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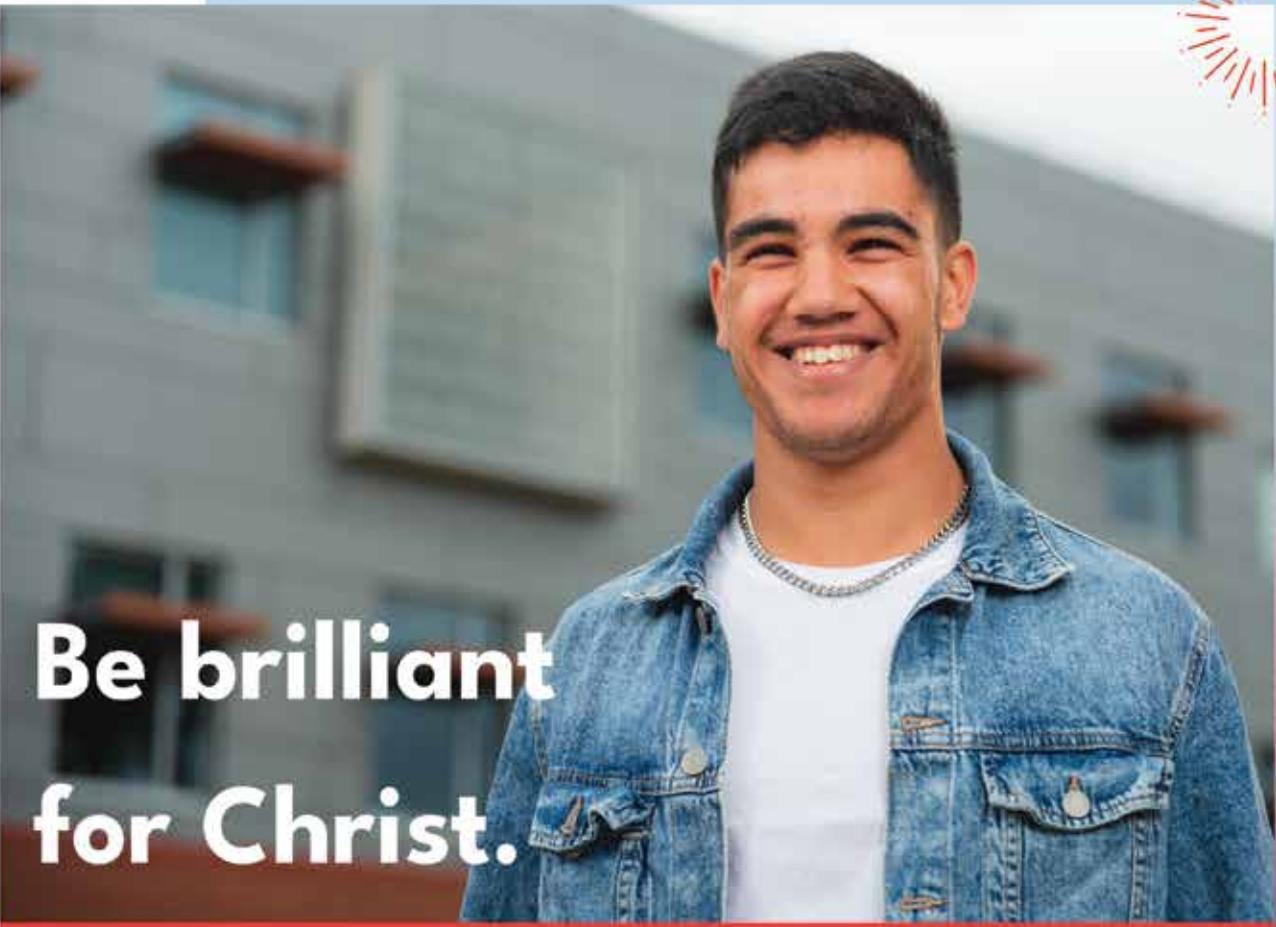
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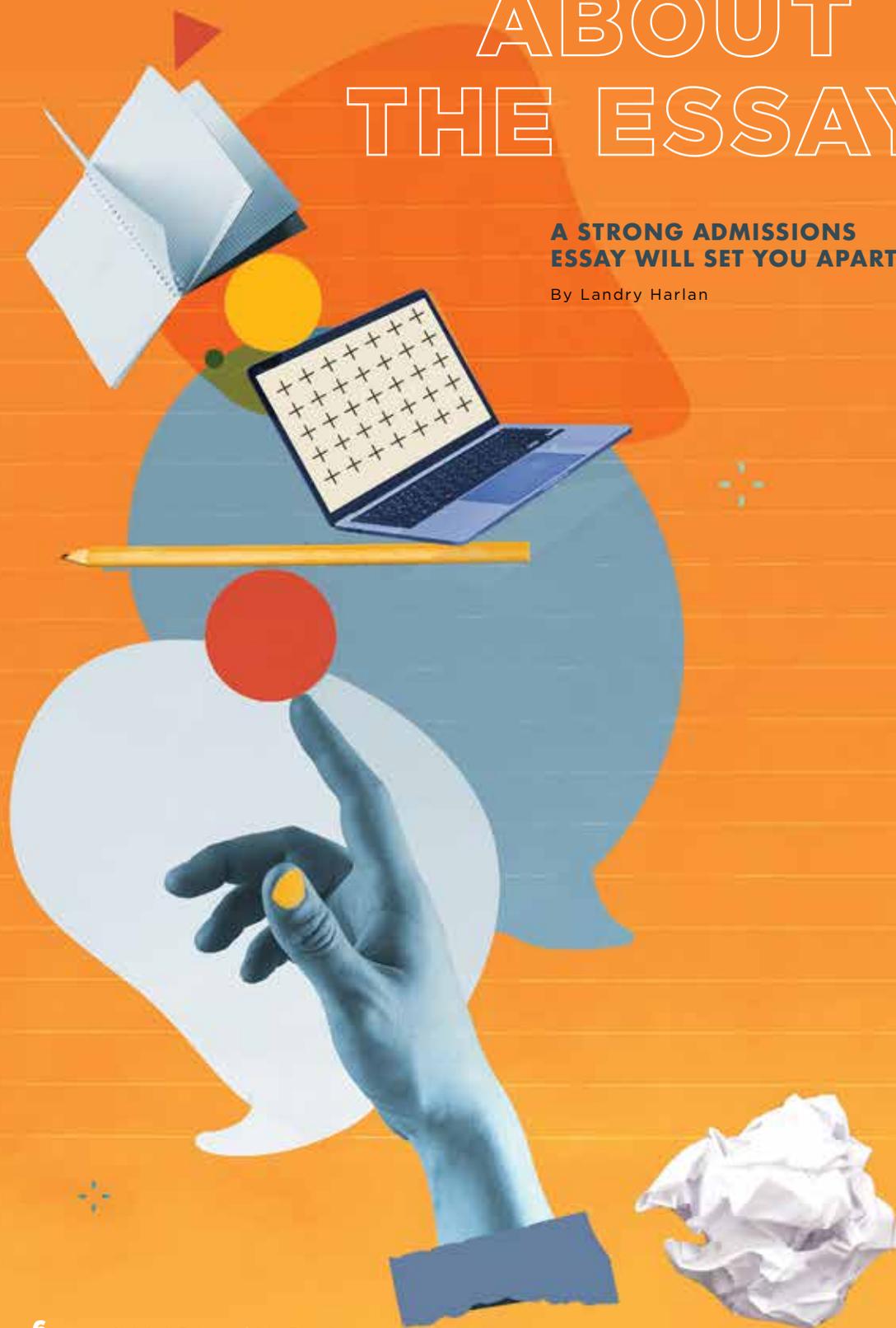
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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ESSAY

