

FIRST PERSON: What BSU means to me

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When I started college at Southern Miss, I was extremely nervous that I would not be able to find a good community and I was afraid that I would drift away from my faith. Then I walked into the Baptist Student Union where I was blessed to find the community that I longed for and even more. Not only did the BSU give me some of the best friends and mentors, it also helped deepen my relationship with Christ and challenged me to share my faith in ways I never thought I could.

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Mallory Johnson speaks to a group of college students at the Baptist Student Union on the University of Southern Mississippi campus.

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BSU fosters a culture of discipleship and evangelism through things like small groups, worship and prayer nights, weekly lunches, prayer walking, and various outreach events. We strive to be a campus ministry where nonbelievers feel welcomed, rather than scared, to walk through the door. Our hope is that students of all backgrounds will choose to come inside and experience the love of Jesus.

BSU has undoubtedly been the best part of my college experience and it will be the hardest place to say goodbye to when I graduate. I am thankful to be a part of such a wonderful organization where I have seen many lives impacted for the glory of God, including my own.

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