Characterized by CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS, recognized SPORTSMANSHIP, and COMPETITIVE SCHEDULING, the Messiah College athletics program has emerged as a HIGHLY RESPECTED entity among its peer institutions.

Athletic Achievements and Championships Intercollegiate athletics at Messiah College sets standards for excellence in NCAA Division III college athletic programs while developing the Christian character of its athletes. Characterized by outstanding facilities and competitive scheduling, the program has emerged as a highly respected entity among its peer institutions.

- Messiah’s men’s volleyball program received the 2007-2008 Sportsmanship Award from its peers in the Commonwealth Conference. Both the men’s and women’s programs earned this recognition in 2006-2007.

Athletic Programs
- 22 intercollegiate athletic teams (NCAA Division III): baseball (M), basketball (M/W), cross country (M/W), field hockey (W), golf (M), lacrosse (M/W), soccer (M/W), softball (W), swimming (M/W), tennis (M/W), indoor track and field (M/W), outdoor track and field (M/W), volleyball (W), wrestling (M).
- Messiah’s Oakes Museum features Smithsonian-quality collections of North American and African wildlife, butterflies, birds, insects, minerals, and fossils, and is visited by more than 7,300 elementary school students each year.

The Harrisburg Institute integrates Messiah’s community involvement in the College’s Collaboratory for Strategic Partnerships. Part of the Harrisburg Institute includes a student residential facility and promotes community service, research, and consultation work.

The Ernest L. Boyer Center cultivates innovative educational practice internationally, and faculty and visiting artists who perform and exhibit for students, extensive connections with arts organizations locally and regionally.

The School of the Arts features performance and exhibition opportunities for its athletes. Characterized by outstanding facilities and competitive scheduling, the program has emerged as a highly respected entity among its peer institutions.

Messiah College is a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. 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 is a nationally ranked private Christian college with a socially, denominationally, and politically diverse student body of 2,800 undergraduate students, located in Grantham, Pa., just 12 miles from the state capital, Harrisburg.

Campus Locations
- Main Campus—Scenic 471-acre suburban campus located in central Pennsylvania (Grantham, Pa.) providing easy access to urban centers such as 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.

History
- Messiah College was founded in 1909 by the Brethren in Christ Church. Messiah continues to emphasize its particular Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan theological heritage even though it is no longer legally owned by the Brethren in Christ Church. Now, the College’s faith base is broadly evangelical and includes students from many mainstream denominations and a variety of Christian faith traditions.

Academic Excellence
- Messiah College awards bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in more than 55 majors. Specialized programs include extensive off-campus study, individualized majors, independent study, service-learning, internships, and a flourishing College Honors Program.
- In head-to-head competition with public and private colleges and universities, Messiah College consistently ranks among the top 12 “Best Baccalaureate Colleges” in the northeastern U.S., according to U.S. News and World Report.
- Within the past 10 years, Messiah College has produced graduates who have distinguished themselves as Rhodes, Fulbright, Carnegie, and Truman Scholars.
- Messiah’s accounting program is nationally ranked for percentage of students who passed the CPA exam on their first attempt.
- One hundred percent of Messiah’s elementary, early childhood, and special education graduates in 2007 passed the Praxis Series assessments, an exam required for obtaining teacher certification in Pennsylvania and many other states.
- Messiah College is one of only three institutions in Pennsylvania whose nursing class scored a 100 percent pass rate on the 2006 National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

Financial Aid
- Percent Receiving Aid
  - First-Year Students: 97%
  - All Undergraduates: 97%
- Average Aid Package
  - First-Year Students: $21,790
  - All Undergraduates: $20,139

Tuition and Costs
- Tuition: $24,900
- Required Fees: $570
- Room and Board: $7,610
- Total: $33,280
- Additional Costs: $2,790
- Estimated for books, travel, and personal expenses: $2,790

Source: Messiah College Office of Institutional Research (717) 766-2517, ext. 3630, and Marketing and Public Relations, (717) 691-6027. For additional Messiah statistics and information, visit www.messiah.edu/foiresearch.
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Notable Community
The Messiah College community of students, educators, and alumni are committed to seeking increased understanding of the Christian faith and applying that faith to specific academic disciplines and world problems.

In April 2008, Messiah College was selected to host The Compassion Forum, a nationally televised, unprecedented conversation with presidential candidates on the integration of faith and public policy. The Forum was viewed by millions on CNN and the Church Communication Network and provided a unique civic educational opportunity for Messiah students to participate in the 2008 presidential election.

Our graduates exemplify service, leadership, and reconciliation by the meaningful contributions they offer in all areas of contemporary culture and society, both in the United States and around the globe.

Ernest L. Boyer, Ph.D., one of Messiah College’s most notable alumni, served as U.S. Commissioner of Education under President Carter and held additional national commissions under Presidents Nixon, Reagan, Bush (George H.W.), and Clinton. Boyer’s work focused on the needs of students from underprivileged backgrounds and the meaningful contributions they offer in all areas of contemporary culture and society, both in the United States and around the globe.

Messiah College’s commitment to service-learning and civic engagement earned recognition on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for exemplary service to disadvantaged youth. Messiah was one of only seven colleges in Pennsylvania recognized with this honor.

Messiah was named a “Green College” by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in 2008, which recognized Messiah for its ongoing sustainability initiatives, including its community garden, exploration of alternative energy sources, composting efforts, and attempts to limit campus paper usage.

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 Faculty: 173
- Part-Time Faculty: 114
- Male/Female: 107M/66F
- Student/Faculty Ratio: 13:1

Spiritual Formation
Messiah’s commitment to spiritual growth throughout students’ college experience — including chapel and worship services, discipleship groups, ministry outreach teams, community service, mission trips, and a variety of other special programs — is expressed in three ways: maturing of being, characterized by a personal and communal relationship with God in Jesus Christ, maturity of knowing, characterized by intentional transformational learning and reflection about God, self, and the world, and maturity of doing, characterized by intentional actions compelled by what we believe and who we are in Christ.

Community Engagement
Messiah College teaches students to engage their Christian faith to build community, to serve as agents for peace and reconciliation, and to champion the rights of the poor and the dispossessed.

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