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Messiah College

Distinctives

2011-2012

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 2,976 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.

SATELLITE CAMPUSES: Philadelphia (in partnership with Temple University) and in downtown Harrisburg.

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 & World Report.**
- Messiah strives to make international programs accessible to all students. **Last year, 424 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 428 colleges and universities use Messiah's training materials or model their internship program after Messiah.

U.S. News
& WORLD REPORT

- Ranked as the **#5 "Best Regional College"** in the northeastern U.S.
- Ranked in the **top 10** in its region as a **"Great School, Great Price"**
- Ranked in the **top 100 "best undergraduate engineering programs"** in the country



undergraduate majors and pre-professional programs

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, allied programs in partnership with other institutions (including pharmacy and occupational therapy) 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 art education (K-12)
- Master of Music in conducting (wind, orchestral, choral)
- Master of Arts in counseling (clinical mental health; marriage, couple and family; or school counseling)
- Master’s in Education (TESOL or special education)
- Master of Arts in higher education (college athletics management, advancement or student affairs)
- Master of Arts in youth and young adult ministries

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 2011, Dr. Phipps was named as the first woman to chair the board of directors of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

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 Fred Barnes, Dinesh D’Souza, Joni Eareckson Tada, Henry Louis Gates, Tracy Kidder, Jonathan Kozol, James Leach, James McBride, Mark Noll, Laurie Polich, Richard Stearns, Beverly Daniel Tatum, Jim Wallis and Philip Yancey.

distinguished educators

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.

- Messiah College’s 177 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.
- Our faculty members actively contribute 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 written more than 90 published works. Recently two Messiah educators received prestigious Fulbright scholarships for study in Cyprus and New Zealand.
- Messiah educators are often sought by local, regional and national journalists for their commentary 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

FULL-TIME FACULTY: 177 (57% male/43% female)

HOLD TERMINAL DEGREE: 81%

PART-TIME FACULTY: 111

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 13:1

student profile

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT:

2,805 undergraduate students representing 34 states and 32 countries

39% male/61% female students

2,733 full-time students

2,456 living in on-campus housing

42% out-of-state students

8.2% students from underrepresented racial, ethnic and cultural populations

2.1% international students

UNDERGRADUATE FINANCIAL AID:

average aid package:

\$24,725 first-year students

\$23,051 all undergraduates

UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION AND GRADUATION:

83.2% returned for 2nd year

70.3% graduated within 4 years

74.1% graduated within 6 years

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

GRADUATE ENROLLMENT:

171 graduate students representing seven states

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 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 extensive **sustainability efforts**, including initiatives such as a community organic garden, composting, the region's largest commercial solar thermal system and biodiesel production, **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 2011, an estimated 98 percent of the graduating class participated in some form of community service through the Agapé Center.**

• 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** provides an opportunity for Messiah students to live and serve in the city of Harrisburg through the SALT (Serving and Living Together) residential program. The facility also provides working and meeting space for campus-community partnership initiatives.

6th
in the nation
among baccalaureate colleges based on commitment to community and public service, according to the 2011 college rankings by Washington Monthly magazine.





Community Engagement (continued)

- **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, houses the Boyer Archives, the Boyer Scholars Program and other initiatives that build on Boyer's legacy of promoting excellent, accessible education for the common good.
- **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's Oakes Museum of Natural History** 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.

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

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)

athletic achievements and championships

The 2011-12 academic year marks 50 years of intercollegiate athletics at Messiah College, a program that sets standards for excellence in NCAA Division III college programs while developing the Christian character of its athletes. 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 individually decorated athlete.

- In 2010, Chris Heisey '08 debuted with the Cincinnati Reds, becoming the first Messiah alumnus to play in the major leagues.

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.