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- The Agapé Center for Service and Learning develops, administers, resources, and coordinates programs of academic service-learning, community service, and mission locally and abroad. Last year Messiah students volunteered more than 58,000 hours through more than 100 partner organizations.
- The Internship Center celebrated a banner year with an all-time high of 154 students completing internships in 133 locations. Shorter professional development experiences in workplace settings were provided as an alternative to traditional internships.
- Students and educators in the College’s Collaboratory for Strategic Partnerships and Applied Research partner with regional and international organizations for projects in mathematical and information sciences, engineering, and business that empower the poor, promote justice for the oppressed, reconcile adversaries, and care for the earth.
- The Harrisburg Institute integrates Messiah’s community involvement in the capital region through an intentional engagement with the city. The Institute includes a student residential facility and promotes community service, research, and consultation work.
- Messiah’s Philadelphia Campus situates students in a major urban center with its ethnic, cultural, and academic diversity. The campus provides access to and enriches Christian higher education in the urban context, engages the wider academy, and addresses the challenges and potential of the urban world.
- The Ernest L. Boyer Center cultivates innovative educational practice and scholarship from early childhood through higher education. Serving educators, administrators, and organizations, the Center promotes excellent and accessible education that enriches lives and revitalizes society.
- The Center for Public Humanities brings together academic, civic, and cultural communities to engage contemporary issues and promote learning through symposia, lectures, film series, conferences, and partnerships with school districts and literacy outreach programs.
- The School of the Arts features performance and exhibition opportunities for students, extensive connections with arts organizations locally and internationally, and faculty and visiting artists who perform and exhibit around the world.

- Messiah’s Oakes Museum features Smithsonian-quality collections of North American and African wildlife, seashells, bird eggs, insects, minerals, and fossils, and is visited by more than 7,500 elementary school students each year.

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.

- The Messiah Falcons are six-time NCAA Division III national champions in men’s soccer (2008, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2002, and 2000); 2008 and 2005 national champions and 2007 national runner-up in women’s soccer; 2008 and 2001 national runner-up in women’s basketball; and 2006, 2005, 2002, and 2001 national runner-up in field hockey.
- Messiah’s men’s overall athletic program received the 2007–2008 Sportsmanship Award from their 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).

Tuition and Costs

2008–2009 Academic Year

Tuition	\$24,900
Required Fees	\$770
Room and Board	\$7,610
Total	\$33,280
Additional Costs*	\$2,790

**estimates for books, travel, and personal expenses*

Financial Aid

Percent Receiving Aid

First-Year Students97%
All Undergraduates	97%

Average Aid Package

First-Year Students	\$21,790
All Undergraduates	\$20,139

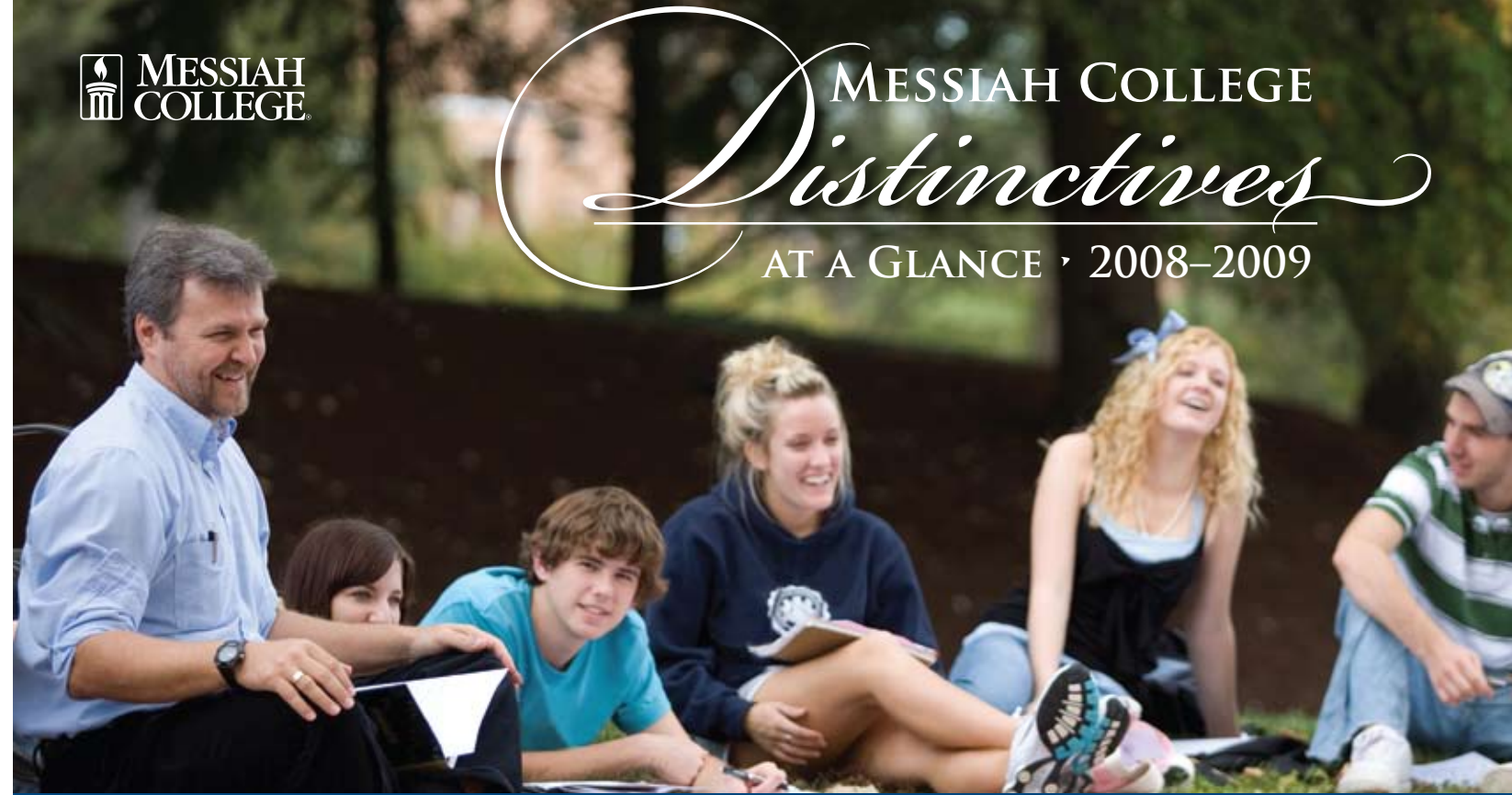
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IDENTITY and
 MISSION