A STRONG ADMISSIONS ESSAY WILL SET YOU APART.

By Landry Harlan



N

o amount of studying can help you nail the college essay. Maybe that's why, in a 2015 survey of 14,000 high-school students, nearly half said that the most challenging part of the admissions process wasn't taking tests but writing the essay. With many colleges going test-optional, essay writing has taken on even greater importance. It's all too easy to procrastinate on writing these short personal statements (they're typically only 500 words), but if done right, your essay can make your application shine far more than good grades can. We asked a few college-admissions essay experts to share what they look for, and, more importantly, what students should avoid. Here is a short list of what they say are the most common mistakes, as well as some tips on how to write a compelling essay—no matter where you apply.

MISTAKE #1: GENERIC SUBJECT

TYPICAL TITLES: *The Big Performance; A Sports Injury; My Mission Trip*

UNIQUE TITLES: *My First Flight Failed, But My Love Was Born; My Grandma's Kimchi; Where I'm Home (from Ethan Sawyer, the "College Essay Guy")*

Admissions counselors read through thousands of essays each year, most of which cover a narrow range of subjects and themes. While there are engaging ways to write about common topics, Margot Starbuck, author of *Writing College Application Essays That Shine*, points to originality as the most important aspect of a strong college essay.

"There are two key things you want your essay to do," she explains. "One is to share a unique story that only you could have written. The other is to reflect on the meaning of that story in a way that gives the reader a glimpse into what makes you, you."

Since many popular college essay topics are something you can list in the extracurricular section of the application, Ethan Sawyer, also known as the "College Essay Guy," urges his students to spend time

listing out potential experiences that show, not tell, who they are.

"I think the key to having a great personal statement is doing awesome brainstorming," he says. "Focus on uncommon topics, or make uncommon connections that show what you care about."

Sierra Kinslow, assistant director of admissions at Messiah College, tells her students to consider what sets them apart from their friend in the same class who might participate in the same activities. While she encourages students to talk about their spiritual journey, Kinslow says it's important that each writer personalize their faith and show how they will contribute to conversations on campus.

"We see a lot of generic essays about growing up in a Christian home or going to a Christian school," she says. "The good ones are from students who don't have a traditional faith experience or students who have really grappled with their faith."

MISTAKE #2: SLOW START

BEFORE: *Being the captain of the high school volleyball team was one of the most impactful experiences of my life. I was a pretty bad player when I started, but through hard work and perseverance, I became a starter in my sophomore year. My favorite part of it was helping new players hone their technique. I even helped lead our team to win the state championship my junior year!*

AFTER: *The photo is old and faded, but when I hold it up close to the light, the details come to life. There's my grandma standing outside her college dorm, smiling and holding a worn-out volleyball. It was taken right before her accident that prevented her from ever playing again. Every time I look at the photo, though, I can see the same joy on her face that's on mine whenever I step out onto the court.*

The original opening does a good job of giving the reader an idea of what the essay will cover but does little to convince someone to keep reading. "It's important that the first couple of sentences draws us in and gets us invested in the story and how it's going to play out," says Kinslow.

Before even getting started, Sawyer suggests students brainstorm not only unique essay topics but how to grip the reader from the get-go and keep them engaged throughout. Here are a few successful strategies he suggests:

- Raising a question or a problem that will be answered or solved later

- “The Hemingway,” or opening with an image-based description that sets the scene
- “The Trailer,” or opening with a moment of high tension that gives a sneak peek of where things are headed

MISTAKE #3: LACK OF FOCUS

BEFORE: *Outside of school, I was very involved in other extracurricular activities. Every other weekend I would help my church pack bags of groceries to drop off for local families in need. I also went on a mission trip in ninth grade with my church to Mexico where we built a basketball court for an orphanage. At school, I was consistently top of my class and was the vice president of the National Honors Society my senior year.*

AFTER: *Growing up in a middle-class home, I never truly understood what it was like to wonder where your next meal was going to come from. Then, one day, I heard my pastor at church ask for volunteers to help pack and deliver food to underserved families on weekends. I'm not a great chef, but I had two hands and a car, so I showed up the next Saturday eager to help. I'll never forget the first delivery I made.*

The first lists information about the student's accomplishments, but Starbuck urges students to avoid using their essay as a short autobiography and instead focus on a single story and theme.

“This isn't the part of the college application where students should be listing their achievements,” she says. “It's best to give a little slice of your life. It doesn't need to be something spectacular like being a backup dancer for Beyoncé or jumping out of an airplane. Maybe you have a passion that nobody else in your class has, or there's a social issue that you're really invested in and have taken steps to change.”

MISTAKE #4: SETTling FOR FINE

BEFORE: *In conclusion, because of my strong mix of academic and extracurricular experience, I think I'm the perfect fit for State College. I hope you'll accept me and I thank you for this opportunity to express my qualifications.*

AFTER: *On the plane ride home, I flipped through my journal entries from the trip so I wouldn't forget the people who took me in and showed me real community. I knew that I was returning home changed, with a whole*

new perspective on how all it takes is one small step to make a big difference, whether at home, in your community, or on campus.

