

BEAU UNDERWOOD

Hometown: Princeton, Illinois **Class:** 2006

Major: Philosophy & Religion; Political Science & History

Campus Involvement: Disciples on Campus



I'm currently the Vice President for External Affairs and a Senior Editor with *Word&Way*, a Christian magazine and media platform. I'm also an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



Jefferson City, MO

I'm the lucky husband to Casey and we have a 3-year old son, who is the joy of our life and a future EC student.

ASK
ME
ABOUT

The Chicago White Sox, the current AL Central Division champions!

The best book you'll ever read is *Stations of the Heart* by Richard Lischer, but have a box of tissues nearby. Also, I will be publishing a series of letters on fatherhood in spring/summer of 2022 with Chalice Press called *Dear Son: Raising Faithful, Just, and Compassionate Men*.

What is something about your current self that your college self would be proud of?

I have the incredible honor of chairing the Eureka College Board of Trustees. The college version of myself would never have imagined serving the school in this way but would be delighted by the news, given the influence and impact this wonderful school has had on my life and career.

Why is it important for you to be a part of the alumni board and/or participate in the advancement of Eureka College?

Eureka College shaped me intellectually, spiritually, and vocationally. I want to do everything I can to ensure other students have the same opportunities I had to discover themselves and flourish 'neath the elms.

SHOUT OUT! Who was an influential person during your time at Eureka – how did they make a difference in your life?

Several candidates come to mind but Dr. Jerry McCoy gets the award. As a transfer student, I arrived at Eureka with a specific set of goals (graduate in two years, get into Divinity School, learn everything I could about religion and public life). He went above and beyond to help all those things come to fruition. For his efforts, I am eternally grateful.



Stations of the Heart by Richard Lischer