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, 301 students earned academic credit by studying abroad in more than 40 different countries.
“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


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.


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


• 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

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Financial Aid

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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

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