

FAMILY RESOURCE GUIDE

Everything you need to know to help
your student thrive at Messiah



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? Questions about campus?
Call 717-766-2511

! In an emergency, call
717-691-6005 to reach the
Department of Safety.

📍 To view an interactive map
online, visit messiah.edu/map.

Undergraduate Admissions



Congratulations on the successful completion of your college search journey. We are so excited that your quest led you to Messiah University! Our commitment to sharpening intellect, deepening Christian faith and inspiring action offers students a full and enriching college experience. On behalf of the enrollment team at Messiah, thank you for the privilege of serving your family throughout the enrollment process. Our team has been blessed to work with all of the students and families joining Messiah this year. I am pleased to introduce you to some of my favorite colleagues: Marcelle Giovannetti, vice provost for student success and engagement, and Emily Bingham, director of campus ministries and teaching ministries pastor, who enthusiastically serve our students with excellence.

Sincerely,
John Chopka, Ph.D.
Vice president for enrollment management

Campus Ministries



Welcome to Messiah University! As director of campus ministries and teaching ministries pastor, I have the privilege of leading a dedicated team of professionals who create opportunities for students to engage in meaningful Christian worship, discipleship and spiritual formation. Together we host chapel services, mentor students who lead peer-to-peer ministries, provide pastoral care and more—all with the goal of supporting students as they grow in their faith, intentionally joining in the transformational work God has already begun in their lives. Please feel free to reach out to the Office of Campus Ministries if there are specific ways we can support you. We're always happy to talk, listen, pray or share a cup of coffee or tea!

Sincerely,
Emily Bingham, M.Div.
Director of campus ministries and teaching ministries pastor

Student Success and Engagement



My name is Dr. Marcelle Giovannetti, and I am the vice provost for student success and engagement. I oversee our cocurricular educational programs, which are predicated on the understanding that a student's learning and development is holistic, and much of it will take place outside of the classroom. Our comprehensive support services and cocurricular programming is all intentionally designed to assist students in navigating who God has created and called them to be. Our division fosters holistic growth around six specific student learning outcomes which can be found here: messiah.edu/studentoutcomes. Please contact me with any questions you might have regarding your student's transition to Messiah University. I look forward to meeting you personally.

Sincerely,
Dr. Marcelle Giovannetti
Ed.D, NCC, CADC, LPC, CCTP-II, ACS
Vice provost for student success and engagement

Your possibilities
see a new

Student life



Common living, common learning

Messiah University's First-Year Experience supports students as they navigate new opportunities and unique challenges in their first year of college. The First-Year Experience is a yearlong, intentionally delivered series of programs facilitated by a collaboration of committed educators and student leaders who serve the specific needs of new students.

This experience bridges the curricular classroom environment with the cocurricular environment through common learning. Common courses in the first year such as First Year Seminar provide all students with shared content that helps facilitate academic learning beyond the classroom. Cocurricular programs such as Welcome Week and our Becoming U chapel series provide all new students with knowledge, resources and skills that help them transition to life in college.

Messiah University's dedicated first-year residence halls in Bittner, Naugle and Witmer generate collaborative learning opportunities that reach beyond traditional classroom boundaries. Residence directors (RDs) manage a group of dedicated upper-class student leaders, called resident assistants (RAs). These students live on each floor and assist in fostering a safe and hospitable community which cultivates meaningful campus experiences and community that are a hallmark of a Messiah education.

Visitation

While students are housed on gender-specific floors, during visitation hours (listed below) residents of the other floors are allowed to visit with doors open in residence halls. Guest students use their IDs to swipe onto floors and will only be granted access on other floors during visitation hours.

First-year residence halls

Wednesday: 4–10 p.m. | Friday: 4 p.m.–1 a.m.
Saturday: noon–1 a.m. | Sunday: noon–10 p.m.

Upperclassmen residence halls

Monday, Wednesday: 4–10 p.m. | Friday: 4 p.m.–1 a.m.
Saturday: noon–1 a.m. | Sunday: noon–10 p.m.

Apartments

Daily: noon–midnight (except Friday and Saturday, until 1 a.m.)

Dining

Messiah University Dining provides a wide variety of great-tasting, nutritious, wholesome foods and an enjoyable environment to socialize, learn and interact while demonstrating excellence in hospitality.



