Briercrest Annual Report

2025-26



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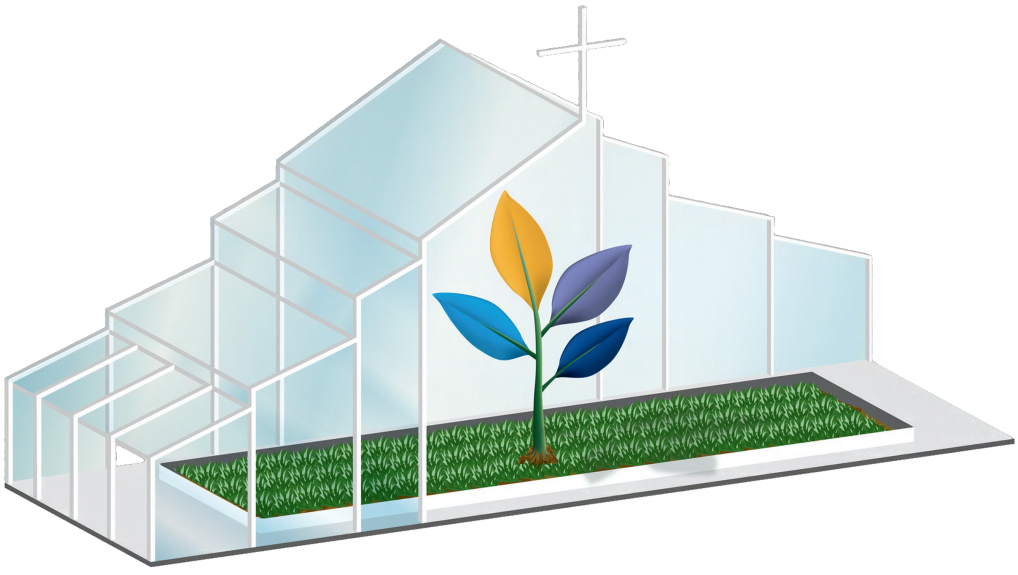
5 Marks of Discipleship

What does the church in Canada need from the next generation? At Briercrest, we believe it needs people who have a deep love for Jesus and whose lives are increasingly shaped by him. The church needs pastors who are grounded in the truth of Scripture and leaders whose character reflects Christ. Briercrest exists to help meet this need by raising up disciples who are equipped to serve the church and engage the world. This conviction is at the heart of a Briercrest education.

While discipleship has always been integral to the mission and culture of Briercrest, our current Strategic Plan calls us to a greater level of intentionality. **The Five Marks of a Disciple — Surrender, Pursuit, Service, Community, and Mission —** give greater definition to what we have long aspired to accomplish, providing a framework that guides our efforts and holds us accountable to our vision. We desire for Briercrest to be a greenhouse for spiritual growth, where students are immersed in a community that encourages them to deepen their faith and live it out. While spiritual transformation is the work of the Holy Spirit, we have the privilege and responsibility of cultivating an environment in which that growth can flourish. In the pages of this Annual Report, you will see how discipleship is being intentionally woven into the student experience and hear stories of how God is working in and through our students to accomplish his purposes.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous support as we invest together in the next generation of leaders for the church and for God's kingdom.



SURRENDER

PURSUIT

SERVICE

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MISSION

SURRENDER

Surrender is essential for the growth of the Five Marks in a disciple's life. Surrender is central to the discipleship journey, serving as the root, channel, and catalyst for each mark of a disciple.



A Generation Seeking God

We had a student last year who came up to me after I had given him a prayer letter (essentially a letter of what I thought Jesus wanted to say to him) and said that he had been asking God for a sign if He was real and that the prayer letter was it! He started reading his Bible and found that in doing so he felt less concerned about what others thought about him.

- Aidan Cassidy
BCA Chaplain



There are students who have committed to praying for other students during the last song of chapel every day, which gives students the opportunity to pray with and for each other every morning. It has been such a joy to see the Lord move in the hearts of those in this school through prayer as we seek to live a life that produces more of the fruit of the Spirit!

- Jenaya Thiessen
Spiritual Life Coordinator



Inside BCA Small Groups

I've had the opportunity to lead a small group of Grade 12 BCA students every Wednesday. Since I started as their leader when they were in Grade 11, I've seen them open up in our discussions about the Scripture themes they've been exploring in chapel.

