



Messiah College

Distinctives

2010-2011

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 student body of 2,932 undergraduate and graduate students, located in Grantham, Pa., just 12 miles from the state capital, Harrisburg.

campus locations

GRANTHAM MAIN CAMPUS: Scenic 471-acre suburban campus located in central Pennsylvania 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 urban Philadelphia, affiliated with Temple University.

HARRISBURG CAMPUS: In 2008, Messiah College opened the Harrisburg Institute, a residential facility that promotes community service, research and consultancy work.

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 and employees from a variety of denominations and Christian faith traditions.

academic excellence

- In head-to-head competition with public and private colleges and universities, Messiah College consistently ranks among the top 10 "Best Regional Colleges" in the northeastern U.S., according to U.S. News and World Report.
- Messiah strives to make international programs accessible to all students. Last year, 401 students earned academic credit by studying abroad in more than 40 different countries.
- Messiah's Internship Center is nationally recognized for excellence in training students for today's workforce. More than 415 colleges and universities use Messiah's training materials or model their internship program after Messiah.



- ranked as the #4 "Best Regional College" in the northeastern U.S.
- ranked in the top 10 in its region as a "Great School at Great Price"
- service-learning program nationally recognized as a 2010 "Program to Look For"



undergraduate majors and pre-professional programs

Messiah College awards Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in more than 55 majors in the liberal arts and applied programs. Specialized programs include extensive off-campus study, individualized majors, independent study, service-learning, internships, 3+ programs in partnership with other institutions and a flourishing College Honors Program.

55+ MAJORS: For a complete listing, visit messiah.edu/majors.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS: pre-allied health, pre-dental, pre-law, pre-medical, pre-physical therapy, pre-veterinary

Some majors allow motivated students to graduate one or two semesters early. More detailed information about “Three Ways to Three Years” is available at messiah.edu/admissions/three_years/.

graduate programs

Messiah College offers quality graduate programs in a flexible hybrid format of traditional and online courses.

- Master of Arts in counseling
- Master of Music in conducting
- Master of Arts in art education
- Master’s in Education with emphasis and optional Pennsylvania teaching certification in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) or special education (*planned for launch in 2011*)
- Master of Arts in youth and young adult ministries (*planned for launch in 2011*)

president

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

In 2010, Dr. Phipps was named one of the 25 most influential women in central Pennsylvania by the Central Pennsylvania Business Journal.

Distinguished Messiah graduates have become **Rhodes, Fulbright, Carnegie, Truman and Udall scholars.**

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.

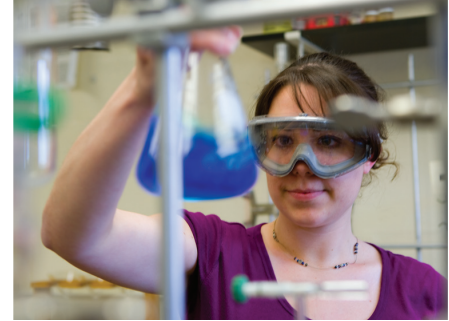
- In April 2008, Messiah College was selected to host The Compassion Forum, a nationally televised, unprecedented conversation with presidential candidates on the integration of faith and public policy. The Forum was viewed by millions on CNN and the Church Communication Network.
- Messiah College hosts prominent national speakers, recently including Jim Wallis, Dinesh D’Souza, Philip Yancey, Jonathan Kozol, Tracy Kidder, Beverly Daniel Tatum, Fred Barnes, Henry Louis Gates, Mark Noll, Laurie Polich and Richard Stearns.

distinguished educators

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

- Messiah College’s 175 full-time faculty hold degrees from nationally and internationally recognized graduate schools – 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.
- Messiah educators are often sought by local, regional and national journalists for their commentary, insight and expertise. Recent examples include coverage in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Minneapolis Star Tribune, Fox News.com, New York Daily Times, CNN Belief Blog, AOL News, The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Associated Press.