Lottie Nelson Dining Hall: Located on the upper level of the Eisenhower Campus Center, Lottie Nelson Dining Hall is our all-you-care-to-eat restaurant, which offers a buffet-style, wide range of fresh foods and menu options during each meal period.

The Union Café: Located inside the Larsen Student Union Building, the Union Cafe serves a wide range of food including sandwiches, tossed salads, burgers, pizza, cheesesteaks, quesadillas, ice cream, smoothies, coffee, specialty drinks and a variety of grab 'n' go items during lunch and dinner.

The Falcon: Located inside the Eisenhower Campus Center beside The Campus Store, The Falcon gives students the opportunity to stop in for a coffee or specialty drink and order breakfast sandwiches, wraps, soups, tossed salads, rice bowls, chicken tenders, grab 'n' go products or daily features in the morning and at lunch time.

Café Diem: Located inside Murray Library, Café Diem allows students to pick up a good book and stop by for a cup of coffee, specialty drink, pastry or big cookie. Additional grab 'n' go items are available daily.

Executive clubs

Students are encouraged to get involved on campus by joining one of the following executive clubs.

Executive clubs: Organizations that meet campus-wide needs for all of the Student Government Association and its students. These clubs have been chartered for at least five years and provide leadership to the student body.

Service Opportunity Leaders:

These students are the hands and feet of the Agapé Center for Local and Global Engagement, which seeks to involve the campus in widespread service initiatives in our region and beyond.

Minds Matter: An executive student club focused on bringing education, awareness and programs/events to Messiah's campus about mental health, disabilities and neurodiversity.

The Multicultural Council: Works with Multicultural Programs and the Student Government Association focusing upon racial, ethnic and cultural celebration and reconciliation.

The Pulse: Messiah University's news and media hub keeps students informed and aware of campus events, news and opportunities on campus via the Swinging Bridge Magazine, 90.7 Pulse FM radio station and the Clarion Yearbook.

Student Activities Board (SAB): SAB plans events with the goal of encouraging student involvement and building a sense of community by planning social events such as dances, movie series, concerts and coffeehouses.

Student Ministries: A student-led organization providing a variety of peer-to-peer ministries where students nurture their faith as they connect with God and one another.

Student Government Association (SGA): SGA serves as a bridge between University administration and the student body, representing campus needs and interests through the Student Body President's Cabinet, Student Senate, the Student Review Board and the Diplomatic Corps of Student Representatives to University Committees.



Common questions

What is my student's mailing address?

Commuters must opt in to receive mail on campus.

Please address mail to your student in this form:

[First Name] [Last Name]
[Student Username]
One University Ave.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

For example:

Flex's username: **FF1909**

Flex's email: **FF1909@messiah.edu**



Flex Falcon
FF1909
One University Ave.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Will I receive a copy of my student's grades?

Due to a federal privacy regulation, FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), only students receive a grade report. FERPA requires a signed written release authorizing disclosure of an education record to the parent(s) or legal guardian. Without this signed release, the University cannot share information from the student's education record.

For instructions to be granted online access of records, please visit messiah.edu/ferpa. (See: FERPA Forms.) Keep in mind that online access to your student's record is available once granted by the student and only after classes have begun. To access your student's record navigate to messiah.edu/parents and select Parent Access from the Quick Links section at the bottom of the page. For questions or assistance, please contact the registrar's office at 717-691-6074 and have your student's ID number ready when making inquiries.

How can I encourage my student?

- **Being a college student is a full-time job.** The average college student spends 45 hours a week on class time and homework, not including extracurricular activities or leadership opportunities.
- **Understand that college is a very stressful time.** There are a lot of questions running through your student's mind: How will I fit in? How will I be able to keep up with my work? Will I live up to my family's expectations? Be a support system, open to listening and discussing these tensions. Encourage your student to seek campus assistance.
- **Encourage your student to be a part of Messiah's community.** Encourage them to stay on campus during the weekends to build stronger bonds with their friends and to join one of the 70+ clubs and organizations Messiah offers.

For more information on how to best support your student, visit messiah.edu/parentresources.

How can my student get around town if they don't have a car?

For information, check out:

messiah.edu/transportation.