Perhaps nothing throws up a red flag on a college essay faster than grammatical errors. Missing punctuation, misspelled words, and awkward sentence structure are all easy fixes, but Kinslow says people may be surprised by how many essays clearly need a second look.

“Having someone proofread it is so important,” she says. “Another set of eyes reading through it can help you make sure that things are making sense.”

Struggling with getting started? Even the best wordsmiths get writer's block. Luckily, people have been writing college essays for years, and many of the best ones have been posted online as resources. Instead of twiddling your thumbs, Starbuck suggests reading both good and bad essays and making a list of specific techniques that you can use in your own piece, like closing on a powerful

You have a story to tell. Sometimes it's the small, less obvious moments of your life that speak the most to who you are.

takeaway instead of a short summary as in the above example.

“I tell students, ‘Don't just read one essay—read 10 or 20,’ and it tends to get the creative juices flowing,” she says.

Crafting a memorable college essay is not easy. And not everyone has gone through a life-changing experience or overcome some huge obstacle before college. That's okay. Here's the last and maybe most important thing to remember: You have a story to tell. Sometimes it's the small, less obvious moments of your life that speak the most to who you are.

“Don't feel like you have to write about a challenge,” Sawyer says. “You don't need one to write a great story and demonstrate the awesomeness of who you are. The college essay is your canvas. You can paint whatever you want.” ■

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YOUR GUIDE TO COLLEGIATE SPORTS.

By Sean and
Morgan Strehlow





opportunities for sport and recreation abound on college campuses.

Did you start on your high school's volleyball team? Join an intramural league. Interested in kickball, even though you've never played outside of recess? It's easy to find a pickup game. From major national pastimes and adventure sports down to wild and wacky Zombie vs. Alien tournaments and Quidditch leagues, you'll never be hard-pressed to find competitive and recreational options on campus.

DON'T FORGET TO HAVE FUN

Of course, not everything has to be a competition. Outdoor adventure sports like biking, kayaking, and hiking can be a fun group activity, a personal challenge, or simply a change of pace. Many campuses have a recreation department that coordinates group outings and activities.

If you're new to a sport, your campus might offer lessons to learn this new activity. And you might have the opportunity to take a semester-long class to meet physical education credit requirements. No matter what you choose, participation in recreational sports is a great way to find community and make friends who share your interests.

JOIN THE CLUB

If you're more advanced in a particular sport and love to compete, club sports leagues offer organized competition between campuses with post-season and even national championship opportunities.

Club sports are perfect for those who have grown up in competitive sports and enjoy being a part of a team with a similar level of commitment. This experience can provide a sense of community as you

practice, compete, and even travel to different events together. Club sport participation typically requires a greater level of initiative, involvement, and commitment, and it may even include an additional fee. But for all of that investment, club sports provide a perfect mix of fun and competition while still leaving space to enjoy other aspects of your college years.

TAKE THE LEAD

Is your school missing disc golf or whatever your favorite sport is? It's not too late to change that. Most club and intramural sports exist because a small group of students demonstrated interest and demand for the opportunity. Make your interests known, and encourage other students with similar interests to speak up as well. Your campus recreation department should have a handbook that can teach you how to start new groups or leagues.

PUT ME IN, COACH!

Being recruited as a student-athlete is a tremendous honor that also comes with significant commitment, but recruitment isn't the only way to find a place on a varsity roster. Sometimes, student-athletes already know where they want to go to school, so instead of waiting for a coach to contact them, they reach out to let the coach know that they are interested in playing. Many Christian college coaches are thrilled to see emails from incoming students

who have been competing at a high level. Recruiting is one of the most difficult parts of a coach's job, especially at small private schools that

1 *Competition Level*

Consider the competitive level of the university's athletics department. Most colleges and universities in the US are members of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) or the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

The NCAA, the largest and most well-known association of the two, has different divisions that allow for like-minded campuses and programs to compete with others whose values, characteristics,

You don't have to hang up your racket or your cleats when your senior season of high school ends.

and priorities are close to their own. The largest division in the NCAA is Division III, which consists of mostly small liberal arts colleges, many of which are Christian colleges and universities.

may not offer athletic scholarships. There may or may not be a spot for you on the roster this year, but how will you know if you don't ask?

If you already know that you want to pursue varsity sports in college, there are several factors that will shape your experience as a student-athlete. Do your homework before committing to an opportunity that comes your way.

While small college athletic programs may not be household names, they offer tremendous benefits to their student-athletes that the most well-known college teams are unable to offer. These programs are designed for a well-rounded athletic experience that does not impinge on your academic success, spiritual life, and social involvement on campus. Even so, there may be high expectations that require a significant portion of your time.

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The level of competition at small colleges spans a broad spectrum. The best Division III and NAIA athletic programs border on elite status and may not consider unrecruited prospective students. On the other end of this spectrum, some schools may have sports teams that struggle to fill their rosters.

In most cases, coaches will be available for you to introduce yourself and ask if their program might be a good fit for you. Even if the recruited competition is above your skill level, some coaches will be happy to have you as a walk-on participant.

2 Scholarship Availability

One of the biggest myths about college athletics is that participation in a team sport means your expenses will be paid for with athletic scholarships. In fact, a majority of student-athletes participate without any athletic-related funding, but instead, they may receive academic aid from the institution to help fund their college tuition. Schools participating in NCAA Division III don't offer any athletic scholarships to their student-athletes.

If you're hoping to supplement your college expenses with scholarship money, you may need to adjust your expectations. Large Christian universities, such as Baylor and Liberty, offer significant athletic scholarships, but these spots are exceedingly rare and highly competitive. Unless you're already being actively

recruited, club sports may be a more realistic option at these kinds of institutions. Mid-sized colleges that compete at the NCAA Division II level may be able to offer partial funding, but rarely will they be able to offer full athletic scholarships. Similar to NCAA Division II, NAIA programs are able to offer scholarships, but funding limitations for these programs make it rare for an athlete to receive a full scholarship.

