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I. Bethany College's Mission Statement

Teaching and learning form the mission of Bethany College. Central to this is providing a liberal arts education for students, including the preparation of professionals, in an atmosphere of study, work, and service.

II. Goals of Bethany College

In its original charter, the mission of Bethany College was “the instruction of youth in the various branches of science and literature, the useful arts and the learned and foreign languages.”

Bethany College continues to follow its mission to educate effective, honorable, humane, and intelligent citizens who believe in and will promote the creation of a world of worth and value, integrating critical reason with the convictions of faith, personal accomplishment with ethical responsibility, and individual development with service to others.

III. Alcohol and Other Drug Education, Intervention and Prevention

Bethany College Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) education, intervention, and prevention programs continue to be developed, implemented, and coordinated through the efforts of the Office of Student Life and the Office of Student Health Services (Bethany College Wellness Center). The Campus Counselor and all members of the College Wellness Center team are members of the West Virginia Statewide Collegiate Initiative (WVCIA). The WVCIA is an organization that proactively addresses alcohol, other drugs, and associated violence issues at the college level. AOD efforts continue to focus on the following strategies:

1. Education

The Office of Student Life, including Residence Life, Resident Assistants (RAs), Student Health, and Counseling Services disseminates AOD information to students through the use of presentations and awareness events. Target populations continue to include first year students, Greek-affiliated students, on-campus residents, and athletes. Students are taught alcohol and drug facts, as well as issues associated with substance abuse, during Incoming Student Orientation, Resident Hall programs, and special programs throughout the school year.

2. Intervention

The Office of Student Life and Counseling Services provides intervention to students that are sanctioned by the Director of Student Conduct for violations of the Bethany College Student Code of Conduct. The Office of Student Life uses a program titled Alcohol 101+, which is designed to help students make responsible decisions about alcohol use.

Students sanctioned by the Office of Student Life (by and through the Director of Student Conduct) for violations of the College's alcohol policies are required to complete the Alcohol 101+ class and/or are referred to counseling for assessment and possible intervention. The Director of Student Conduct also provides intervention to students that have been cited for marijuana on campus or have been found in violation of the College's illegal drug policies. Students sanctioned by the Office of Student Life for marijuana violations are referred to Student Counseling Services. The Counseling Center also provides referral services for students who need more intensive services with a Certified Addiction Counselor or inpatient services.

Further, if intervention is necessary, the College's Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) may conduct an individualized threat and risk assessment of the student, in order to determine what level of intervention or threat management plan, if any, is necessary.

3. Prevention

Bethany College uses environmental management strategies, as recommended by the US Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention.

4. Assessment

The College administers the Higher Education Arts Data Services (HEADS) Survey every two years. This survey contains questions and data relating to alcohol and other drugs. The HEADS Survey supports the health of the campus community by fulfilling the academic mission, supporting short and long term healthy behaviors, and gaining a current profile of health trends within the campus community.

Several West Virginia Colleges and Universities that belong to the WVCIA participate in the assessment to collect statewide and national data. With the data collected, Bethany College will be able to better serve students with effective education and awareness programs.

Further in Fall 2024, Student Health Services completed an assessment of the campus's current AOD culture by issuing a Bethany College Drug and Alcohol Usage Survey to all of campus. This survey provided the College with insight into current student habits. This will allow the College to better tailor prevention and education programs to meet the needs of current students.

5. Promote Alcohol-Free Social, Recreational, and Public Service Options

The Student Activities Council and Office of Student Life promote a calendar with healthy and alcohol-free recreational and social activities. In addition, many academic departments sponsor events that provide students a variety of AOD free options.

The Student Activities Council also provides opportunities for community-based volunteerism at local non-profit organizations.

6. Create a Health-Promoting Normative Environment

Bethany College supports healthy promotion campaigns to encourage students, faculty, and staff to lead healthy lifestyles. Students are prohibited to possess liquor on campus. Individuals 21 and over may possess a very limited amount of beer or wine and must adhere to strict guidelines. All on-campus housing designated as “First-Year Student Housing” is alcohol free.

7. Limit Alcohol Availability

Bethany College caters very few functions where alcohol is served. At those functions, identification is checked and only individuals 21 and over may drink. A limit is set on how many drinks a student may consume. There is no alcohol served to underage students on campus and there are consequences to students who do not abide by the Bethany College Alcohol and Drug Policy.