Holiday break shuttle/transportation: The Office of Student Engagement (OSE) offers shuttle transportation to the Harrisburg Transportation Center (Amtrak, Greyhound Lines, Fullington Trailways, Susquehanna Trailways and the Harrisburg International Airport).

Church transportation: Campus Ministries maintains a database of local churches on its website that shows which churches provide transportation from campus to their service and back on Sunday mornings.

Additional resources and activities near campus:
messiah.edu/area

What academic support services are available to assist my student?

Messiah provides a range of academic support services to help students access the assistance they may require beyond the classroom, whether it's accommodations for specific learning challenges, paper proofreading or additional support. These services include CHELP, the Accounting Help Room, Writing Center, Learning Center, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching. We're here to help with a variety of needs, though it's important to keep in mind that, while we aim to assist in many areas, we can't promise success or accommodate absolutely every request. You can learn more at messiah.edu/academicssupport.

Office of Student Success: Committed to empowering students with the resources and care they need to be successful at Messiah. Students can meet one-on-one with a Student Success professional to develop a plan for success and have their questions or concerns answered about their Messiah experience and the campus resources available to them.

The Learning Center: Offers tutoring appointments in a number of subjects. Individual and group tutoring is available to all students. Appointments with Learning Center tutors may be scheduled online via FalconLink, Messiah's current student portal.

The Writing Center: Staffed by trained Messiah students. While they do not edit or write students' work, they work individually with students to help them write and revise their own papers. Appointments with Writing Center tutors may be scheduled online via FalconLink, Messiah's current student portal.

Disability services: The Office of Academic Accessibility supports and serves students with documented disabilities on an individualized and flexible basis.

Supplemental instruction program: Supplemental instruction (SI) targets "high-risk courses." SI leaders attend class lectures, take notes, read course material, then plan and conduct two review sessions outside of class each week.

CHELP! Chemistry help sessions: Open selected evenings for all students enrolled in General Chemistry I (CHEM 105). Details will be announced in class.

Is financial counseling available on campus?

Student Financial Services (SFS) combines certain aspects of financial aid and student accounts to streamline service delivery to our students. Our mission is to provide information, counseling and financial services to help students, their families and their sponsors successfully navigate the financial maze encountered when obtaining a college education. Our employees serve as advisors, problem-solvers, advocates and educators, acting at all times fairly, compassionately and with the highest standards of ethical behavior and fiscal accountability.

Are career counseling services available on campus?

If your student is uncertain about his/her major or career options following graduation, we have people who can help! A great first point of contact is the **Career and Professional Development Center** in the Eisenhower Commons. No appointment is needed! Encourage your student to stop by to learn about resources to help them take the next step. More information can be found here: messiah.edu/explore-u.



Student health and wellness

The Engle Center for Counseling and Health Services

Messiah's recently renovated and expanded Engle Center provides high-quality medical and counseling services to students on campus.

Health services

Conveniently located near student residences, the Engle Center provides primary care with a certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP) and walk-in care with registered nurses (RNs) Monday-Friday while school is in session. If a higher level of care is needed, we can help direct your student to a local urgent care center or emergency room. Health services available onsite include: low-cost physical exams, free sick visits, low cost point of care testing (flu, COVID, strep, mono and UTIs), suturing, EKGs, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic health conditions, travel medicine consultation and immunizations (Yellow Fever Vaccine Certified), registered dietician consults, specialist referrals, laboratory services (though Quest Laboratories), immunizations, vaccines, TB testing and allergy injections.

The Engle Center dispenses commonly used prescription medications for a small fee, and also partners with a local pharmacy to deliver medications to campus daily. Or prescriptions can be sent to any pharmacy of student choice. Students can help themselves to free self-care items in the lobby and purchase low-cost self-care kits for sick days. Our part-time certified nutritionist meets with students to discuss a variety of dietary concerns.

Counseling services

On campus:

Counseling services are available to students through the Engle Center at no charge. Students wishing to see a licensed counselor on campus can call or visit the Engle Center for more information.

Telecounseling: When the Engle Center is closed, we encourage students to utilize Timely Care, which is a free 24/7 service students can access for medical or counseling care even while they are home for breaks.

messiah.edu/timelycare

Questions?

Please contact us by email at EngleCenter@messiah.edu or call us at 717-691-6035 if you have any questions.

