BUILDING CHARACTER...
At SNU, service and missions are not just a "component" of the education — they're who we are! You'll see service and missions fostered in the lives of our faculty and staff, rising up within the very campus culture itself. Indeed, it is the heart of our "mission" to be a nurturing, training, disciplining agent for you. We desire to give you the opportunity to be in "mission" around the globe!

Our students have ventured to more than 35 countries and to inner city neighborhoods from Oklahoma City to Harlem, to serve with a variety of ministry groups. SNU students have worked in AIDS hospices, hosted health fairs, toured with musical groups, ministered in urban Indian churches, hosted children's rallies, worked at orphanages, helped people grow their own food, performed street concerts, stood in intercessory prayer, mentored disabled students, and helped clean up entire communities.

The Ministerial Internship Program at SNU is designed to take young men and women who sense a call to full-time Christian service and provide a scholarship in exchange for their supervised intern work. Dozens of students take part in between 10 — 20 hours of intern work each week with various ministries, including: church planting, drama, pastoral care, music, children, teaching, youth, inner city, evangelism, cross cultural, and preaching.
“I’ve had the opportunity to serve as a Big Brother/Big Sister volunteer and as an AIDS hospice volunteer. Here at SNU, I’ve gained a foundation that I couldn’t have gotten just anywhere; it’s prepared me for many things to come. SNU is one of a kind!”

— Regina Feisal, ’03, Human Relations, Bethany, Oklahoma

Jessica Bohn (Spanish Education, Pflugerville, Texas) fell in love with the short-term mission trip known as Commission Unto Mexico. Why? “It was a work and witness trip that generated close interaction among Americans and Mexicans. I was a part of a 21-person group that worked at a recent church plant, Misión Betesda. By the end of the week, we had mixed enough concrete to pour a floor for the sanctuary, bathrooms, and an area for Sunday School classes. Others built walls and installed plumbing for the bathrooms. Our work brought interest and excitement to those in the neighborhood. It was beautiful to see that, simply because we showed up to follow God’s leading. He worked wonders through us!”
Southern Nazarene University is a close-knit Christian community — open to students of all denominations — where character development and spiritual growth play a paramount role in shaping, enhancing and, yes, even transforming the lives of our students and, in turn, the world!

Our students respond wholeheartedly to our challenge to become involved in service to God and their fellow man. That service begins when more than 400 students fan out across the city during Freshman Orientation to paint houses, sort food, restore buildings, and clean up playgrounds.

And that love expands around the globe, with hundreds of students answering the call to short-term and full-time missions programs. SNU will bring you face to face with life-changing encounters that span the globe and empower you to impact your world for Christ.
"I worked in East Harlem doing an inner city church plant and really got to see the body of Christ in action. I've also done friendship evangelism and discipleship in Croatia, which was incredible... We go on spiritual retreats. There are many opportunities to grow up at SNU, to see the world, to become your own person."

— Michael McNabb, '03, Environmental Studies, Houston, Texas

Over the past few years, SNU students have consistently comprised the largest group of students from any college campus to be involved in Youth in Mission, the denomination's popular mission program. "Our goal is to make Global Christians," says Youth in Mission director Bo Cassell. "The best way to do this is by sending Christians around the globe in ministry." In 2003 we sent 39 students to places like Saipan, Los Angeles, South Africa, Australia, Bangladesh, Washington, D.C., Venezuela, Japan, Madagascar and Croatia.

Short-term mission trips to places like Palermo and Belize during Spring Break enable students to share the Gospel by leading youth activities, teaching conversational English, and doing light construction and renovation work. Other recent short-term assignments have sent students to Romania, Haiti, India, Argentina, Madagascar, Slovenia, and Croatia.
SNU challenges its graduates to consider giving at least a year of volunteer service in cross-cultural ministry! Most of those who have responded have spent that year—or more—working under the NIVS program of the Church of the Nazarene. Others have volunteered with organizations like Youth with a Mission and Operation Mobilization. Some of our most recent volunteers are serving in Indonesia, Guatemala, Papua New Guinea, Jordan, and Korea.
"Watching students and faculty sacrifice of themselves during Christmas and summer breaks for missions, and being involved in missions through SNU, has impacted my life far beyond the normal college experience. I am grateful SNU challenges me to be a part of my community through service, on and off campus."

— Shannon Guillot, Urban Ministry/Urban Studies, Friendswood, Texas

Many of our students go on to become missionaries, transforming communities for Christ — worldwide! Our most recent missionary placements include:

Amy Gardner, Kenya
Jason Lipscomb, Croatia
Curt Luthye, Caribbean Work & Witness
Joel Mullen, Italy
Robyn (Brunson) Radi, Guatemala
Philip Rodebush, Jordan
Scot Riggins, Papua New Guinea
Julie Sides, Argentina

If you’re ready for experiences and encounters that will change your life, and possibly the world around you, come visit Southern Nazarene University. Arrange your visit today!

Call 800.648.9899 or email us at admissions@snu.edu
HISTORY: Founded in 1899, SNU is the third oldest private four-year liberal arts institution in Oklahoma. It is one of 10 Nazarene colleges in the U.S., Canada, and Africa.

COMMUNITY: SNU’s 35-acre campus features fountains, a community mall area, sculptures, large shade trees, and open green space. Athletic fields and horsemanship facilities are located on an additional 165 acres, nearby.

LOCATION: SNU students enjoy the university’s relaxing, safe, convenient setting in Bethany, Oklahoma (population: 22,000), just west of Oklahoma City (population: 1 million).

SIZE: 2,200+ students.

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO: 18:1.

FACULTY: Comprised of caring individuals who offer one-on-one attention and an open door office policy. Doctoral degrees are held by 80% of the full-time teaching faculty.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS: Dozens active on campus, including honor societies, academic clubs, social groups, religious clubs, drama and musical groups, literary clubs, and political organizations.

ATHLETICS: A member of the NAIA and the Sooner Athletic Conference, SNU fields 18 teams and one of the most impressive lists of championships in the country, including national titles, runner-up, and final four appearances in basketball, track, football, golf, and soccer.

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RESIDENCE LIFE: Seven residence halls, each with cable TV, high-speed Internet access, and sophisticated ID security systems.

FINANCIAL AID: About 85% of SNU’s students receive financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study programs. The average financial aid package equates more than 30% of each student’s college expense.

MEMBERSHIP: SNU is a proud member of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) — whose mission is to advance the cause of Christ-centered higher education and to help its member institutions to transform lives by faithfully relating scholarship and service to biblical truth.

OUTCOMES: SNU graduates enjoy extremely high acceptance rates into the nation’s finest law, medical, and dental schools — and physician assistant programs.

ACCREDITATION: SNU is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools with accreditation through its Master’s program. It is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, the National Association of Schools of Music, and the National League for Nursing. SNU is a member of the Oklahoma Independent College Foundation, the Oklahoma Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.