



"Creating a Legacy" May 2019 —Memorial Bequests - A Lasting Legacy!

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Create a Legacy

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Hi –

We will soon celebrate Memorial Day in the United States. This national holiday offers a chance for all of us to remember those who have gone before us. If there is someone who has been particularly meaningful in your life, I encourage you to consider a meaningful way to remember him or her. I often speak to Bethel friends about ways they can memorialize their loved ones and family members.



Below you will read about how friends and family members of Kirsten

(Frederick) Fumagalli '03 set up a scholarship fund in her honor. Kirsten was passionate about her athletic training work. Her family and friends were devastated when she died at a young age from colon cancer. They established a scholarship for Bethel athletic training students, dreaming about the future students who could be impacted by Kirsten's legacy.

If there is someone in your life who you would like to celebrate this Memorial Day, [please contact us](#). We can discuss ways you can remember your loved one through an enduring gift that honors their values and will live beyond their lifetime.

You'll also see a story and photos from our annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner, which provides an opportunity for donors to meet students who benefit from their scholarship gifts.

Dan Wiersum
Associate Vice President for Planned Giving

A Gift in Memory of the Ones You Love



Have you considered making a memorial gift in the future?

There are many ways to make a gift in remembrance of someone special that also will have a meaningful significance for years to come, including through your will or living trust. Your [charitable bequest](#) – a gift made through your will – may be made in the following ways:

A Memorial Gift of Cash or Property

A gift of cash is one of the simplest ways to remember your loved one. Many chose to [create a scholarship](#). Michael Fumagalli established the Kirsten Frederick Fumagalli Memorial Scholarship to honor his wife and support Bethel students pursuing a career in athletic training. When you make your gift, please designate the person you wish to remember, and

the best way we can honor them. You also will receive a tax deduction for the value of your gift.

Make a Deductible Gift and Receive Life Income

You may wish to make a memorial gift while providing current life income for yourself and family. If you are looking for ways to increase your income, you might consider a [memorial gift annuity](#) or a [charitable remainder trust](#).

To help customize your estate plans with a personalized gift annuity proposal or for more information on charitable trust plans, please contact [Dan Wiersum](#) or the Planned Giving office at [651.635.8053](tel:651.635.8053), or planned-giving@bethel.edu.

In Memory of Kirsten (Frederick) Fumagalli '03



Last March, Kirsten (Frederick) Fumagalli '03 died at age 36 after a 27-day battle with colon cancer. In her memory, Kirsten's family has created the Kirsten Frederick Fumagalli Memorial Scholarship so her legacy will live on in the lives of future Bethel athletic training students.

Kirsten's husband Michael says that the fond way Kirsten remembered Bethel—and the deep connections she maintained with Bethel friends and professional contacts—played a big role in their decision to start the fund. "Kirsten's years at Bethel were some of the most impactful of her life," he says. "Bethel is where Kirsten spread her wings and explored her faith, shared it with others, and blossomed into the woman I had the privilege of falling in love with and marrying."

[Read more about Kirsten and the scholarship in her name.](#)

Peyton Gallagher '21



Freshman year seemed to be going fine for Peyton Gallagher '21—but then, in an instant, things changed. During what felt like the worst year of his life, Gallagher leaned on the community he found at Bethel. The people around him made a significant difference, and now he wants to be that difference for others.

“So often, people [at Bethel] choose to walk through that door, enter into your life, and care about you—whether you’re best friends with them or don’t even know them,” says Peyton.

[Read more about his story](#) and how he hopes to use his Bethel education to make a difference in the world someday.

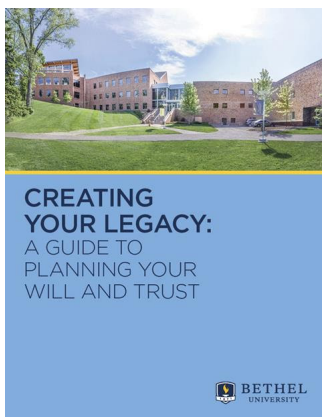
Estate Planning Resources

Creating A Will is Easier Than You Think

Creating your will is your opportunity to carefully articulate your wishes, values, and legacy. Planning allows you to help *provide* for and *protect* your loved ones and the charitable organizations you care about after you’re gone.

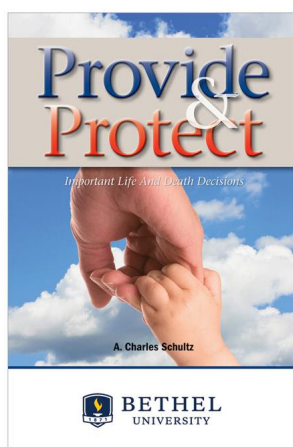
If you are thinking about creating or updating a will or trust, we can help. Bethel’s [Planned Giving website](#) includes a number of valuable resources about [wills and bequests](#), including wills videos, and a free personal and secure [online Wills Planner Account](#).

SPECIAL OFFER—Get Your FREE Wills Guide Legacy Pack



We would like to send you a **FREE Wills Guide Legacy Pack** with estate planning resources including:

- **Bethel Wills Guide – *Creating Your Legacy: A Guide to Planning Your Will and Trust***. This guide is an easy-to-use, fill-in-the-blank booklet that can help you organize all of the information an estate planning attorney will need to create your will and trust plan.
- ***Provide & Protect: Important Life Decision*** by A. Charles Schultz – This multimedia book is packed with tips on how to help you create a secure and satisfying future.
- **25 Estate Documents You Need To Put In One Place**
- And more estate planning tips...



Request today by going to [Free Wills Guide](#), complete the request form, and write in the “**comments**” section: “**Wills Guide Legacy Pack**”.

[Bethel's estate planning experts](#) are also available to answer questions and help with bequest language to **Provide** for and **Protect** you and your family while creating an enduring legacy.

Planned Giving Event

An Evening of Gratitude

2019 Scholarship Recognition Dinner

Bethel held the annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner for scholarships awarded in the 2018-19 academic year on April 25, 2019. This joyful event offered an opportunity to formally thank and recognize the investment

donors have made in Bethel students. The dinner also provided an opportunity for students whose lives have been transformed at Bethel to meet the donors who made their education possible through scholarship gifts. Many heard firsthand how the Lord is using their generosity to change students' lives and leave a lasting legacy.

[Read more about the evening and view pictures from the Scholarship Recognition Dinner.](#)

Personal Planner

Family Business – Sell and Retire

Bill and Alice started their family business many years ago. The early years were very challenging. Both worked without salary and it was a great struggle to finally get the business on a solid financial base. But after three decades of building the business, it now runs very well with an excellent cash flow. [Read More](#)

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What can you tell me about the Supplemental Security Income program and what are the eligibility requirements? My father has a very low income, so I am wondering if this is something he may qualify for. They are now nearing retirement. [Read More](#)

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