It is important to keep in mind that interactions with students at the Engle Center are HIPAA protected, so students are required to sign releases with any professional before that staff member can discuss their care with a parent.



Campus resources

Department	Description	Reasons to contact	Location	Contact
University Switchboard	Main campus operator that will connect incoming calls to phones on campus	Get connected to a department	Eisenhower Campus Center, lobby	717-766-2511
Admissions (undergrad)	Guides prospective students through the enrollment process	Admittance, request information, learn more about Messiah University	Kim S. Phipps Admissions and Welcome Center, second floor	800-233-4220 admissions@messiah.edu
Agapé Center	The Agapé Center for Local and Global Engagement seeks to educate and empower students to serve and learn through a variety of opportunities in the greater Harrisburg community and around the world.	Local and global credit bearing opportunities	Agapé Center	717-796-1800, ext. 7255 agapecenter@messiah.edu
The Campus Store and Slingshot	Store located in Eisenhower Campus Center	Messiah apparel, drinkware and gifts; school supplies and technology items; health and beauty items; gift cards; snacks; and more Rent or buy new, used and digital textbooks and other course materials via Slingshot. Order online from both stores 24/7.	Eisenhower Campus Center, first floor	717-691-6024 messiahgear.com messiah.slingshotedu.com 717-796-1800, ext. 3051
Career and Professional Development Center	Aids students in discerning their vocation and preparing for a career	Explore U, exploring career options and internship opportunities, job searching, graduate school planning	Eisenhower Campus Center, first floor	717-691-6016 career@messiah.edu
Campus Ministries	Assists and provides opportunities for students to engage in spiritual formation	Issues of spiritual development, chapel credit, small groups, worship opportunities	Hostetter Chapel	717-766-2511 ext. 3080 campusministries@messiah.edu
Community Wellness Initiatives and The Falcon Fitness Center	Operates the fitness center, open gym, and the PREP (Preventative and Rehabilitative Exercise Program) initiative	Questions about the fitness center, open gym or the PREP initiative	Sollenberger Sports Center, Second Floor	717-691-6026 fit@messiah.edu
Department of Safety	Specializes in emergency response, crime prevention and government safety compliance	24/7 dispatch, see something/say something campaign, safe walk/safe ride, lost and found	Public Safety Office	717-691-6005 dispatch@messiah.edu
Dining Services	Assists students with any concerns regarding meal plans, dining options and catered events	Food allergies, dietary concerns, nutritional guidance	Eisenhower Campus Center, second floor	717-766-2511, ext. 3270 dining@messiah.edu

Department	Description	Reasons to contact	Location	Contact
Disability Services	Provides students with accommodations and services that help with classroom performance or integration into college life; assists students with documented disabilities; depending on staffing availability, offers support to academically struggling students who do not have documented disabilities	Previously diagnosed with a disability (learning disability, ADHD, health impairment, mobility, etc.), unable to maintain good grades	Murray Library	717-796-5382 oaa@messiah.edu
Engle Center for Counseling and Health Services	Provides students with on-campus support for their physical health and emotional well-being. All services remain confidential, and most are provided at a small fee to full-time Messiah students.	Personal and group counseling, illnesses, immunizations, physical therapy and treatment	Engle Center for Counseling and Health Services	englecenter@messiah.edu
Falcon Exchange	Accepts student bill payments, issues student ID cards and manages student parking	Pay student bill or purchase Falcon or Dining Dollars with cash or check, ID card services, student parking registration.	Eisenhower Campus Center, second floor	falconexchange@messiah.edu
Financial Aid	Assists in application and management of loans, scholarships and grants, as well as Assists in assigning student employment positions to eligible first-time students.	Scholarships, grants, loans, financial counseling	Kim S. Phipps Admissions and Welcome Center, third floor	finaid@messiah.edu
First Year Experience/ Leadership Development	Guides students through a smooth transition to college, fostering connections, building community, and providing academic, social, and spiritual support to ensure first-year success.	Welcome Week and orientation details, access commuter student services	ECC, second floor	orientation@messiah.edu
Information Technology Services	Provides support, consulting, discovery, exploration and implementation of emerging technologies to the Messiah University community.	Access to the campus network, free computers of viruses, install free anti-virus on computers, installation of and support for software and hardware	Old Main, first floor	helpdesk@messiah.edu
International Student Programs	Meets the unique needs of international, missionary and third culture students by providing services, programs and guidance leading to personal success and meaningful engagement with the broader campus community	Provide guidance and support to international, MK and TCK students and families, F-1 visa advising, Friendship Family Program, Rafiki House, International student orientation	Larsen Student Union, second floor	intercultural@messiah.edu
Multicultural Programs	Meets the unique needs of domestic underrepresented students by providing holistic support through mentoring, diversity education and exploration, as well as safe and transformative learning environments for all members of the college community	Multicultural scholarship programs (Martins and R.H. Flowers), multicultural clubs and organizations, leadership opportunities, advocacy, guidance and referrals to underrepresented students and families	Larsen Student Union, second floor	717-796-1800 x5077 diversityaffairs@messiah.edu