8. Restrict the Marketing and Promotion of Alcoholic Beverages On-Campus

Bethany College does not sell, market, or promote alcoholic beverages on campus.

9. Increase the Development and Enforcement of Campus Policies and State and Local Laws:

Campus Public Safety and Bethany Police arrest, cite, and/or report any person evidencing underage alcohol use or intoxication.

Residence Assistants also help in the enforcement of Bethany College’s Alcohol and Drug Policy by reporting underage consumption and the use of illegal drugs in the residence halls to Campus Public Safety and the Office of Student Life. Through the Director of Student Conduct, students who are found to have violated the Alcohol and Drug Policy are sanctioned accordingly. Sanctioned students must follow through with recommendations, such as alcohol or other drug education, counseling, paying fines, and/or other educational sanctions.

Bethany College distributes information regarding its AOD use policy, sanctions, and referral resources to students by having it listed online throughout each academic year. AOD policies are printed in the Student Life Policy Manual and discussed at each orientation session for new students. The College’s policy also provides for the enforcement of local, state, and federal laws. In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Compliance Act (DFSCA), the policy and AOD information is easily accessible online via the [College’s Student Right to Know page](#).

IV. Bethany College Alcohol and Drug Policy

Excerpt from [Policy Manual Volume 7.1 \(A\) – Alcohol and Drug Policy](#):

“Bethany College complies with federal, state, and local laws that regulate the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances. The College also complies with the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988 and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1998. The following activities, among others as detailed in the Bethany College Policy Manual Volume 7 – Student Life Policy, are prohibited on College premises or at College sponsored activities:

- a. Distributing, possessing, or using any illegal drug or controlled substance;
- b. Providing alcoholic beverages to individuals under 21 years of age or possessing alcoholic beverages by individuals under 21 years of age; and
- c. Illegally possessing an open container of alcoholic beverage, public intoxication, driving while intoxicated, or under the influence of illegal drugs or controlled substances, and drinking alcoholic beverages in an unlicensed public place.

Every Bethany student hereby agrees to abide by the policies and standards of the College as defined by the most current edition of the Policy Manual Volume 1 – Student Code of Conduct. Moreover, Bethany College and the Town of Bethany have policies that specify compliance with WV State Law. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to possess or consume alcoholic beverages; it is illegal to knowingly provide alcoholic beverages to anyone under the age of 21; and, it is illegal for anyone of any age to possess, use, or distribute illicit drugs.

Since the primary objective of Bethany College is to contribute to the growth and development of students, the College strives to maintain an environment free from conditions that may hinder that development. The use or misuse of alcohol often inhibits a student from achieving optimal academic success, reduces productive participation in a wide variety of enriching activities, and increases factors creating risks to healthy living. Therefore, Bethany College has adopted strict alcohol use policies here, in addition to the ones found in the Student Code of Conduct.

I. Alcohol

- a. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by any student under the age of 21 is strictly prohibited.
- b. Knowingly providing alcoholic beverages to anyone under the age of 21 is prohibited.
- c. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any public area is prohibited unless permission has been granted for a social event by the Office of

Student Life, Campus Public Safety, and Director of Student Activities. Public areas include, but are not limited to, athletic facilities, campus grounds, academic buildings, and common lounge areas.

- d. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages by any student, regardless of age, in any residential facility designated as *incoming student housing only* by the Dean of Students and/or the Office of Residence Life is prohibited.
- e. If a student over the age of 21 is assigned to live in a residential facility designated as *incoming student housing only* (for example, Community Assistants), they may receive an exemption from the above prohibition from the Director of Student Conduct.
- f. Persons aged 21 and over are permitted to possess and consume alcoholic beverages in moderation and in the privacy of their individual rooms or apartments, if in buildings not designated as *incoming student housing only*. Of age students may be permitted to have in their possession, a maximum amount of one six pack or less of beer or one bottle of unfortified wine per person for personal consumption.
- g. The purchase or use of a bulk quantity of alcoholic beverages, except when purchased from, supplied and staffed by licensed third party vendors, is prohibited in any facility. Bulk quantity is defined as kegs, pony kegs, beer balls, or cases. Any quantity of beer or wine in excess of the amount stated above is considered a bulk quantity.
- h. Excessive drinking, on-campus or off-campus, is considered irresponsible use of alcohol and a violation of this Policy. Excessive drinking includes, but is not limited to, intoxication, binge drinking, drinking games, and drinking to the point of physical illness or incapacitation.
- i. Drinking games, including any activity that encourages the rapid ingestion of alcohol, are not permitted. Such games include, but are not limited to: Quarters, Beer Pong, Beirut, Power Hour, and Flip Cup. Paraphernalia identified as having been used in a drinking game, including tables, may be confiscated by College Officers and will become the property of the college.
- j. Students are not permitted to display alcohol-related paraphernalia in plain view (empty bottles, funnels, beer bong, etc.) at any time. Alcoholic beverage containers of any kind should not be in view of the public. Violations of this regulation may result in disciplinary action to the housing unit and/or the individuals involved.
- k. Serving, possessing, and/or consuming hard liquor or grain alcohol is strictly forbidden in all College-owned facilities.
- l. Alcoholic beverages (beer or wine only) may be served at social events, only through third party vendors, approved by the Office of Student Life. The officers