7th in the nation among all undergraduate institutions that send students to study abroad, according to the Institute of International Education.



faculty profile

Messiah College selects its educators for their Christian commitment as well as their proven teaching ability. They are outstanding scholars, authors, artists and experts in their chosen fields. In the past two years, Messiah educators have edited, contributed to or written more than 90 published works.

FULL-TIME FACULTY: 175 (61% male/39% female)

HOLD TERMINAL DEGREE: 76%

PART-TIME FACULTY: 106

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 13:1

student profile

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:

2,808 undergraduate students representing 35 states and 29 countries

38% male/62% female students

2,739 full-time students

2,457 living in on-campus housing

44% out-of-state students

7.9% students from underrepresented racial, ethnic and cultural populations

2.9% international students

UNDERGRADUATE FINANCIAL AID:

percent receiving financial aid:

100% first-year students

99% all undergraduates

average aid package:

\$23,149 first-year students

\$21,485 all undergraduates

UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION AND GRADUATION:

85.1% returned for 2nd year

70.4% graduated within 4 years

75.4% graduated within 6 years

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

GRADUATE ENROLLMENT:

124 graduate students representing seven states

39% male/61% female

76 seeking a M.A. in counseling

43 seeking a M.M. in conducting

5 seeking a M.A. in art education

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. 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.

5th
in the nation
among baccalaureate
colleges based on com-
mitment to community
and public service,
according to the 2010
college rankings by
Washington Monthly
magazine.

- Messiah College has earned the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's prestigious Community Engagement Classification for Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships.

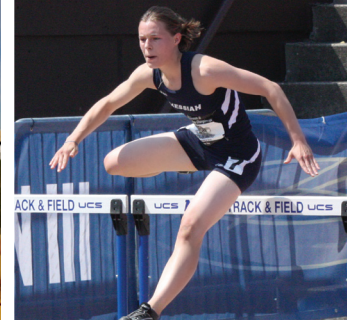
- Messiah's commitment to service-learning and civic engagement earned recognition on the national President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for exemplary service to disadvantaged youth.

- Messiah's ongoing sustainability initiatives — an on-campus, organic, community garden; composting; and exploration of

alternative energy sources, for example—have been recognized by the Princeton Review, the U.S. Building Council, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the national "green" student movement Renewal.

- The Agapé Center for Service and Learning cultivates experiences with community partners to prepare individuals for lifelong service. In 2010, an estimated 98% of the graduating class participated in some form of community service through the Agapé Center.





Community Engagement (continued)

- 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. 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 city and provides access to 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.
- **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** fosters extensive connections with visiting artists and arts organizations locally, such as the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, and internationally. Messiah also contributes to the cultural life of the region through affiliations with its accomplished artists-in-residence: jazz musician Tim Warfield, the Susquehanna Chorale and the Mendelssohn Piano Trio.

Messiah is the only college in NCAA history 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**

3 times!
(Men’s and women’s soccer 2009, 2008 and 2005)

- Messiah’s **Oakes Museum** features Smithsonian-quality collections of North American and African wildlife, seashells, bird eggs, insects, minerals and fossils and last year had more than 15,000 visitors.

athletic achievements and championships

Intercollegiate athletics at Messiah College set standards for excellence in NCAA Division III college 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, TheNewYorkTimes.com and on national network television.

- The **Messiah Falcons** are **eight-time NCAA Division III national champions in men’s soccer** (2010, 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 **eight-time national runners-up in field hockey**. In 2010, track star Kristen Bates ’10 won **national championships in the 55- and 100-meter hurdles and the pentathlon**, becoming the College’s most decorated athlete.
- **Chris Heisey ’08** was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in 2010, becoming the **first Messiah alumnus to be drafted into the major leagues**.



♦ ranked as the **#3 “Top college for soccer fans”** in the nation!

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)

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