



MESSIAH COLLEGE
DISTINCTIVES
2009 – 2010

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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 2,766 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 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 addition, the College recently launched two graduate programs: a Master of Arts in counseling and a Master of Music in conducting.

- 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.
- Messiah is ranked third in its region as a “Great School at Great Price” by U.S. News and World Report.
- Within the past 12 years, Messiah College has produced graduates who have distinguished themselves as Rhodes, Fulbright, Carnegie, and Truman Scholars.
- Messiah is ranked 14th in the U.S. among all undergraduate institutions sending students to study abroad, according to the Institute of International Education. Messiah strives to make international programs accessible to all students. Last year, 501 students earned academic credit by studying abroad in more than 40 different countries.



Since 1998, Messiah College has produced graduates who have DISTINGUISHED themselves as RHODES, FULBRIGHT, CARNEGIE, and TRUMAN SCHOLARS.

“Academic Excellence” *continued from front*

- Messiah’s Internship Center is nationally recognized for excellence in training students for today’s workforce. More than 390 colleges and universities use Messiah’s training materials or model their internship program after Messiah. Last year, the Internship Center celebrated an all-time high of 188 students, completing internships in 157 locations.
- Ninety-nine percent of Messiah’s past-year graduates surveyed are employed full-time, attending graduate school, or serving as volunteers within six months after graduation.

Undergraduate Majors and Pre-professional Programs

Messiah College offers more than 55 undergraduate majors in these areas: Accounting, Adventure Education, Art History, Arts Management, Athletic Training, Biblical and Religious Studies, Biochemistry, Biology, Biopsychology, Broadcasting, Business Administration, Business Information Systems, Chemistry, Christian Ministries, Communication, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Economics, Education with PreK-Grade 4, Education with Dual Certification In PreK-Grade 4 and Special Education (N-Gr. 8), Education with Middle Level Grades 4-8, Engineering, English, Entrepreneurship, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, French, German, Health and Exercise Science, History, Human Development and Family Science, Human Resource Management, Humanities, International Business, Journalism, Marketing, Mathematics, Molecular Biology, Music, Music Business, Music Performance, Nursing, Nutrition and Dietetics, Nutrition Science, Philosophy, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology and Anthropology, Spanish, Spanish Business, Sport Management, Studio Art, Theatre

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

Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in Counseling; Master of Music in Conducting

President

Kim S. Phipps, Ph.D., began her term as the eighth president of Messiah College in December 2004. Dr. Phipps creates numerous intentional opportunities to interact with students throughout the year, including Open Door Days and “Pizza with the Prez.” Her areas of academic scholarship include: 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. Dr. Phipps represents the College’s commitment to civic engagement by serving in leadership roles on a variety of local, regional, and national boards.

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.
- Messiah College hosts prominent national speakers, recently including Jim Wallis, Dinesh D’Souza, Philip Yancey, Jonathan Kozol, Anna Quindlen, E.J. Dionne, David McCullough, Tracy Kidder, Beverly Daniel Tatum, Fred Barnes, and Richard Stearns.

Distinguished Educators

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

- Messiah College’s 170 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 on faith in the academy and broader culture. In the past two years, Messiah educators have edited, contributed to, or authored more than 90 published works.
- 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, Inside Higher Ed, The Houston Chronicle, and the Associated Press.

Student Profile 2009–2010

Enrollment

Undergrad Head Count	2,766
Male/Female Ratio	37%M/63%F
Graduate Head Count	35

Full-Time Students

Full-Time Students	2,732
Living in On-Campus Housing	2,402
Out-of-State Students	44%
States Represented	37
Students from Underrepresented Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Populations	7.6%
International Students	2.6%
Foreign Countries Represented	30

First-Year Class Profile 2009–2010

Total applied	3,054
Total accepted	2,072
Total enrolled	698

SAT Scores	Middle 50%	Average
Verbal	510–620	569
Math	510–640	576
Composite	1040–1240	1145

ACT Scores	Middle 50%	Average
Composite	23–28	25

High School Class Rank

Top 10%	34%
Top 25%	66%
Top 50%	93%

High School GPA

Above 3.0	95%
Average GPA	3.71

Retention and Graduation

Percent of first-year students who:	
returned for 2nd year	86.7%
graduated within 4 years	70.3%
graduated within 6 years	78%

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

Faculty Profile 2009–2010

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	170	Part-Time Faculty	109
Male/Female	105M/65F	Student/Faculty Ratio	13:1
Hold Terminal Degree	81.2%		

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. For more information visit messiah.edu/ministries/SpiritualFormation.

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 service learning program was nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a 2010 "Program to Look For."
- Messiah College has earned The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's prestigious Community Engagement Classification for Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships (awarded 2008).
- Messiah's commitment to service-learning and civic engagement earned recognition on the national 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; its community garden; exploration of alternative energy sources; composting efforts; and attempts to limit campus paper usage.

**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.**





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.

“Community Engagement” *continued*

- The Agapé Center for Service and Learning develops, administers, resources, and coordinates programs of service-learning, community service, and mission locally and abroad. Nearly 92 percent of Messiah’s student body engages in volunteer/community service. Students serve more than 124,000 hours per year locally and around the globe.
- 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. In 2009, the institute founded the Mentoring Partnership of Central PA to help city agencies fund and deliver quality services to at-risk young people.
- 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, named for one of Messiah’s most notable alumni who served as the U.S. Commissioner of Education, promotes excellent and accessible education that enriches lives and revitalizes society. Recently, the Boyer Center launched several new initiatives, including 1) partnering with a number of Harrisburg city agencies to begin a project on racial healing and reconciliation and 2) an international collaboration to build a foundation of forgiveness, peacemaking, and reconciliation among students and their professors in areas of the world embroiled in conflict.
- The Center for Public Humanities brings together academic, civic, and cultural communities to engage contemporary issues and to 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, (such as the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra) 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 set 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. Our athletes turn in All-American performances and have been featured in USA Today, Sports Illustrated, and on network television.

- The Messiah Falcons are seven-time NCAA Division III national champions in men’s soccer (2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2002, and 2000); three-time national champions in women’s soccer (2009, 2008, and 2005); 2009 national champions in softball; two-time national runners-up in women’s basketball; and seven-time national runners-up in field hockey.
- Messiah is the only college in the history of the NCAA to win dual national championships in the same sport in the same year by both their men’s and women’s teams—not only once but three times (2009, 2008, and 2005)

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

2009–2010 Academic Year

Tuition	\$25,900
Required Fees	\$800
Room and Board	\$7,880
Total	\$34,580
Additional Costs*	\$2,950

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

Financial Aid

Percent Receiving Aid	
First-Year Students	100%
All Undergraduates	97.7%
Average Aid Package	
First-Year Students	\$23,118
All Undergraduates	\$21,021

*Sources: Messiah College Offices of Institutional Research 717.766.2511, ext. 3630, and Marketing and Public Relations 717.691.6027
 For additional Messiah statistics and information, visit messiah.edu/offices/research*