You don't have to hang up your racket or your cleats when your senior season of high school ends. But, even if you don't move on to varsity competition in college, your glory days may just be beginning. Countless new athletic opportunities await as you discover and explore. You might find your new favorite thing—and you might be great at it. ■

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HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS DON'T JUST HAPPEN

**TIPS FOR NAVIGATING COLLEGE
DRAMA, ROMANCE, AND MORE.**

By Morgan Strehlow





Navigating friendships can be hard. And good! But definitely hard.

Despite its challenges, creating a community at college doesn't have to be complicated. You're still going to have people who make you laugh, find an activity you love doing with others, and build a group of friends who, hopefully, feel like family. Developing healthy relationship skills will help you find a greater sense of belonging wherever you end up during your college years.

Belonging isn't a feeling, though. Belonging is a choice.

DIVING DEEPER INTO FRIENDSHIP

When I was an emerging college student, I made a commitment to invest in friendships in a way I never had before—mostly because I didn't need to. I was on a mission to find my people, and I was searching for something much deeper than the shallow, hot-and-cold friendships I had in high school.

But healthy relationships don't just happen. I had to actively pursue them and follow through on my commitments. I also had to become a good listener and a good question-asker, risking vulnerability by allowing myself to be known. I had to learn how to care deeply about other people while also caring deeply about myself.

Phew. That sounds like a lot of work—and it is! Healthy relationships require effort and intentionality, but they are always worth it. Relationships, after all, have the potential to be one of the most rewarding aspects of our lives, and college is a great time to dive deeper into these important relational rhythms.

10 FRIENDSHIP TIPS

Many have said that belonging must be taught. If you're looking to learn how to create healthy relationships during your college years, keep these 10 tips in mind.

1 *Make the first move.* If you're feeling eager to be invited to do something, you're probably not alone. Need to grab snacks at the grocery store to stock your mini-fridge? Invite your suitemate to come along. Want to check out a sporting event or local restaurant? Ask the person you've been chatting with on your way to class to join.

You may not even have to wait until the first day of class to make connections. Your college may have an online community—whether official or unofficial—for incoming students to connect with potential roommates and start making friends. Show up in those virtual spaces before you arrive on campus and you'll already have new friends to connect with those first few days.

2 *Take your time.* Most healthy relationships are two-sided, but it can take a long time to learn what that may look like. Each person brings something unique to a relationship, and they have unique needs and expectations of that friendship. Even with the weekday hangouts and lunches after class, it may take you a whole semester (or a year!) to really learn what

someone brings to the table—and what they're asking for in return. Be quick to make friends, but take time to get to know who they are.

3 *Don't assume.* In the early days of friendship, it's important not to make assumptions. Don't assign motives or intentions to what a person does (or doesn't do) based on what you think is happening. If a new friend doesn't text you back when you invite her to go to the student center, rather than making up a narrative in your head about why she didn't respond, just

hanging out, make sure to actually follow through about it.

5 *Don't take campus life for granted.* Student activities are the heartbeat of campus and often the best place to experience meaningful relationships. If you are struggling to connect with the people you're meeting in deep, meaningful ways, start participating in student activities and on-campus events. These events are usually designed with friendship and connection in mind. If you don't live on campus, stick around after class

compassionate friend. Conversations about politics, religious doctrine, and social injustices can get heated. But when you listen to learn and seek to understand another's perspective, which is usually impacted by their unique life experiences, you'll begin to respect the gift of different opinions. Appreciate the unique perspectives your friends bring to your life. Hard conversations can be gifts to us if we let them.

8 *Date in community, not in isolation.* Romantic relationships are a part of many people's college experience. While one-on-one dates are necessary for getting to know another person, healthy dating relationships should also involve friendships and community. Though others might make you believe you have to choose between the one you're dating and your friends, it shouldn't be this way. Friendships and dating relationships can easily be integrated in healthy ways, such as inviting a friend to join you for dinner or planning regular double or group dates. Whether you're dating for connection or in hopes of finding a lifelong partner, your significant other should never pressure you to disconnect from your friends. Rather, invite your significant other into your community.

9 *Know when to seek help.* The friends you make in college might turn out to be some of the most important in your life. But you will have needs your friends simply cannot meet. As a friend, you won't be able to meet all of their needs, either. That's why it's important that you know when to seek help for yourself or someone else. If you are struggling to get out of bed and get to class—or get anywhere, for that matter—something

Developing healthy relationship skills will help you find a greater sense of belonging wherever you end up during your college years.

follow up with her later or invite her the next time. The extra effort it takes to check-in when someone isn't as responsive as you'd like might be what they need to know that you're someone who engages friends with care and intention.

4 *Show up.* Try your best to follow through on your commitments and show up when you say you're going to be somewhere. We all have that flaky friend, but none of us should want to be that flaky friend. Maybe that means when you can't be somewhere physically, you still show up with honesty: Are you experiencing social anxiety? Are you overwhelmed because you have a paper due the next day and you procrastinate? Take the opportunity to let yourself be known rather than appearing to be unreliable. When you're able to, be present for and with people. When you can't do that, be honest about why. And if you suggest

is over when you can, and come back for events outside of class.

6 *Stay open-minded.* Keep yourself open to new opportunities and experiences. Perhaps theater is not your thing, but your friend invites you along to a local improv night. Tagging along to an event someone else is passionate about, even if you're not, can be a great opportunity for you to learn more and experience something new. Let yourself be surprised, and let your friends surprise you.

7 *Don't shy away from hard conversations.* It's easy to avoid difficult conversations in order to keep your friendships simple—but they will stay shallow. Willingness to engage in conversations about difficult topics can be a powerful way to take your relationships deeper. Lean into hard things rather than running away from them. This can shape you into a more empathetic,

more serious than a lack of sleep might be going on. Most college campuses have a health clinic and a counseling center that can provide professional guidance, along with resources for physical and mental wellness. The residence life staff on your campus can also be a resource when you or a fellow student is in crisis. Develop relationships with trusted mentors on campus, such as your residence hall director or small group leader, so you don't have to navigate a potential crisis alone.

10 *Be your own friend.* All of the previous advice is useless if you fail to befriend yourself. One of the greatest commandments we are given from Jesus is to love our neighbors, our friends, as we love ourselves. Translation: in order to be a good friend to others, we must first be a good friend to ourselves. Our love, worthiness, and value can be affirmed in our relationship with God. This love will help you become the kind of friend you hope to find in others. And don't neglect to get to know yourself: What are your interests? What are your likes and dislikes? How do you enjoy spending a Saturday afternoon? You don't have to mirror what other people do. Know—and bring—your full self to the table.

