

# John Brown University Parents Association

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## Introduction

The JBU Parents Association consists of families of current JBU students. The Parents Council and office of Alumni & Parent Relations represent the Association to the University. The purpose of the Association is to be a vehicle through which:

- ◆ A spirit of community is developed,
- ◆ Opportunities for interaction are created, and
- ◆ Information is shared among parents as well as between parents and the University.

## How the Parents Association Operates

**Members** of the Association include all parents and guardians of current JBU students.

**The JBU Parents Council** is a volunteer-based group of current parents who represent the concerns, interests and views of parents to the University. They are committed to participating in the life of the University not only through prayer and financial support, but by volunteering to work events sponsored by JBU Parent Association, and hosting at a minimum of one parent event in their state or city per semester. The purpose of the Parents Council is:

*To oversee the fulfillment of the purpose of the Parents Association.  
In particular, to foster communication between the University and current parents in an effort  
to provide a positive college experience for both JBU students and families.*

The council is advisory to the University and works through the office of Alumni & Parent Relations.

**Membership** is by appointment. The officers and the Director of Alumni & Parent Relations appoint a maximum of 34 members. Membership should reflect the diversity of the student body (geographic and class year). Members need to be willing to participate in the activities of the council at their own expense.

Potential council members may be recommended to the Director of Alumni & Parent Relations by current parents, or members of JBU staff and administration. In addition, if a parent is interested in serving he or she may contact JBU Alumni & Parent Relations at 1-888-JBU-ALUM, [parents@jbu.edu](mailto:parents@jbu.edu) or contact a member of the Parents Council.

**The Term** coincides with the time the member's student is enrolled at JBU. The exception is the president, who stays on the council as a non-voting member for one year following his or her term. Ex officio, non-voting members can be appointed by the council or Director of Alumni & Parent Relations.

**Meetings** are on campus during fall and spring semester. The spring meeting coincides with Family Weekend.

**Officers** are a president, president-elect, and secretary. They are appointed to serve one-year terms by the current president and the Director of Alumni & Parent Relations. Their appointment is announced at the spring meeting. The president-elect assumes the responsibilities of president the year following his/her term. The president will continue to serve on the council for one year after the completion of that term.

**The University Liaison** for the Parents Council is the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations.

**The Working Structure** of the council may be work teams, groups or project volunteers as determined by the scope of work. The council helps plan and organize activities, events, and ministries on behalf of the JBU Parents Association.

## **Events/Publications**

**University Magazine, e-news and Regional Events** - Current and former parents receive the *John Brown Bulletin*, a magazine for alumni and friends of the University. Parents may also subscribe to the quarterly e-newsletter through the parent web site as well as attend JBU regional events held in their area.

**Parent Association Campus Events may include but not be limited to -**

- ◆ Early Registration Program (ERP) is held during the month of June
- ◆ During Move-In, the Free Cookout welcomes freshman and transfers to campus the week prior to classes
- ◆ Parent Association Receptions (Fall and Spring)
- ◆ Family Weekend is traditionally held the third weekend in February

**Opportunities for Parents** - Parents know JBU and are one of the best resources for the University. There are many ways in which parents can volunteer to represent JBU in their communities, schools, churches and businesses.

- ◆ Provide student referrals
- ◆ Represent JBU to prospective parents and students in their area
- ◆ Host receptions and open houses
- ◆ Represent JBU at college fairs and in their churches

**The JBU Website – [www.jbu.edu](http://www.jbu.edu)** is more than just a location, more than just buildings. Your student will discover that JBU is a place where relationships are discovered, strengthened, and changed. It is a place where goals are achieved and learning consists of more than the classroom. We are privileged to have your student here. Participate in the life of JBU...keep up with what is going on here on campus from chapel speakers to the academic calendar by checking in on the parent website, **[www.jbu.edu/parents](http://www.jbu.edu/parents)**.

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