

16 Most Influential Students on Campus

Time Magazine's list of the 100 most influential people is one of the most anticipated traditions of the yearly news cycle. Only those at the forefront of their fields can hope to be honored among the 100. Taking inspiration from that list, The Collegian has made our own list of the most influential students at Bob Jones University. We believe these movers and shakers have shaped life on campus more than any other students. Without further ado, here are our picks for the 16 most influential students on campus in no particular order.

Things we took into consideration when selecting:

1. Influence over more than one segment of campus
2. Good rapport with the student body
3. Clear vision for future
4. Ability to get others on board with that vision
5. Administrative ability
6. Recommendations by students and faculty



Nathan Augustus

As president of the Tornados, Augustus is a force of nature in and of himself. Under his leadership, Z sponsored one of Bible Conference's biggest fundraisers, the Run or Dye 5K. Augustus has a presence that commands respect as both a former public safety officer and an RA.



Andrew Carter

Being men's senior class rep has its share of clout, but Carter's side gig reaches practically everyone on campus. As a moderator of "Overheard at BJU," Carter filters the page's content, approves members and regularly posts. Whether a meme that sparks a conversation with friends or a response to campus events, Carter and the page certainly influence the student culture of BJU.



Daniel Kim

Having been on campus for six years, it's no wonder Kim has become an almost fixture part at BJU. Kim inherited a double portion of influence as SLC men's events coordinator and the second ever president of the International Students Organization. An interdepartmental meeting between Student Life, Admission, the CGO and First-year Experience even asked Kim for advice when redesigning BJU's protocol for international students.



Rebecca Williams

Though sometimes quiet and a self-professed dork, Williams has her say in campus happenings. But she was influential long before being elected senior class rep. She's served as chaplain for the Kangas and the first ever president of a multilingual University Language Association. She has written for *The Collegian*.



Micah Bryson

It's hard to deny that the Lions are the most visible society on campus—their Friday uniforms ensure that. As president of the pride, Bryson might be the most visible of all. A man of few words, Bryson walks the line between taking the Lions forward and preserving their rich traditions and history (and reputation).



Hope Henry

BJU's resident philanthropist, the CSC director and her team have planned scores of community service opportunities this year. Henry displays superior organization skills in working with non-profits across Greenville county in her leadership position that sometimes seems more like a full-time job.



Katie Albert

Known as "the queen of society," Albert is the epitome of the ideal society leader: charismatic, organized and aggressively friendly. As president of BJU's largest society, Albert has taken the Kangas to the next level. With a united society, RA position and champion basketball title under her belt, Albert spends her free time playing campus Cupid—just ask the couples that met at the Kangas' speed dating event!



Derek Eilert

This musician makes audiences (and himself) sway with the sound of his cello. Eilert has flown around the country with Steve Pettit's travel team while managing to secure a \$500 victory at this year's seniors on stage. In addition to being a campus prodigy, the vice president of the Cobras has led his society after their president left for a nine-week accounting internship.



Clay Bryant

Most students would think Bryant was full-time staff from his confident demeanor. In fact, he holds what has traditionally been a GA's position. As university host, Bryant directs BJU's army of campus ambassadors and frequently mingles with executives and the University's guests.



Rebekah Anderson

Anderson has made a name for herself at BJU taking up many campus positions. First as a writer for The Collegian and then, strangely enough, as Barbie in a student body play. She is always a smiling face at The Welcome Center. As if all that wasn't enough, Anderson mounted a successful run for student body president in her junior year, and has been instrumental in many of the changes to SLC's team this year.



Tori Conover

If knowledge is power, then Conover is a campus powerhouse. She works closely with both the student body and the Executive Offices, making her privy to many of the interweavings of campus news and politics. With all the personality and energy of a middle school teacher and all the grace of a student abassador, Conover is a force in and of herself.



Coltan Schiefer

In his four years at BJU, Schiefer's done it all. The men's student body president began his steady climb toward campus influence as a sports writer for The Collegian, quickly becoming one of the most passionate sports editors in the paper's history. As president of the Tornados, Schiefer was also one of the original organizers of the first Run or Dye 5K, which many believe propelled him into his current position on SLC.



Allyse Yorgey

If you're not familiar with Yorgey, you may have seen her work in The Den, the fine arts building or locations across campus. As director of WBJU television, Yorgey has led her crew of broadcasters to produce biweekly content. In fact, she recently led members of her team to a victory at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention. Yorgey also serves as president of the Cardinals.



Aaron Ferrari

With a name like Ferrari, he was practically destined to prominence in the School of Business. Multiple students referred to this accountant-to-be as one of the leading members of his competitive major. Ferrari also leads the usher crew as head usher. Remember the ushers' fancy platerwork during Bible Conference? You can thank Ferrari for that.



Hannah Zakaria

Often working behind the scenes, Zakaria has helped to plan some of the student body's favorite events, including this semester's Seniors on Stage. Zakaria was also one of the planners and team coordinators for last year's first Buin Daze.



Chris Gray

This Bruin is a towering figure on campus, both figuratively and literally. Having played on the men's basketball team since his freshman year, the senior holds the respect of his fellow Bruins athletes and Bruin Nation's fans. Gray also leads one of BJU's most well-known societies as Alpha's president.