilities. We invite you to join the true spirit of Bethel athletics through membership in the Pilot Club. Through your gift, you are making a difference in the lives of students who want to make a difference as well. Gifts may be designated to a specific men's or women's sport, to a student-trainer program, or to the general athletic fund to be used where it is needed most.

We ask you to consider enlistment at one of the following levels.

# CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

### CAPTAIN \$1,000

Members receive team newsletters, sport media guides, recognition on the sport program patron list and a Pilot Club plaque. They are a guest of honor at the annual athletic appreciation dinner and serve as honorary coach at a Pilot athletic event. Additionally, donors at this level receive four all-sport season tickets and a Pilot Club shirt, which is presented by a Bethel College student-athlete.

### COMMANDER \$500

Members receive team newsletters, sport media guides, recognition on the sport program patron list and a Pilot Club certificate. They are a guest of honor at the annual athletic appreciation dinner and a half-time guest on the Regional Sports Network radio show. Donors at this level also receive two all-sport season tickets and a Pilot Club shirt, which is presented by a Bethel College student-athlete.

### FIRST MATE \$250

Members receive team newsletters, sport media guides, recognition on the sport program patron list, are a guest of honor at the annual athletic appreciation dinner and receive a Pilot Club shirt. They are also named as an underwriter on a Bethel College radio broadcast.

### NAVIGATOR \$150

Members receive sport media guides and a Pilot Club shirt and are recognized on the sports program patron list.

### BLUE AND WHITE \$50

Members are recognized in sport media guides and are listed in the annual athletic appreciation dinner program.

Does your employer match your gift? More than 1,500 employers match contributions made by their employees to a college or university. To find out if your company participates, go online to [http://www.case.org/new\\_company\\_search](http://www.case.org/new_company_search)

# PILOT CLUB CONTRIBUTION CARD

*I/We accept the invitation to become a member of the **BETHEL COLLEGE PILOT CLUB** and will assume the challenge of joining with the college in making a significant contribution to quality athletic programs and higher education.*

*I/We wish to become a member at the level of participation indicated below:*

- CAPTAIN**  
*a minimum of \$1,000 annually*
- COMMANDER**  
*a minimum of \$500 annually*
- FIRST MATE**  
*a minimum of \$250 annually*
- NAVIGATOR**  
*a minimum of \$150 annually*
- BLUE AND WHITE**  
*a minimum of \$50 annually*
- OTHER**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Credit Card     MasterCard     Visa     Discover

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expir. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_    CCV Code \_\_\_\_\_  
*(last three numbers on signature side)*

*Please make checks payable to Bethel College Pilot Club.*

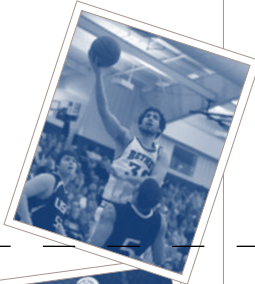


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## WHAT OUR ATHLETES ARE SAYING ABOUT BETHEL...

*Bethel has helped me to grow spiritually, to realize that there is more to life than my needs and wants, and to develop lifelong friendships. The student body has been incredibly supportive and has helped me deal with tough games and seasons.*

—Mark Lettinga, basketball



*When I came to Bethel, I expected to play a lot of tennis and to learn a lot about the sport. What I didn't expect was a tightly knit team that enjoys each other on and off the court. These are friends that I've made for life.*



*We work hard, but we know the struggle is worth it—through sweat, blood and injuries, we have grown closer and learned more about each other.*

—Bree Oles, tennis

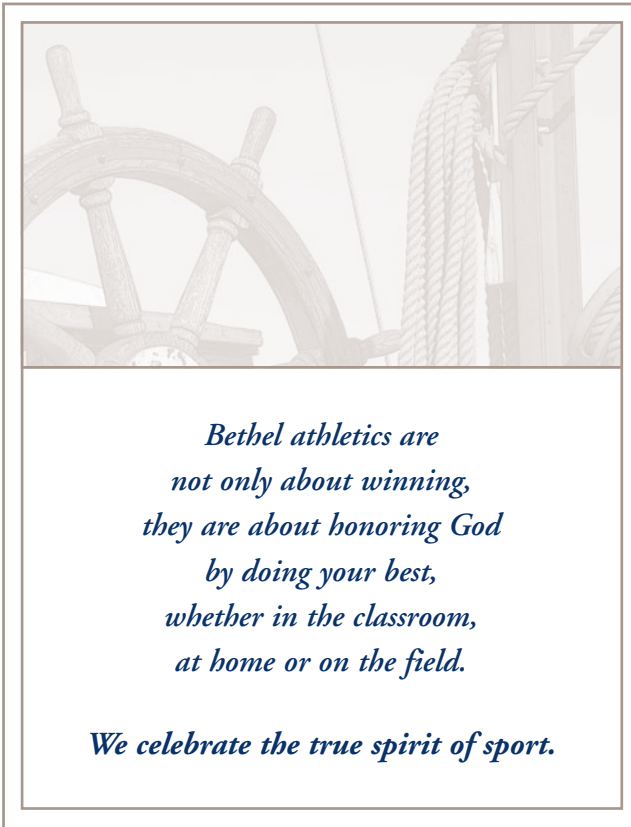
*Being on a sports team has helped me learn to discipline myself in many areas of life. I have been challenged academically, spiritually and socially. In addition, I really enjoy the community atmosphere at Bethel. The student body is friendly and we all know everyone.*

—Danielle Phipps, soccer



*I have grown a lot spiritually by being a part of the women's basketball team. I love the family atmosphere here at Bethel. Our coaches are Christian role models for us, and our team unity has been incredible!*

—Abby Noll, basketball



*Bethel athletics are not only about winning, they are about honoring God by doing your best, whether in the classroom, at home or on the field.*

***We celebrate the true spirit of sport.***

*"I thought I was going to a college to play sports and get an education. What I received was far greater. When I graduated, I left as part of the 'Bethel family' with the personal discipline I use everyday. More importantly I left with a greater walk with the Lord that will sustain me everyday as I continue to live my life for Him."*

*Eric Stults '02  
Pitcher  
Los Angeles Dodgers*



*Bethel College has really impacted my life. There is a feeling during chapel that is extremely difficult to explain; the atmosphere is one of a kind. I have grown spiritually and the people here are very special. The friendships I have acquired will definitely be forever, and the times I've shared with friends will never be forgotten.*

—Jon Zeser, basketball

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FORWARD, WITH CHRIST AT THE HELM  
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