Department	Description	Reasons to contact	Location	Contact
Parent and Alumni Relations	Your connection on campus! Call for questions or concerns regarding campus life and parent involvement opportunities.	Common questions, parent programming, guidance as to who to contact	Old Main, second floor	parents@messiah.edu messiah.campusesp.com
Payroll	Processes timesheets, and collects and processes tax and banking forms. Issues all payroll direct deposits, checks and W-2 statements.	Questions regarding timesheets or pay, need to submit new or updated tax form or banking information	Old Main, first floor	payroll@messiah.edu messiah.edu/payroll
Registrar	Manages all student academic records	Questions pertaining to course registrations, transcripts, FERPA, transfer credit, AP and CLEP, academic policies and graduation	Kim S. Phipps Admissions and Welcome Center, first floor	registrar@messiah.edu
Residence Life	Promotes community through student living on campus	Resident placement, housing concerns, student care/student concerns	Eisenhower Campus Center, second floor	housing@messiah.edu
Student Success	Coordinates efforts related to student success and persistence. Serves as the central coordinator for intervention efforts for at-risk students	Inside and outside of classroom support	Kim S. Phipps Admissions and Welcome Center, first floor	studentsuccess@messiah.edu
Student Employment Office	Facilitates position management, hiring, onboarding of Messiah student employees, policies, procedures and training to students and supervisors to foster a successful work relationship	Questions about looking for a campus job, working on campus, your job assignment, paperwork required to start work	Old Main, first floor	studentemployment@messiah.edu messiah.edu/studentemployment
Student Financial Services (SFS)	Assists students and parents with understanding financial aid (grants, scholarships and loans), connect students with various resources and determine the best ways to pay for college with as little loan debt as possible	One-on-one financial counseling	Kim S. Phipps Admissions and Welcome Center, third floor	studentfinsvcs@messiah.edu
Office of Student Engagement (OSE)	Promotes student involvement; provides leadership development experiences, supports clubs and organizations, advises the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Student Activities Board (SAB)	Explore leadership opportunities, get involved in the campus community, sign up for break/holiday shuttles.	Larsen Student Union, second floor	717-796-5240 studentengagement@messiah.edu
Learning Center	Provides academic tutoring to students in a variety of subjects	One-on-one peer tutoring by appointment	Murray Library	learningcenter@messiah.edu
Writing Center	Provides writing-specific tutoring to students in all subjects	One-on-one writing tutoring	Murray Library	writingcenter@messiah.edu

Messiah dialect 101

Understanding your student

4x4

noun • short for 4x4 chapel series

Small group chapels led by Messiah staff meet on Thursday mornings for four weeks at a time; each semester will provide two, 4-week chapel series opportunities

Arts Invasion

noun • short for the Arts Invasion Fringe Festival

The annual event when art, music and theatre students perform in outdoor venues around campus

Baker's

noun • a diner located right off Route 15

Students go for late-night pancake or breakfast runs

Bittner Beach

noun • The large grassy yard outside Bittner Residence Hall

Perfect for Frisbee throwing, guitar playing or napping in the sun

Bridges

noun • short for the covered bridge and the Swinging Bridge

The means by which students cross over the creek to get to the athletic fields and the commuter parking lot—best option for those who want to stay dry!

The Breeches

noun • short for the Yellow Breeches

On most nice days, you can see many students gathered beside it in hammocks doing homework, or tubing down it on a warm Saturday afternoon.