College offers the chance to learn about yourself and the world around you as you prepare for the rest of your life. I learned so much about friendship in college, and I've learned a thing or two about navigating relationships in a healthy way in the decade since. Healthy relationships don't just happen. But the hard and holy work it takes to form them will serve you through every new season as you choose to find a place to belong again and again. ■

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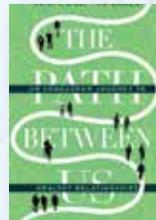
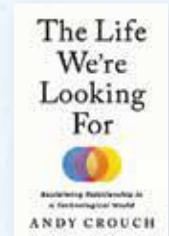
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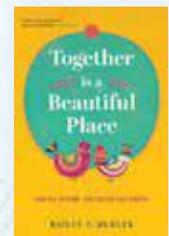
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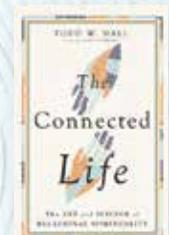
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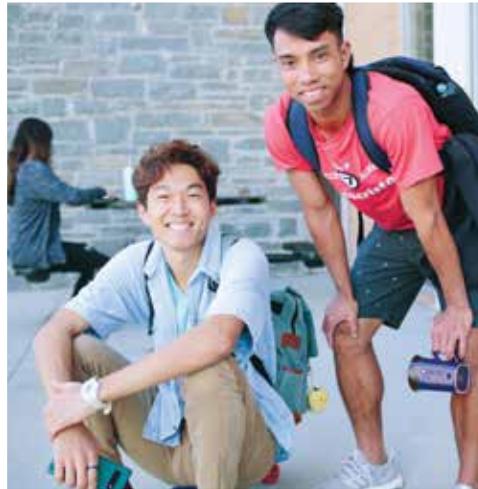
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A SMOOTH MERGE

**NAVIGATING THE SHIFT FROM
ONE SCHOOL TO ANOTHER.**

By Sean and Morgan Strehlow



Do you remember merging onto an interstate for the first time?

For new drivers, the on-ramp can seem terrifying. There's so much to watch and track and do, making sure that you're in the correct lane and knowing if your lane ends, all while avoiding a collision. It gets easier with time, but the potential for disaster is always there.

Transferring colleges is a lot like learning how to merge.

At any college or university, the transfer student population is made up of diverse travelers, all merging at different places in their college careers. And each has a unique set of personal, professional, and educational experiences. Through our work with transfer students at Baylor University, we've discovered a few patterns and best practices to help transfer students have a smoother transition.

CHECK YOUR COURSE CREDITS

Most four-year universities are transfer-friendly, but every school is different when it comes to what courses they will accept from your previous institution. Whether you are transferring from a two-year college, another four-year college or university, or returning to school from the workforce, course equivalency is one of the most important considerations when selecting the right school for you.

Depending on how many of your credits are transferable, you may be required to retake some courses, even if the courses and their content are identical. Before enrolling, some institutions offer online course equivalency tools that can help you determine which of your previous course credits will transfer with you. You can also refer to the college's online catalog for information about transfer credit limitations at the school or in your degree program.

Credit transferability is just one of many reasons to seek out a helpful contact, like a transfer specialist or an admissions counselor, at your prospective institution who has special knowledge of the transfer pathways. Larger universities may have a staff member, or even an entire department, devoted to supporting transfers before, during, and after their transition.

Smaller colleges and universities may not have the resources for specialized staff; however, what they lack in personnel they make up for with a familial environment where faculty and staff are collectively devoted to the student experience. Making contact and staying in touch with a staff member who can guide you through the transfer process will ease your transition. They can also direct you to others (academic advisors, accommodations office, spiritual life staff, etc.) who are equipped to meet your various needs as a transfer student.

FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Success in college is about far more than making it to graduation. A successful college experience means finding a way to flourish throughout your educational journey. This is especially true at Christian colleges and universities, where human flourishing is central to institutional identity.

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When students develop a sense of belonging in their college community, it boosts both their academic success and their overall well-being. Research suggests that students' first six weeks of college are critical for social involvement, so we highly recommend attending orientation and other pre-semester programming designed to jumpstart that six-week period.

Finding community may be less of a challenge at smaller colleges and universities, where student life is more concentrated. Larger institutions, however, compensate by offering dedicated programming to connect you with other transfer students or communities on campus that align with your experiences and interests.

WATCH OUT FOR ROADBLOCKS

Two common roadblocks often affect transfer students during their first few weeks on campus.

1 *The meeting new people thing.* There is undoubtedly an awkwardness and social anxiety that can accompany a new student's

experience. Colleges and universities have student life offices that coordinate and promote social opportunities, but students must make an effort to participate in these opportunities to find community on campus. It takes even more effort for off-campus students to integrate into campus life. To engage in these events, read announcements from your student life office and follow student life social media accounts.

Sometimes getting involved, and merging, requires that you grip the wheel, say a prayer, and hope for the best as you put yourself out there.

2 *The different life stage thing.* Transfer students are often non-traditional, or post-traditional, students in terms of age, life stage (for example, married and/or parents), or socioeconomic