For these boys, it's been especially encouraging to see them grasp how the teachings of Jesus apply to their lives as hockey players, and in their relationships with their teammates.

- Steven Lofting
BCA Small Group Leader



College Programs

Bachelor of Arts

Applied Linguistics: TESOL*
Biblical Studies*
Business Administration*
Christian Ministry
English*
General Studies*
Music and Worship
Psychology*
Theology

Associate of Arts

Associate of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies

Certificates

Arts and Science • Biblical and Theological Studies • Business • Music and Worship

Pre-professional Pathways

Nursing
Pre-Law

*Provincially Accredited Programs

Seminary Programs

Certificate of the Seminary
Master of Christian Ministries
Master of Divinity
MA in Clinical Counselling (Christian Spirituality)
MA in Couple and Family Therapy (Christian Spirituality)
MA in Leadership, Theology, and Systems
MA (Theological Studies)
MA (Biblical Languages and Exegesis)

PURSUIT

Day of Prayer

I have been so encouraged this semester to see students pressing into prayer!
I heard from a few students after Day of Prayer that that day was their favourite of the semester, and that they felt so blessed to be part of a college that intentionally set aside time to cancel classes with the goal of pursuing the Lord through prayer.

- Jenaya Thiessen
Spiritual Life Coordinator

Pursuing God involves both community and personal practices, balancing private and public engagement. It is cultivated through spiritual practices such as Bible reading, prayer, worship, fasting, meditation, silence, and rest.







BCA Chapel

This year we've been talking about God as the author and in one of our chapels we looked at the three different speakers in Genesis 1-3 (God, humans, the serpent). We looked at what each of those speakers words did. God's speech defines/creates reality, human speech identifies reality, the serpents speech distorts reality.

Our Pursuit program has seen a decent number of students attending this year as they learn together in community various theological topics and practical tools for life with Jesus as part of the church

- Aidan Cassidy
BCA Chaplain



Prayer with friends



@ Dallas Valley Ranch



Summer sunset



sunday evening worship

Seminary Retreat

In June 2026, 40 Seminary students and eight faculty and staff gathered at Dallas Valley Ranch for our second annual spiritual formation retreat. We shared in rich times of worship, learning together from Scripture, prayer, and small group conversations. It was amazing to see students leading and table conversations that went on long after meals. But my favourite part was the evening campfire. As the sun set over the valley, we sang Sunday School songs written by our dean, Dr. Jason Mills, shared stories about our lives and sat in awe at how good God is as we looked around at the beauty of the evening.

- Ellen Duffield
MALTS Program Coordinator/ Director of Co-Vo

Surrender

Surrender is a student-led weekly worship night where we gather in the Landing to recenter our hearts on the Lord. It's a time where we intentionally slow down in the busyness, turn our eyes to Jesus, and lay our burdens down at the foot of the cross. With an interlude of prayer between sung worship, it's about surrendering our breath, our song, and our lives to the Lord. Last year, it was powerful to see students vulnerably share what was really on their hearts and minds, and to gather around one another in prayer. It was amazing to watch people simply come to God as they were, worshipping Him in and through various postures and emotions.

- Leresa Friesen
Surrender Organizer



crafts!



@ the landing



June 5-6 '26



community :)

Impact Numbers



College

443
students

147
graduates



BCA

165
students

27
graduates



Seminary

242
students

36
graduates

Kaleo

31
students

BCA Online Pilot Program

11
students

Covo Certificate

12
students

SERVICE

Youth Quake

Working with YQ has been the biggest blessing I've experienced during my time at Briercrest. The gift of being a student, learning about ministry, and having an outlet to directly apply what I learn in the classroom at YQ is so much more than I could have ever asked for. Working with YQ over the past three years has given me both experience and a network within the youth ministry world and countless opportunities to grow in knowledge, leadership, and experience!

– Irelyn Culligan
2026 YQ Intern
3rd Year College Student









Service is cultivated by contributing to a local church or helping others in need, giving generously, and using one's spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ.

We asked students:
What did God teach you at YQ '26?

