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At A University That Takes The Bible As Seriously As You Do

IT’S NOT TOO LATE to finish your degree and equip yourself for a more fulfilling career. With Biola University’s BOLD degree completion program for Christian adults, you can finally earn your diploma while deepening your Christian faith at one of the nation’s leading evangelical universities.
A bachelor’s degree can mean big things for your life. A better career. A higher salary. A personal sense of accomplishment. And at Biola University’s BOLD program, a bachelor’s degree can mean something else, as well: a deeper, more vibrant faith.

That’s because with BOLD, you don’t just get the strong academic and professional training that employers are looking for; you also get the opportunity to study the Bible in an environment where all of your professors and classmates are committed Christians.

It’s this combination of quality academics and commitment to the Bible that sets the BOLD program apart. For more than 100 years, Biola has remained true to its mission of biblically centered education. At the same time, it is one of the few evangelical universities to have built an academic reputation as a U.S. News & World Report “National University.”

That means with BOLD, you get a name you can trust. But you also get a program that fits your busy schedule. BOLD caters to your full-time responsibilities of your job, church and family, making it more manageable to finish your degree.

Depending on your prior college background and life experience, you can finish your degree in less than two years. The BOLD program offers two fully accredited majors: a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. The organizational leadership program is an interdisciplinary major that integrates business, biblical studies, communication, ethics and psychology. Its wide cross-section of courses is designed to equip students with essential management and leadership skills.

Meanwhile, the psychology program offers an intentional emphasis on the integration of psychology and Christianity, and is designed to prepare you for maximum postgraduate opportunities, including prerequisite coursework necessary for most clinical graduate programs.

Ready to learn more? Visit us at www.biola.edu/bold or call 1-800-705-BOLD to find out how you can finish your degree and deepen your faith with BOLD.
Degree Leads Grad to ‘Perfect Match’ Job

Adrian Limon had spent nearly a decade climbing his way into a good job at a solid company when he learned in 2004 that his position was going to disappear as a result of a corporate merger. But as he set out to look for new work, he quickly discovered that finding a comparable job was going to require something he didn’t have: a bachelor’s degree.

“Regardless of my years of extensive experience and leadership roles in a reputable company, I could not even get in the door to interview due to my lack of a bachelor’s degree,” Limon said. “It was a rather frustrating time, knowing I would not get the chance to prove myself because of not having a degree.”

That’s when he found Biola University’s BOLD program. Four years later, Limon is enjoying a new “perfect match” job that couples the knowledge he gained through his degree in organizational leadership with his passion for motorcycle riding — working for Yamaha Motor Corporation as a trainer and developer in a newly formed department, Yamaha Motor University.

“This position, which required a bachelor’s degree, was only made possible because I had earned my bachelor’s degree from Biola University, which qualified me for the interview,” he said. Looking back, Limon said he appreciated both the supportive relationships and the challenging curriculum that he experienced in the BOLD program.

“The core group of students I studied with throughout the program created a great source of encouragement and accountability,” he said. “And I enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about various facets of business, such as marketing and human resource.”

Grad Sends a BOLD Message To Employers

Russ Stiverson had a healthy amount of experience in a very specialized field. But without a bachelor’s degree, he knew he wasn’t as competitive as he could be in the workplace.

“That’s when he decided to enroll in Biola University’s BOLD program. And that’s when the first of several promotions came along.

“I think simply participating in the program sent a message to my employers that I was serious about personal development and advancement within the company,” Stiverson said.

By the time he finished his degree in 2007, Stiverson was promoted to vice president of inventory management at 1-800-DENTIST.

Stiverson said he chose BOLD after attending a Bible seminar on Biola’s main campus. The seminar inspired him to complete a certificate in Christian apologetics, which in turn inspired him to take a closer look at how BOLD could put a bachelor’s degree within his reach.