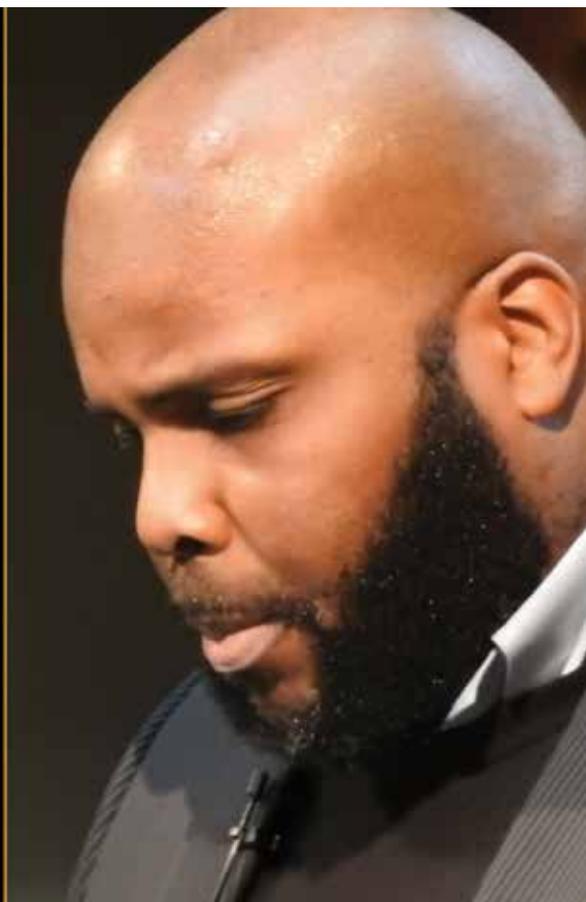
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status, which can also present a roadblock to community. The experiences of this group are almost never monolithic. As such, transfer students typically have more financial responsibilities than traditional students and may need to work when they are not in class or studying. For this reason, community involvement may look different for some transfer students—but it's no less important. Local churches offer great support for transfer students who are struggling to fully integrate with their campus community but don't have hours to spare each week for socializing and student life events.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT SPEED

Regardless of which school you transfer to or from, the academic rigor of your new program is probably going to be different. Ask your

advisor questions when seeking whether you should pursue a full-time or part-time path. As you consider what speed is right for you, be mindful of your other time commitments outside of your coursework and have a general goal for when you'd like to finish your degree.

Most campuses provide resources such as tutoring, writing centers, and academic mentoring to help students find success in challenging coursework. These resources also help students pursue positive relationships with faculty during office hours.

One of the ideals of Christian higher education is that the faculty and staff care about you and want to care for you. Don't hesitate to reach out if you find yourself needing guidance and direction during your time on campus.

DON'T TRAVEL ALONE

Thriving in the midst of transition is hard. As a transfer student, you'll likely have walked through more life transitions than many of your peers. Finding your community and making a temporary home within that community takes effort and courage. Identify faculty and staff on campus who can advocate for you, and don't be afraid to advocate for yourself by making your experience and needs known. And don't underestimate the power of relationships and community at your new institution.

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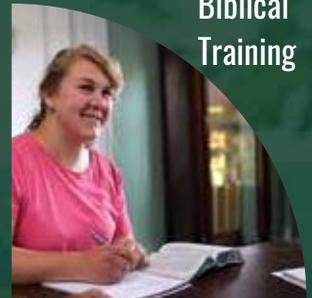
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FIND YOUR DREAM SCHOOL

**MAKE A LIST, AND THEN
CHOOSE WITH CONFIDENCE.**

By Leia Johnson



Preparing to transition from high school to college can be exciting and exhausting. By the time you're getting those acceptance letters in the mail, you've already worked so hard. You've kept a clean transcript, built an impressive résumé as an involved citizen, and written more essays than you ever thought possible.

And now, you're staring at one of the biggest decisions you'll make in your life. Add in the pressure you might have from parents, advisors, and friends, and you've got a recipe for feeling like there is no right answer. Spoiler alert: there might not be one right answer. But there are still ways to move forward with confidence that you're making a wise choice.

So how do you choose? How could you possibly consider every important part of a college, compare it to other impressive colleges, and know where you'd fit best, just based on a four-hour tour and a quick meal in the cafeteria?

You don't need to find the perfect school—but I've got some ideas for narrowing down the perfect school for you.

Early in the application process, it's important to consider two major factors: academics and financial aid. Does the school have your major, and can you afford it?

While it's fine to remain open to possibilities when it comes to fields of study, narrowing your academic search to schools with strong programs that support your interests is a good start. It's also important to get a realistic picture of what your financial burden will look like. The last thing you want is to wake up from four years at your dream school to a decades-long nightmare of debt. Use debt calculators, including information about your earning potential in your desired field, to see what numbers make the most sense.

While money and majors are two big considerations, here are a few questions to ask when every school on your list feels like the best choice.

CAN YOU HANDLE THE WEATHER?

This might seem like a silly question, but it's not. If you grew up in Southern California, are you ready to invest in winter gear to live in Alaska? If you're from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, will you love the heat and humidity of Houston? Maybe you're even ready for a change, but don't discount the effect of living smack in the middle of a climate you've never experienced before.

Some students want to be close enough to do laundry at home on the weekends, while others may want to pursue a faraway adventure. Consider whether you want a short drive or a long flight, a Sunday night dinner with a parent or a Sunday night phone call from them. While college is a time of independence in general, discerning what that independence looks like for you will help you draw the right physical boundaries around your collegiate choice.

WHAT ARE THE CLASSES AND CURRICULA LIKE?

Weighing the differences between core and open curricula is worth considering. In a core curriculum approach, every student is required to take a certain number of classes from a broad range of disciplines. Some say this gives a well-rounded learning experience and can be helpful for students who aren't quite sure what they're most interested in studying as a major.

An open curriculum, in contrast, has a set number of credits a student needs to graduate but is much more flexible in terms of course options. Fans of this approach argue that students who have more autonomy in picking their courses will be more invested in their learning. An open curriculum is perfect for students who have a clear vision of what they want from their college academic experience. You'll find examples of great institutions that practice one or the other, but one might be better for you.

ARE YOU GOING TO VIBE WITH THE CAMPUS CULTURE?

Outside the classroom, nothing will color your college experience more than what an institution feels like. Do you want to join clubs or participate in Greek life? Is it important that faith is incorporated into your coursework? How do weekends covered in body paint and tailgating for the football team

sound? Do you want to stand out in a smaller environment or blend in with the larger crowd? Determining what truly sounds like fun to you will go a long way to ensuring that you find success in college.

WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES CAN YOU FIND OFF CAMPUS?

Campus life is great, but there's more to life than staying inside that bubble. Would you be more comfortable somewhere close to nature hikes or in a city with concert venues? Maybe you're okay with driving a car to get places, or maybe you prefer public transportation. Ideally, your college years will be a time that offers you the freedom to explore new places, start new hobbies, and meet new people. As you build community in the dorm or in your classes,

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WHAT WOULD LIFE LOOK LIKE AFTER GRADUATION?

