Distinctions

- Named by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top five “Best Colleges” for comprehensive bachelor’s colleges in the North.
- Ninety-nine percent of past-year graduates surveyed are employed full time, attending graduate school, or in voluntary service within six months after graduation.
- Listed for more than 10 consecutive years on the Templeton Foundation’s “Honor Roll of Character-building Colleges.”
- Awarded a nationally competitive $2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment to implement an innovative network of programming and curriculum exploring Christian vocation.
- The Harrisburg Initiative integrates Messiah’s community involvement in the capital region into an intentional engagement of the city. It includes a student residential facility and the research, consultation, and service work of Messiah programs and centers.
- The Oakes Museum featuring Smithsonian-quality collections of North American and African wildlife, seashells, bird eggs, and fossils.
- The Boyer Center, promoting the vision of the late Ernest L. Boyer, Sr., is a research and resource center sponsoring national programs focused on the renewal of elementary schools, character education, partnerships between academic institutions, and new forms of educational privatization in the United States and China.
- Internationally recognized scholarship of School of the Humanities faculty and alumni, including a Rhodes Scholar, Marshall Scholar, Truman Scholar, and several Fulbright Fellowships and awards.
- The Center for Public Humanities brings together academic, civic, and cultural communities to engage contemporary issues and learning through symposia, lectures, film series, conferences, and partnerships with other institutions.
- The Collaboratory for Strategic Partnerships and Applied Research works with regional and international organizations to use applied research, quantitative analysis, technology, and entrepreneurial projects to address critical problems in the world.

Identity & Mission

Messiah College is a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. The College is committed to an embracing evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian Church. Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character, and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society.

Overview

Messiah College offers a high-quality, private, coed, undergraduate education that effectively integrates intellect, character, and Christian faith for more than 2,900 students in a residential setting.

Campus Locations:

Main Campus — Scenic 485-acre suburban campus located in Grantham, Pa., 12 miles southwest of the state capital, Harrisburg — providing easy access to urban centers such as Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.

Philadelphia Campus — In 1968, Messiah College launched a satellite campus in inner-city Philadelphia, affiliated with Temple University — the first partnership of its kind between a private Christian college and a state-affiliated university.

President

Kim S. Phipps, Ph.D., began her term as the eighth president of Messiah College in December of 2004.

History

Originally named the Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home, Messiah College was founded in 1909 by the Brethren in Christ Church. In 1972, ownership by the Church was replaced by a covenantal relationship in which legal responsibility for the College was placed with a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees.

Academic Structure

Messiah College’s academic program is structured into five interdisciplinary schools: the School of the Arts; the School of Education and Social Sciences; the School of Health and Natural Sciences; the School of the Humanities; and the School of Mathematics, Engineering, and Business. Each school is led by its own dean who collaborates with faculty, students, and the surrounding region to create visionary educational communities.

Economic & Cultural Impact

Messiah College annually injects $46.1 million into the greater Harrisburg regional economy. The College also hosts a busy schedule of regional and national conferences, lectures, and symposiums, as well as concerts, recitals, plays, musicals, and art exhibits through its School of the Arts.

Facilities

Academic Facilities — Boyer Hall, Kline Hall of Science, Frey Hall, Jordan Science Center, The Oakes Museum, The Boyer Center, Climenhaga Fine Arts Center, and Sollenberger Sports Center.

Computer Facilities — Includes 527 computers in various academic and residence hall labs, all of which are connected to a campuswide network. Individual residence hall rooms have been equipped for a campus network/Internet connection for personal computers.

Murray Library — Paper volumes 295,518; current periodicals 1,165; microforms 118,682; audiovisual materials 18,528. The library also houses a computer lab, media center, and video production center.
Residential Facilities — The College offers eight traditional on-campus residence halls and four apartment-style residences on campus, each well equipped and controlled by a security access system.

Larsen Student Union — A new student-centered facility providing learning and leisure space for the Messiah community.

Academic Programs
The College awards both bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in the majors listed below, in addition to more than 50 minors. Specialized programs include extensive off-campus study, individualized minors, independent study, service-learning, internships, and a flourishing College Honors Program.

More than 50 Majors
Accounting; Adventure Education; Art Education; Art History; Athletic Training; Bible; Biochemistry; Biology; Biopsychology; Broadcasting; Business Administration; Business Information Systems; Chemistry; Christian Ministries; Communication; Computer Science; Criminal Justice; E-Marketing; Early Childhood Education; Economics; Elementary Education; Engineering; English; Entrepreneurship; Environmental Science; Environmental Studies; French; German; Health & Physical Education; History; Human Development and Family Science; Human Resource Management; Humanities; International Business; Journalism; Marketing; Mathematics; Music; Music Education; Nursing; Nutrition & Dietetics; Philosophy; Physics; Politics; Psychology; Religion; Social Work; Sociology; Spanish; Spanish Business; Sport & Exercise Science; Studio Art; Theatre; Therapeutic Recreation

Teacher Certification Programs
Art Education; Biology; Biology and Environmental Education; Chemistry; Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education; Elementary and Special Education; English; Environmental Science; Family and Consumer Sciences Education; French; German; Health & Physical Education; Mathematics; Music Education; Social Studies; Spanish

Preprofessional Programs
Pre-Allied Health; Pre-Dental; Pre-Law; Pre-Medical; Pre-Physical Therapy; Pre-Veterinary

Spiritual Growth
Messiah weaves opportunities for spiritual growth throughout students’ college experience — including chapel and worship services, discipleship groups, ministry outreach programs, community service, mission trips, and a variety of other special programs. Last year, Messiah’s student body volunteered more than 90,000 hours of community service.

Faculty Profile
Messiah College selects its educators for their Christian commitment as well as their proven teaching ability. They are outstanding scholars, authors, and experts in their chosen fields.

Full-Time
Full-Time Faculty 170
Male/Female Ratio 110M/60F
Hold Terminal Degree 71%
Part-Time
Part-Time Faculty 127

Student/Faculty Ratio 14:1

Financial Aid

Percent Receiving Aid
First-Year Students 99%
All Undergraduates 96%

Average Aid Package
First-Year Students $17,491
All Undergraduates $16,981

Tuition & Costs

2005–2006 Academic Year
Tuition $21,420
Required Fees $690
Room & Board $6,800
Total $28,910
Additional Costs* $2,600
*estimates for books, travel, and personal expenses

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