Cemetery Hill

noun • the closest place to go sledding when we have snow, or a quiet lookout spot over campus—right by the rec sports field

Coffeehouse

noun • an event hosted by SAB once a month showing off Messiah students' talents, ranging from musical acts to stand-up comedy

Coffee and cookies are always provided.

Community

noun • A word that gets used across campus quite often

It is the campus-wide sense of belonging that Messiah fosters through shared experiences, values and goals.



Covered Bridge



Coffeehouse



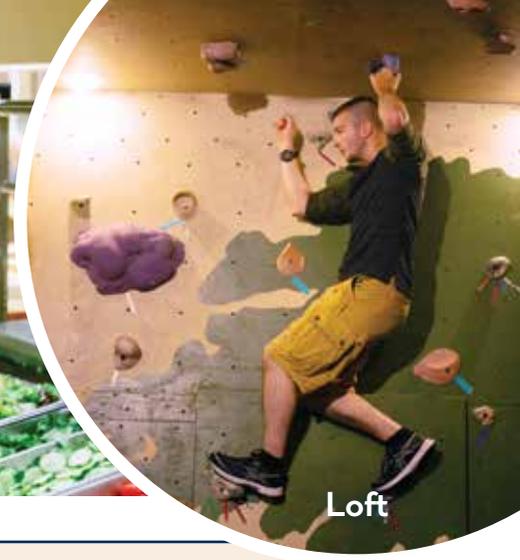
The Breeches



Community Garden



Lottie



Loft

Covenant

noun • short for the Community Covenant

Students at Messiah are asked to adhere to certain behavioral guidelines. They are outlined in the Code of Conduct and Community Covenant, and, while they maintain order, they also establish biblical standards for how we reflect Messiah's theological heritage and educational commitments.

Cross-cultural

noun • unique three-week intensive courses offered in May

The Agapé Center for Local and Global Engagement offers students a range of courses with a variety of discipline focuses that immerse students in a different culture.

E.L.I.

noun • short for Experiential Learning Initiative

All Messiah students participate in an approved experiential learning activity that involves goals of meaningful career development and community engagement.

FalconCare

noun • aka TimelyCare, a 24/7 medical and crisis counseling support provided to students

Includes 12 free scheduled counseling sessions for full-time students.
Learn more at messiah.edu/falconcare.

The Fishbowl

noun • a large, glass-paneled lounge connecting Miller, Hess and Grantham residences

Community Garden

noun • a garden that is located between Frey and Mountain View

Students maintain the community garden and grow everything from corn to cabbage, which can be bought at local markets, on campus or found in Lottie. We also have a few egg-laying chickens.

Loft

noun • a gathering space on the north side of campus

This is a center for leadership development and team building.

Lost Films

noun • movies held in our very own Parmer Cinema

Every weekend, we play a movie at various times between Friday and Saturday. The name comes from the nature of the films that are shown. They are "lost" between their movie theater premiere and their publication on DVD or Blu-ray.

Lottie

noun • short for Lottie Nelson Dining Hall

The cafeteria located in Eisenhower Commons

The Pit

noun • The largest student parking lot on campus

Students joke that it's called "The Pit" because of how close it is to sea level.

Powerhouse

noun • a student-run worship night every Thursday in Hostetter Chapel and one of our most well-attended weekly events on campus

RA & RD

noun • resident assistant (RA) and resident director (RD)

The student leaders and professional staff living in the residence halls. Their goal is to build community, support students and serve as a primary resource.

Rafiki House

noun • Swahili for "friend"

The Rafiki House provides a place for friendship building between international students, missionary kids, third-culture kids and others who enjoy sharing a diverse experience of cultures and customs.

Shoemaker

noun • short for Shoemaker Field

This is where the Messiah soccer teams play, located across the covered bridge.

The Union

noun • short for Larsen Student Union

Students can grab dinner or snacks, play pool and hang out with friends.