of a student organization sponsoring a social event where alcoholic beverages are to be served are required to sign a statement accepting full responsibility for compliance with the laws of the State of West Virginia and with Bethany College policies. Registration forms for events and guidelines for parties are available in the Office of Student Life.

- m. Students and student organizations are responsible for the conduct of their guests and for compliance with State law and College policy.
- n. Violations of the alcohol policy will result in student disciplinary action and/or legal action.

II. Illegal Drugs

- a. It is illegal for anyone of any age to possess, use, or distribute illicit drugs.
- b. Possession of prescription drugs by those other than the named prescription holder is prohibited.
- c. Distribution of prescription drugs to anyone other than the named prescription holder is prohibited.
- d. Possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited and will result in student disciplinary action and/or legal action.
- e. Violations of the Illegal Drug Policy will result in student disciplinary action and/or legal action. Student disciplinary action will be determined on a case-by-case basis, and may include up to suspension or expulsion.
- f. Bethany College follows West Virginia state law with regards to usage, sale, and possession of marijuana.
 - i. For a student's first violation of this Policy with regard to marijuana usage, the student will be placed on disciplinary probation for a specific period of time and must complete a mandatory drug prevention training program facilitated by the College.
 - ii. For a student's second violation of this Policy with regard to marijuana usage, the student may be subjected to further disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

III. Medical Amnesty Policy

Student health and safety are of primary concern at Bethany College. As such, in cases of intoxication, alcohol poisoning, or other drug-related medical emergencies, Bethany encourages individuals to seek medical assistance for themselves or others.

A. Amnesty Policy for Bystanders

A Bystander is any student or student organization who, in good faith and in a timely manner, seeks emergency medical assistance for a person who reasonably appears to be experiencing an overdose from alcohol or drugs.

A bystander may not be held responsible for a violation of prohibited alcohol or drug related conduct, as defined in this Code, only if the student or student organization does all of the following:

- I. Remains with the person who reasonably appears to be in need of emergency medical assistance due to an overdose until such assistance is provided;
- II. Identifies themselves if requested by emergency medical assistance personnel, law-enforcement officers, or College officials;
- III. Cooperates with and provides any relevant information requested by emergency medical assistance personnel, law-enforcement officers, or College officials needed to treat the person reasonably believed to be experiencing an overdose; and
- IV. Completes any additional conditions imposed on the student or student organization by the Director of Student Conduct.

B. Amnesty Policy for Distressed Students

If the person who reasonably appears to be experiencing an overdose from alcohol or drugs is also a student, the student will not be held responsible for a violation of prohibited alcohol or drug related conduct, as defined in this Policy, but may be required to complete additional conditions imposed by the Director of Student Conduct in order to receive amnesty.

This Policy applies only to those students who seek emergency medical assistance in connection with an alcohol or drug-related medical emergency.

This Medical Amnesty Policy does not excuse or protect students who repeatedly violate the College's Student Code of Conduct. In cases where repetitive violations of the College's Student Code of Conduct occur, Bethany College reserves the right to take action on a case-by-case basis regardless of the manner in which the incident was reported. Additionally, the College reserves the right to adjudicate any case in which the violations are flagrant violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

The Dean of Students, Director of Student Conduct, or their designee reserves the right to contact any student to discuss an incident whether the Amnesty Policy applies. In addition, Bethany College reserves the right to notify parents as per The Parental

Notification Policy.”