“We all have families, social lives, church activities and responsibilities, but BOLD was designed with that in mind,” Stiverson said. “Once I had begun the process I knew that with each passing day I was one day closer to having a degree. Prior to starting I wasn’t any closer than the day before.”

Now a graduate of the program, Stiverson has some advice for others who feel the need to finish a degree, like he did.

“I would recommend the BOLD program if you’re considering going back to school, especially if you’re considering it as an alternative to some of the exclusive online schools,” Stiverson said. “BOLD offers flexibility while providing the structure and classroom interaction necessary to sustain you through times of wanting motivation.”

Alumna Drives Inner-City Kids to Success

Over the past year, Tanaya Walters has been called a “miracle worker” and a “hero” by the likes of People magazine and Oprah Winfrey.

But she says the titles that she most prides herself on are the ones she earned a few years earlier: college graduate. In 2004, with the help of Biola University’s BOLD program, Walters achieved her lifelong dream of finishing a bachelor’s degree. Today, as founder and president of the Godparents Youth Organization — a Los Angeles-based nonprofit that takes inner-city children on educational bus trips around the country — Walters said the education she received at BOLD has prepared her to lead her organization effectively.

“BOLD really helped to give me the structure that I needed,” she said. “The academics and the Bible classes that I took are the foundation for the work that I’m doing.”

Like many other working adults, Walters had initially worried that her life was too busy to manage a degree program. But she soon learned she could finish just by attending classes one night a week.

“I didn’t have to spend every day in school,” she said. “It was just very convenient for me.”

With her organization — which she founded a year after graduating — Walters leads disadvantaged young people on four trips around the country each year, visiting colleges and national landmarks. The goal is to inspire them and get them thinking about their futures.

Though the work can be challenging, Walters said she has found strength in the understanding of God’s Word that she gained at BOLD.

“It’s not until you learn the Scriptures that you can learn to live the Scripture,” she said.

What Our Graduates Are Saying About BOLD

“I cannot even begin to explain what a wonderful experience the BOLD program was for me. The knowledge I gained to be used in the workplace was great, but nothing compared to the benefit of being educated with a Christian worldview. It was amazing to watch God work in the lives of myself and classmates.”

Christina Enright

“It meant so much to me that I could finally finish what I started close to 30 years ago — and do it in an institution whose educational framework is centered on God. Needless to say, I would highly recommend the BOLD program to other Christians who would like to complete their undergraduate degree in a top-notch program.”

Lori Gardea

“BOLD was one of the most life-changing experiences I have ever been through. I am going on to graduate school now, something I never would have dreamed of for years ago. Thank you, Biola.”

Bruce Keith

“My experience at Biola was a life-changing event that has drawn me closer to God and caused me to carve out my faith and walk with God for myself. This experience has played a crucial and positive role in my spiritual development. Thank you for the opportunity to succeed and shine for His glory. Thank you for showing me what Christ looks like in action by teaching me to serve. Thank you to the faculty and staff for being selfless.”

Patrick Garrett

“I thank God that Biola offered this program because I not only finished my degree, but I also managed to work around ministry and my job. I loved everything about the program. From the classes to the staff that provided the services, they offered excellent customer service. I pray that I will come back for grad school here at Biola.”

Gliber Enquez

“I have had a great experience with the BOLD program. The schedule fits perfectly with all of my work/personal/church obligations. The classes were engaging and interesting!”

Lauren Jacobs

“Going through the BOLD program for the last two years has taken a lot of sacrifice and hard work, but it has been worth it all. To finally accomplish my life-long goal of getting my bachelor’s degree was so rewarding! The Biola experience has been such a family affair and I am so thankful and grateful to God and to my husband for allowing me to go through Biola’s BOLD program.”

Sheila Leverett

“I have been blessed to be able to be taught by Christian professors, I have learned so much, but more importantly, have grown more spiritual and have allowed the Lord to put me in a place where I can bless others. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be blessed by a wonderful school!”

Regina Dowlin

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