Community Engagement (continued)

- The Collaboratory for Strategic Research and Applied Partnerships enables students to apply academic knowledge and live out their Christian faith through imaginative, hands-on problem solving that meets the needs of clients around the world. In 2012, World Vision awarded the Collaboratory a $733,000 grant to further improve water and sanitation access for disabled individuals in rural Africa.
- Through the Philadelphia Campus and Harrisburg Institute, Messiah provides access to Christian higher education in an urban setting where students can live and serve in the city.
- 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.

Messiah College

Messiah College 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, nytimes.com, NCAA.com and on national network television.

- In 2010, Chris Heisey ’08 debuted with the Cincinnati Reds, becoming the first Messiah alumnus to play in the major leagues.
- Eleven Messiah athletic programs competed in their respective NCAA Championship tournaments in 2011-2012: men’s soccer, women’s soccer, field hockey, women’s basketball, men’s basketball, wrestling, softball, baseball, women’s lacrosse, women’s outdoor track and field and men’s outdoor track and field.

The School of the Arts fosters extensive connections with visiting artists and arts organizations internationally and locally, such as the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra. 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 seashells, birds and bird eggs, minerals and fossils as well as 144 full-body mounts of North American and African wildlife. Last year the museum had more than 15,000 visitors.

athletic achievements and championships

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 3,017 undergraduate and graduate students. Located in Grantham, Pa., just 12 miles from the state capital, Harrisburg, Messiah also has campuses in Philadelphia (in partnership with Temple University) and in downtown Harrisburg.

history

Messiah College was founded in 1909 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 a Career Center post-graduation survey, 95% of the class of 2011 respondents indicated they were employed or in graduate/professional programs within six to nine months after graduation, a rate significantly higher than the national employment average.
- Noted innovative learning experiences and outstanding preparation of graduates earn Messiah recognition as a “Pennsylvania College of Distinction” and a national “Christian College of Distinction.”
- Construction of the High Center for Worship and Performing Arts is underway to accommodate the classroom and rehearsal needs of the growing School of the Arts and to provide a premier 800-seat performance hall for the region.
undergraduate majors and pre-professional programs

Messiah College awards Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in more than 80 majors. Specialized programs include extensive off-campus study, individualized majors, independent study, service-learning, internships, allied programs in partnership with other institutions (including advanced degrees in pharmacy and occupational therapy) and a flourishing College Honors Program.

### 80+ 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

### THREE-YEAR DEGREE OPTIONS:
Some majors allow motivated students to graduate one or two semesters early. More information 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 or student affairs)
- Master of Arts in youth and young adult ministries
- Master of Science in nursing (Classes begin August 2013.)

### new majors since 2011:

- Chinese business
- Chinese studies
- Dance
- Digital media
- Ethnic and area studies
- Film and media arts
- French and related
- Public relations
- Musical theatre

### 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.


### 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 175 full-time faculty hold degrees from nationally and internationally recognized graduate schools— including prestigious institutions such as Oxford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Vanderbilt 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.

- Messiah educators are often sought by local, regional and national journalists for their commentary and expertise. Recent examples include coverage in the Associated Press, Christian Science Monitor, Chronicle of Higher Education, FoxNews.com, Inside Higher Ed, NPR, University Business and USA Today.

### faculty profile

- Full-time faculty: 175 (57% male/43% female)
- Master’s terminal degree: 86%
- Part-time faculty: 137

### student profile

- Undergraduate enrollment: 2,798 undergraduate students representing 37 states and 27 countries
- 39% male/61% female students
- 2,710 full-time students
- 2,435 in on-campus housing
- 41% out-of-state students
- 8.5% students from underrepresented racial, ethnic and cultural populations
- 2.3% international students

### undergraduate financial aid:

- Average aid package: $25,407 first-year students
- $23,314 all undergraduates

### undergraduate retention and graduation:

- 86.3% returned for 2nd year
- 73.6% graduated within 4 years
- 76.2% graduated within 6 years

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

### undergraduate enrollment:

- 219 graduate students representing 16 states

### 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.


- The Agapé Center for Service and Learning cultivates experiences with community partners to prepare individuals for lifelong service. In 2012, an estimated 98 percent of the graduating class participated in some form of community service through the Agapé Center.

- Messiah’s extensive sustainability efforts include initiatives such as a student-run organic community garden, composting, the nation’s fourth largest solar thermal system, biodiesel production and regular collegewide inventory of greenhouse gas emissions. Recently the National Association for College and University Food Service honored Messiah with a gold award in procurement for innovative use of sunflower products. Read more at messiah.edu/sustainability.

- Messiah’s Internship Center is nationally recognized for excellence in training students for today’s workforce. More than 435 colleges and universities use Messiah’s training materials or model their internship program after Messiah.

- To help students connect with potential employers, the Career Center hosts Into the City, a unique, intensive two-day career development and networking program in a major U.S. city.

### Christian faith 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.