"God reminded me to redefine my identity and my doubts of the future, that God can take away those voice and doubts I have with MY plan and to remind me to have faith in God's plan"

"To surrender my future to him and let him take control of my path instead of trying to do everything myself. Also, that we work from rest and not for rest. And finally, that I don't need to care about approval from anyone else because the God who created the universe loves me"

1,800 *youth gathered at Briercrest for Youthquake 2026*

Student Leadership

A couple key memories I have from last year's student government are Serve Moose Jaw day and Care day. Both of these events were in the winter semester, and both happened during finals. With that in mind, my team worked very hard to host these events and organize all of the behind-the-scenes details. Serve Moose Jaw Day was a new event for S.G. (at least in the last few years), and was a huge hit!

We all got put into teams and drove around Moose Jaw to serve in different capacities. Afterward, we met up for a BBQ to share stories! It was so awesome to make connections in the community outside of Caronport and bond with fellow students.

For Care Day, we partnered with Dallas Valley Ranch Camp, who brought some of their animals for a petting zoo!

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It drew lots of students and encouraged them to take a pause from studying. I'll never forget seeing chickens in the Edward's. Overall, these two events demonstrate the tone of last year's student government: hardworking and creative coordinators, an active student body, and enjoyment in service and fellowship.

– Paige Bjoran
2025-26 Student Body President







COMMUNITY

Athletics

> ***It is much more than competing at this high level of athletics, but the opportunity and platform that it give us.***

I am excited to continue to encourage and support our Briercrest College athletic team chaplains. It is awesome to hear stories of how they are connecting with athletes, leading team times, sharing testimonies, and hosting athletes in their homes. I believe that our athletic chaplains play a crucial role in Briercrest's mission to provide an education that disciples.



Community is cultivated by engaging in a local church and developing loving, intentional, transformational relationships that are expressed through "one another" obedience, with other disciples.





We have also experienced our teams taking opportunities to meet, pray, and share with other teams that they play against and look forward to seeing that continue this year. It is much more than competing at this high level of athletics, but the opportunity and platform that it give us."

– Jamie Ramer
Assistant Athletic Director

Performing Arts

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Between the Christmas musical, summer stage, opera scenes and theatre classes there are so many opportunities to grow in your performance skills here. The big picture reason that I came to Briercrest was because I wanted a school that fit my values, and also was looking for a really robust music education and I was confident that I could get that here.

I met the professors and students while participating in summer stage, and I saw just how close the community was. I wanted to be a part of it. Because of the smaller class sizes here you really get to know your peers as you grow technically and spiritually alongside them, and your professors have time to help you through not just your studies, but your life.

– Stephen Falk
2nd Year Performing Arts Student





Not including staff and students, we had just under 2000 people come across both Christmas shows, for Easter we had almost 400 attendees, and across all of our summer stage productions we had around 1000 people come!

– Eryk McKenzie
Performing and Worship Arts Admin Assistant & Adjunct Instructor of Music

MISSION

Camp Ministry

I moved from British Columbia to Saskatchewan in obedience to where the Lord is calling me. Both Briercrest and Camp Qwanoes have given me the gift of being rooted in Christian community, which has been especially meaningful since I did not grow up in a household that follows Jesus.

I am learning to abide in Him while investing in academics, ministry, and fellowship. My time as the head ski instructor at Camp Qwanoes gave me the chance to apply what I have been learning in the classroom by loving and serving every camper I met.

– Emily Lanctot
2026-27 Student Body President



Mission is cultivated by praying for lost people, building friendships with those far from God, and courageously seeking to share the gospel in every aspect of our lives, whether at home, work, or during leisure activities.



Co-Vocational Canada

Increasingly, denominational leaders and others are paying attention to what God is doing as the church in Canada is called to reconsider the practice of bi-vocational ministry and the church as the priesthood of all believers. For example, a pastor who is part of the Co-Vocational Canada community shared that his church, under his guidance, decided to hire another part-time pastor, rather than pay him full-time.







Being a co-vocational congregation has become such an important part of the way they think about ministry; the congregation cannot imagine going back to a uni-vocational model. The pastor noted that this enables him to connect on much deeper levels with the local community and focus on his area of gifting in the congregation.

– Ellen Duffield
Director of Co-Vocational Canada

TESOL Missions

Hear from Elisa Cara:
The biggest highlight of my time at Briercrest was the opportunity I had to put my learning into action travelling to the Middle East and to Mexico for summer teaching internships. This experience helped me remember my 'why' of my education.

The three summers that I spent teaching overseas served as continuous reminders of my purpose to spread His love as I use my skills to serve the nations.