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 Christ in Church. Now, the College’s faith base is broadly evangelical and includes students from many mainline 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 10 “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.



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“Academic Excellence” *continued from front*

- Messiah is ranked eleventh in the U.S. among undergraduate institutions sending students to study abroad, by the Institute of International Education. Messiah strives to make international programs accessible to all students; last year 429 students earned academic credit by studying abroad in more than 30 different countries.
- Messiah’s Internship Center is nationally recognized for excellence in training students for today’s workforce. More than 350 colleges and universities use Messiah’s training materials, or model their internship program after Messiah.
- Ninety-nine percent of Messiah’s past-year graduates surveyed are employed full-time, attending graduate school, or in voluntary service within six months after graduation.

Majors and Pre-professional Programs

Messiah College offers more than 55 undergraduate majors in these areas: Accounting; Adventure Education; Art Education; Art History; Arts Management; Athletic Training; Biblical and Religious Studies; Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; 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; Family and Consumer Sciences Education; French; German; Health and Exercise Science; Health and Physical Education; History; Human Development and Family Science; Human Resource Management; Humanities; International Business; Journalism; Marketing; Mathematics; Music; Music Education; Nursing; Nutrition and Dietetics; Nutrition Science; Philosophy; Physics; Politics; Psychology; Social Work; Sociology; Spanish; Spanish Business; Sport Management; Studio Art; Theatre

Pre-professional programs: Pre-Allied Health; Pre-Medical; Pre-Physical Therapy; Pre-Veterinary; Pre-Dental

President

Kim S. Phipps, Ph.D., began her term as the eighth president of Messiah College in December 2004. Dr. Phipps, who previously served in the roles of Messiah’s academic dean and provost, has researched, published, and lectured on the structure, rhetoric, and climate of higher education; the development of educational community; faculty development and identity; gender and diversity communication issues; and the complexities and nuances of religion and American political campaign rhetoric. She holds a doctorate in communication studies from Kent State University.

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, and Bush (George H.W.).
- Messiah College hosts prominent national speakers, recently including Jim Wallis, Randall Balmer, Philip Yancey, Jonathan Kozol, Anna Quindlen, E.J. Dionne, David McCullough, Juan Williams, Beverly Daniel Tatum, and Fred Barnes.
- To read current, compelling stories about the lives and impact of Messiah students, alumni, and educators, visit <http://storylink.messiah.edu>.

Distinguished Educators

Messiah educators are dedicated scholars and accomplished professionals committed to supporting students in their educational experience.

- Messiah College’s 173 full-time faculty hold degrees from more than 150 graduate schools in five countries — including prestigious institutions such as Oxford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, and the University of Pennsylvania.
- A culture of scholarship exists among Messiah’s community of educators. Our faculty members are actively contributing research, scholarly writing, and artistic works that inform their academic disciplines and the national conversation of faith in the academy and broader culture.
- Messiah educators are often sought by local, regional, and national journalists for their commentary, insight, and expertise. Recent examples include coverage in *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Vital Speeches of the Day*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, and *Inside Higher Ed*.

Student Profile

Enrollment	
Undergrad Head Count	2,802
Male/Female Ratio	36%M / 64%F
Full-Time Students	
Full-Time Students	2,744
Living in On-Campus Housing	2,396
Out-of-State Students	45%
States Represented	32
Students from Underrepresented Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Populations	7.0%
International Students	2.6%
Foreign Countries Represented	35

First-Year Class Profile

Total applied	2,829
Total accepted	1,999
Total enrolled	709
SAT Scores Middle 50% Average	
Verbal	520–630 579
Math	520–640 579
Composite	1050–1260 1158
ACT Scores Middle 50% Average	
Composite	22–27 24.5

High School Class Rank

Top 10%	33%
Top 25%	70%
Top 50%	93%

High School GPA

Above 3.0	97%
Average GPA	3.71

Retention and Graduation

Percent of first-year students who:	
returned for 2nd year	83.3%
graduated within 4 years	68.4%
graduated within 6 years	75.8%

Note: Messiah does not track students who transfer from Messiah College and graduate from another institution.

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	Part-Time
Full-Time Faculty 173	Part-Time Faculty 114
Male/Female 107M/66F	
Hold Terminal Degree 83.2%	Student/Faculty Ratio 13:1

Spiritual Formation

Messiah weaves opportunities for 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. At Messiah, spiritual formation is expressed in three ways: maturity of being, characterized by a personal and communal relationship with God in Jesus Christ; maturity of knowing, characterized by intentional and 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.

- Messiah’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.

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