V. West Virginia Laws

1. West Virginia Code
<https://code.wvlegislature.gov/>
2. §60-1-5. Definitions:
<https://code.wvlegislature.gov/60-1-5/#:~:text=Such%20duties%20include%20but%20are,any%20further%20acts%20or%20actions>
3. §17C-5-2. Driving under influence of alcohol, controlled substances, or drugs; penalties.
<https://code.wvlegislature.gov/17C-5-2/>
4. §17B-4-3. Driving while license suspended or revoked; driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or while having alcoholic concentration in the blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or for refusing to take secondary chemical test of blood alcohol contents.
<https://code.wvlegislature.gov/17B-4-3/>
5. §17C-5A-1a. Revocation upon conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, or drugs.
<https://code.wvlegislature.gov/17C-5A-1/>
6. §20-2-57b. Prohibition against hunting while intoxicated; offense of hunting while intoxicated, creating offense of shooting another person when hunting while intoxicated; creating misdemeanor and, felony offenses for the same; defining suspension of hunting and fishing license; criminal penalties; administrative penalties.
<https://code.wvlegislature.gov/pdf/20-2-57B/>
7. §21-1D-5. Employee drug-free workplace policy required to bid for a public improvement contract.
<https://code.wvlegislature.gov/21-1D-5A/>

VI. Education Programs Offered within Review Period

1. AOD Specific Programs

Alcohol 101+ (Sanctioned programs)

Alcohol Awareness
First-Year Student Orientation - AOD Ed & Policy
RA - AOD Trainings
Homecoming Dance Party
Moonbeam (x3)
New Moon Beam (Halloween-themed)
Substance-Free Information Booth in Cafeteria
Pep Rally (x3)
Light Up Night (x2)
Bison Hunt (x2)
Valentine's Day Meet the Health Center
Bethany Pride Alliance Pride Celebration (x2)
The Yay Guy
Labor Day Luau (x2)
Brooke/Hancock County Family Resource Network Narcan Training (x3)
APCA Student Leadership Development Conference (x2)
Suicide Prevention Tabling Event
Spoken Word Artist Performances (x3)

Mental Health Awareness Month passive programming (x2)
Black History Month passive programming
SAC Day of the Dead event
Greek Life Bid Day
Health Services Trainings at First-Year Student courses
Mental Health First Aid presentations (x3)

2. Sexual Assault/AOD Specific Programs

Resident Assistant Trainings
First-Year Student Orientation Sexual Assault Program (x2)
Red Bison (Week of programming & awareness)
SAAM/Clothesline (ed. and awareness program) (x2)
SART & Title IX Trainings for faculty & Staff
Student Athlete Bystander Awareness Training (x2)
Sexual Assault Awareness Week
<i>What Were They Wearing?</i> Artwork display and program
Healthy Dating Habits program (x2)
Bystander Intervention Programs for Greek-affiliated students (x7)
Phi Kappa Tau Policy Overview (x2)

Denim Day (April)
Safe Space Door Decorating Competition
Behavioral Intervention Team Risk Assessment Training
Self-Defense Class (x2)
Take Back the Night (x2)
Green Eggs and SAAM
Black-Out Women’s Lacrosse Game for Sexual Assault Awareness

VII. Crime Statistics

The following statistics were compiled from reports of events that occurred on campus from January 1, 2021– December 31, 2023.

	2021				2022				2023			
	On Campus	Residence Halls	Non-Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Residence Halls	Non-Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Residence Halls	Non-Campus	Public Property
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	3	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	5	5	0	0
Fondling	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	13	12	0	0	17	17	0	0	8	8	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations													
Referred for Disciplinary Action	10	10	0	0	8	8	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations													
Referred for Disciplinary Action	7	7	0	0	22	22	0	0	25	25	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Possession													
Referred for Disciplinary Action	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Violence Against Women Act												
Stalking	4	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	1	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	3	3	0	0
Hate Crimes:												
2023: None												
2022: None												
2021: 1) Intimidation based on sexual orientation bias, On Campus												

VIII. Conclusion

Bethany College recognizes the need nationwide to address AOD issues. A major strength of the AOD prevention program is the cooperation that comes from a supportive administration, Office of Student Life, and Campus Public Safety.

A second strength is Bethany College’s involvement in the WVCIA. This coalition is comprised of WV colleges and universities, the Highway Safety office, the ABCA and various other WV prevention agencies and works toward AOD prevention networking, training, resources, and strategic prevention planning to address college AOD issues. The data we collect from the HEADS Survey and Alcohol and Drug Usage Survey will show the prevalence of AOD use on campus. From that data, we will be able to better meet the needs of our students through more specific education programming.