I am incredibly grateful for how well Briercrest prepared me for this work. As I have witnessed other teachers struggle to adapt to life overseas, I realize just how much I owe to my training in the TESOL program.

Church Ministry Internships

God has truly been working within me during this internship. The main thing that I have felt Him work in my life is calling me to Himself to live fully for Him regardless of my occupation. My internship has taught me very early on that it doesn't matter how much work I do or how many ministries I run, if I am not doing it out of an outpouring of my relationship with Christ it is empty. I have really felt conviction from the Spirit during my internship as God has asked me to surrender my whole life to Him, not just parts of it.

– Dawson Dokkie
4th *Year Christian Ministry Student*

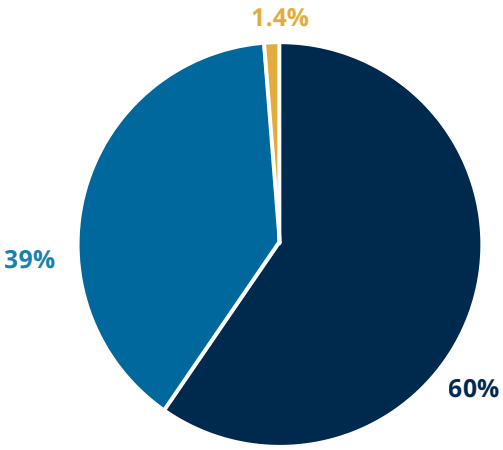
Through my opportunities to lead youth, teach, do home and hospital visits, host a Sunday service, and participate in new and different areas of ministry, I have been pushed outside of my comfort zone and through this have seen God give me the confidence and strength to do things I would have been nervous to do on my own.

– Kaytee Bender
4th *Year Christian Ministry Student*

In the Christian Ministry program, we currently have seven interns doing their seven-month internships in different cities across the country: Moose Jaw, SK (3); Regina, SK; St. Albert, AB; Carberry, MB; Ladysmith, BC. If people are interested in receiving our interns, they should contact us.

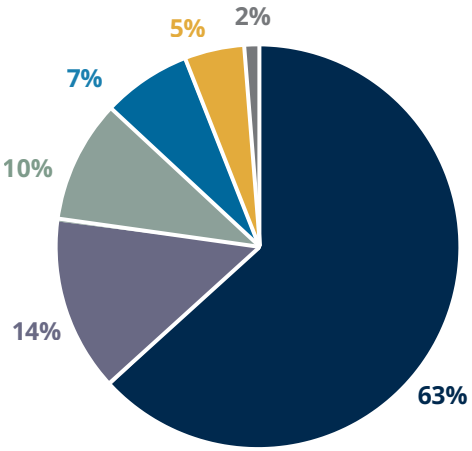


2025-26 Financial Update



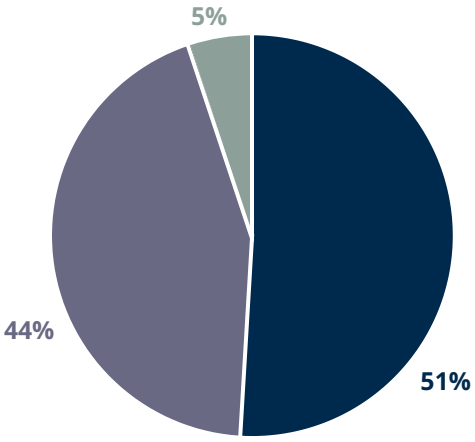
Donations

Operating: **$2,077,943**
Scholarships/ Special Projects: **$1,358,101**
Capital: **$47,711**
Total Donations: **$3,483,755**



Revenue - Operating

Tuition and Fees: **$9,362,961**
Donations: **$2,077,943**
Other Revenue: **$1,554,907**
Rentals: **$1,065,221**
Business Sales: **$665,395**
Government Grants & Assistance: **$217,900**



Expenses - Operating

Salaries and Benefits: **$7,499,640**
Operating Expenses: **$6,331,925**
Business Purchases: **$786,255**

Totals*		**Actual**	**Budget**
	Revenues - Operating	14,944,327	15,234,662
	Expenses - Operating	14,617,820	14,957,662
	Surplus	**326,507**	**277,000**

* For more details, our full and audited financial statements are available here: www.briercrestcollege.ca/about/reports



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