According to Emsi, a labor market data company, where you attend college dramatically affects where you live after you've earned your degree. Sixty-one percent of community college students stay within 50 miles of their school. For state university grads, that number drops to 40 percent, with a large majority staying within state lines. Graduates of elite institutions tend to migrate to large cities. All of these movements are largely due to the job opportunities available. When considering postgraduate study, networking connections, and career choices, it's important to consider if the

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college is located somewhere you want to live long-term or if you are likely to move somewhere else after receiving your diploma.

All of these questions point to the quality of life, which is something that can't be undervalued during the decision-making process. Loving a variety of options is a great problem to have, but wise counsel from your family, academic advisors, and trusted friends can steer you in the right direction and narrow the field to help you find the best choice.

However, when it comes down to making that final decision, you are the only one who will really know what's right for you. Choosing the right college can be overwhelming, but it can also be a fun, defining moment that allows you to reflect on who you've become and who you want to be. ■

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THRIVING AT COLLEGE

FOUR TIPS FOR A SMOOTH START TO YOUR COLLEGE YEARS.

By Jessica Fralin

College is exciting and scary and completely overwhelming. As you explore your residential campus or set up your desk for remote classes, you'll quickly learn that there's more to this college thing than schedules and syllabi. Surviving, and thriving, in this transition can be difficult—but not impossible. Spend time over the next few months building rules and rhythms into your routine. These anchors will keep you grounded, inspire reflection, and direct your growth in the years to come.

01 // FIND YOUR RHYTHM

For the first time, your daily life isn't dictated by the ringing of a class bell. You're still taking classes, of course, but you'll be able to work out a schedule that fits your personal needs.

This is your first chance to build an educational schedule that works for you, and as an added bonus, you'll get to hit the reset button with every semester. If 18 credit hours feels overwhelming, you can cut it to 15 after your holiday break. If you're not functioning at your peak at 7 a.m., you can build a schedule that allows you to sleep in or even choose night classes. If you prefer to stack most of your classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays so you can ease in to and out of your weekend, that's possible at most universities. Take advantage of this freedom, and you may find yourself performing better and enjoying classes more.

The rhythms of college life aren't limited to class schedules, of course. With no one reminding you to move your body, eat a good lunch, wash your clothes, or settle in at the library, the work of managing your time and health falls to you. This is, indeed, a big responsibility, but it's also made possible by an accommodating college. Campus gyms often host extended hours, mealtimes are flexible, and the library is available from sunrise



until well after dark. The beauty of finding a good rhythm is that a healthy, balanced life looks different for each person. There are some universal truths—finishing papers at 2 a.m. is not the best practice, and skipping meals will make you grumpy—but there’s also a great deal of room to flourish in the way you were uniquely designed, from structuring your course load to choosing your bedtime. A quick word of caution: with so much flexibility, important things fall through the cracks. Don’t let your freedom threaten your success.

02 // DECIDE ONCE

Kendra Adachi, better known to many as “The Lazy Genius,” insists there’s an easy way to combat the overwhelming number of decisions and choices coming your way: being a genius about the things that matter and lazy about the things that don’t. Not everything is equally important, and learning to prioritize the things that matter most will streamline your days in the best of ways.

Adachi’s “Decide Once” mantra minimizes decision fatigue and can help you sort through all the questions to come. The concept is simple: make a decision once and stick with it. As it’s incorporated into your daily life, you’ll find that being “lazy” with tiny decisions frees up your mental capacity for what’s most important.

Practically speaking, this decision method can be as simple as doing laundry every Thursday night. Because you’ve set a weekly time to wash your clothes and linens, you’ll never run out of socks at an inopportune time.

Better yet, you won’t have to think about the best time to do your laundry every week. It happens on Thursday nights—that’s already been decided, and you never have to waste time fretting over it again.

Some other “decide once” hacks: set up a recurring study group for your biology lab, wear your favorite black T-shirt to that early Monday morning class each week (it will be clean, since you’ve done your Thursday laundry!), or head to the gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays after your 10 a.m. class. By automating some of life’s mundane moments, you’ll create routines that clear brain space for the things that matter most, like studying for midterms, spending time with friends, or taking time to relax without having to worry about a running list of things you should be doing.

03 // BECOME A GOOD ROOMMATE

Sharing a room or an apartment means lots of hours spent together in close quarters, so building a good relationship

here is important. Even if you don’t become lifelong best friends, your semester will be much more peaceful if you create good boundaries and care about one another’s preferences. Healthy roommate habits go a long way.

The first bit of advice is perhaps the most obvious: care about cleanliness. Be mindful that almost no one enjoys living amid someone else’s clutter. Clean up after yourself at every opportunity, especially if you share bathroom or kitchen space. Keeping your desk, bed, and closet tidy will help you stay organized, and it’s an easy way to show kindness to your roommate.

If you live in a dorm, the noise can seem endless, but it’s still worthwhile to have a conversation about sound levels. If your roommate prefers going to bed early, it’s best not to schedule fre-

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quent late night Zoom calls with your long-distance boyfriend. If you prefer studying in silence, your roommate may want to have her AirPods on hand. Taking care of one another by creating an environment that works for everyone will create a happy, healthy space that you’ll all enjoy.

The best roommates prioritize good communication. By setting clear boundaries and expectations, you’ll eliminate most potential problems before they’ve even come up. As you settle in together, set aside time early on to order a pizza and chat through your pet peeves and preferences. Setting study hours when unexpected guests won’t pop in, creating a

bathroom cleaning schedule, or deciding which items will and won't be shared can stop conflicts before they start.

If conflicts do arise, extend empathy and grace as often as you can. You're both navigating a new space, likely in a new city, with a brand-new person. There will be a few bumps in the road, but by handling them with clarity and kindness, you'll be able to defuse conflicts before they have a chance to become explosive. If you need help with healthy conflict resolution, remember that your RAs and on-campus counseling services are always available.

04 // CULTIVATE COMMUNITY

College friendships add value and purpose to our lives. While you're sure to find friends in your classes and residence halls, don't forget to expand your relational horizons. Seek out groups and activities you enjoy. Like a garden, community is a thing to be cultivated, and you'll find deeper roots as you invest in your friendships more fully.

Believers often find depth and diversity at a local church that college campuses simply can't offer. As you spend time worshiping with young kids, retirees, and every generation in between, you'll find a beautiful picture of Christian community. Getting involved in your church is also a way to serve others, whether through leading a small group of teenagers, watching babies in the nursery, greeting newcomers at the door, or singing on the worship team.