Work study

noun • any student with on-campus employment

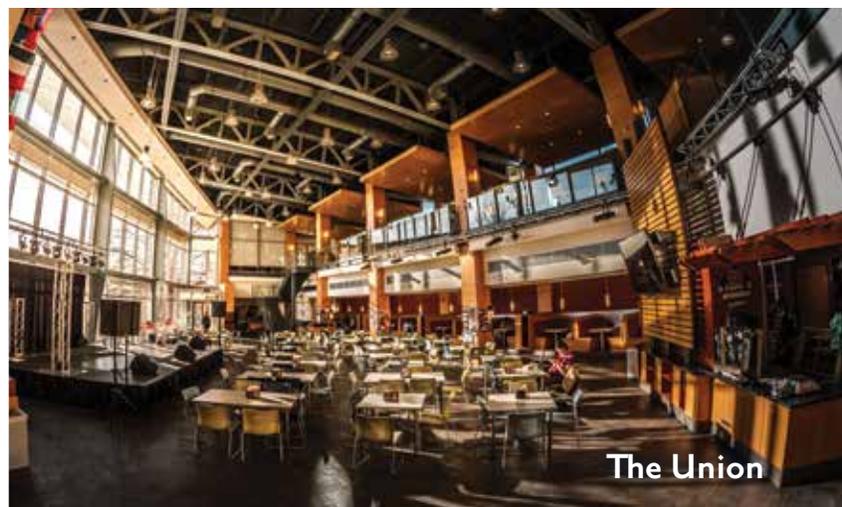
A student job can be in the form of a federal work-study assignment or an institutional work assignment. Student employment can range from food service in the dining locations to office assistance. Student employment opportunities can be found online at jobs.messiah.edu.



Powerhouse



Shoemaker



The Union

Things I wish my family knew

“Even if we don't talk everyday, **you're still important to me.** I'm just busy with classes, homework, friends and college adventures.”

— Sierra Trunick '23

“**I promise I'm working hard in my classes,** even if all I want to tell you about is the crazy soccer game last night.”

— Derek Thrush '21

“**I miss you guys ...** and there's nothing like a Target or Dunkin' gift card to show you're thinking of me.”

— Sarah Johns '26

“**I love the food here,** but nothing tops dad's grilling; don't worry!”

— Rachel Teisen '25

“Even though I don't say it enough, I really appreciate all the hard work and time you put into **making Messiah possible.**”

— Nate Binko '24



There are many ways to stay connected with what is going on at Messiah!



Stay connected!

GET SOCIAL WITH US!

 @messiah_univ

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Follow the Alumni and Parent Relations Office on social media:

 facebook.com/MessiahAlumni

Follow your student's department, athletic team or group on social media

Email parents@messiah.edu to subscribe to the Alumni and Parent Relations Office's parent newsletter!

Read The Bridge, Messiah's alumni magazine at messiah.edu/the_bridge

Important dates for families

MAY

1 **FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:** Last date to submit improved test scores and/or GPA for scholarship review and consideration

16 Students begin preparing for course registration

21 Due date for all health forms

JUNE

1 Last day to enter roommate preferences in The Nest via the Accepted Student Resources page. messiah.edu/accepted

1 **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Last day to pay the enrollment deposit to be eligible to register for classes on June 3

3 **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Online course registration opens at 10:30 a.m.

8 **FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:** Last day to pay enrollment deposit to be eligible to register for classes on June 10

10 **FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:** Online course registration opens at 10:30 a.m.

13 **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Last date to submit college transcript with updated GPA for scholarship review and consideration

20 **FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:** Remember to request your final high school transcript

30 **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Last day to apply for parking privileges on campus
All students: Last day to upload a photo for the student ID

JULY

5 All students should be registered for courses

8 Housing and roommate assignment available on The Nest via Messiah's Accepted Student Resources page

16 Fall semester e-bill is available on TransAct (via Messiah's Accepted Student Resources page) and is updated weekly

30 Last day to enroll in 6-month Monthly Payment Option plan

AUGUST

8 Last day to change academic major online

15 Fall 2025 student bill payments are due

20 International student (F-1 Visa, MK, TCK) move-in day and orientation

21 Multicultural student move-in day and orientation

22 First-year and transfer student move-in day
Welcome week begins!

26 **FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:** Due date for finishing the summer reading assignment
All students: First day of classes

30 Last day to enroll in 5 or 4-month Monthly Payment Option plan

SEPTEMBER

15 Last day to waive student health insurance

30 Last day to enroll in 3-month Monthly Payment Option plan

OCTOBER

3-4 Homecoming & Family Weekend

18-25 Fall Break

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