Become a student who gives back to the city you're in, even if your time there is likely temporary. Most cities welcome and encourage the support and service



students can provide. Walk dogs at the animal shelter, serve meals at your local soup kitchen, or join a city clean-up project. By engaging with your city off-campus, you'll find ways to serve those you may never have brushed shoulders with otherwise, and you'll be leaving your college home even better than you found it.

Finally, don't forget to find a community that's fun. Intra-mural sports teams offer many opportunities to stay active and build relationships. Join a theater production crew for a chance to flex your artistic muscles. At many universities, you can find chapters of faith-based sororities and fraternities where you can reap the benefits of a social club without dipping into the wilder side of Greek life. Even academic clubs can feel more like play than work when you're passionate about the subject. Finding communities beyond your residence and your major will enrich your social life and keep you on balance.

FIND YOUR THRIVING

You may be going to college to earn a degree, but this time also provides valuable opportunities to learn independence, discover new passions, serve the city around you, and build lifelong healthy habits. You may find yourself overwhelmed with all the changes as you first settle into a new home and schedule—and there's no shame in that. But these ideas will ground you, bringing you out of survival mode and into a college experience in which you truly thrive. ■

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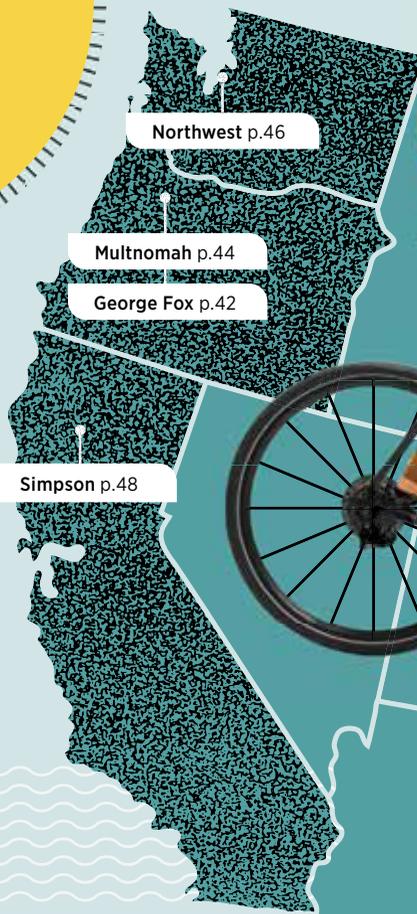
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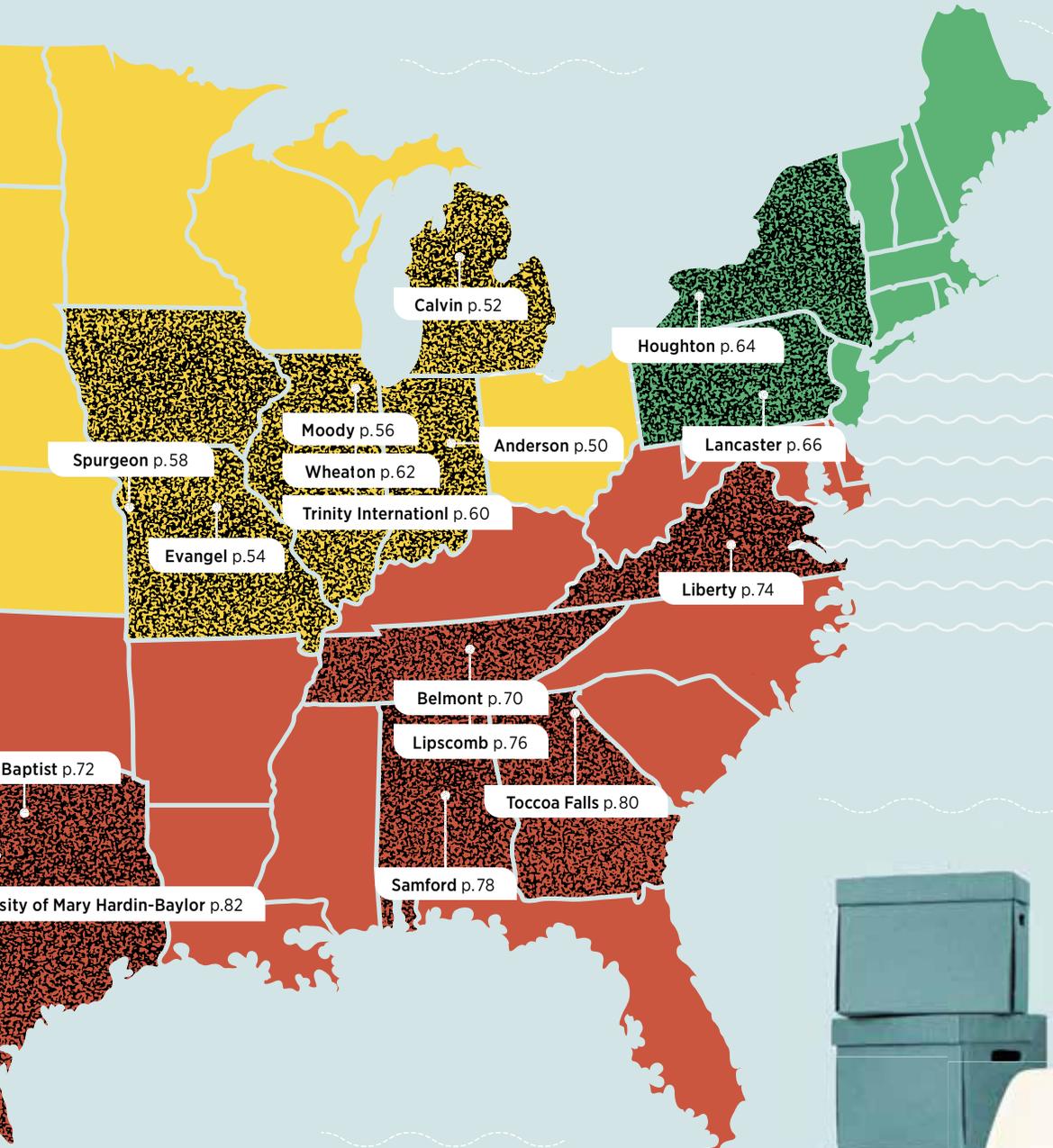
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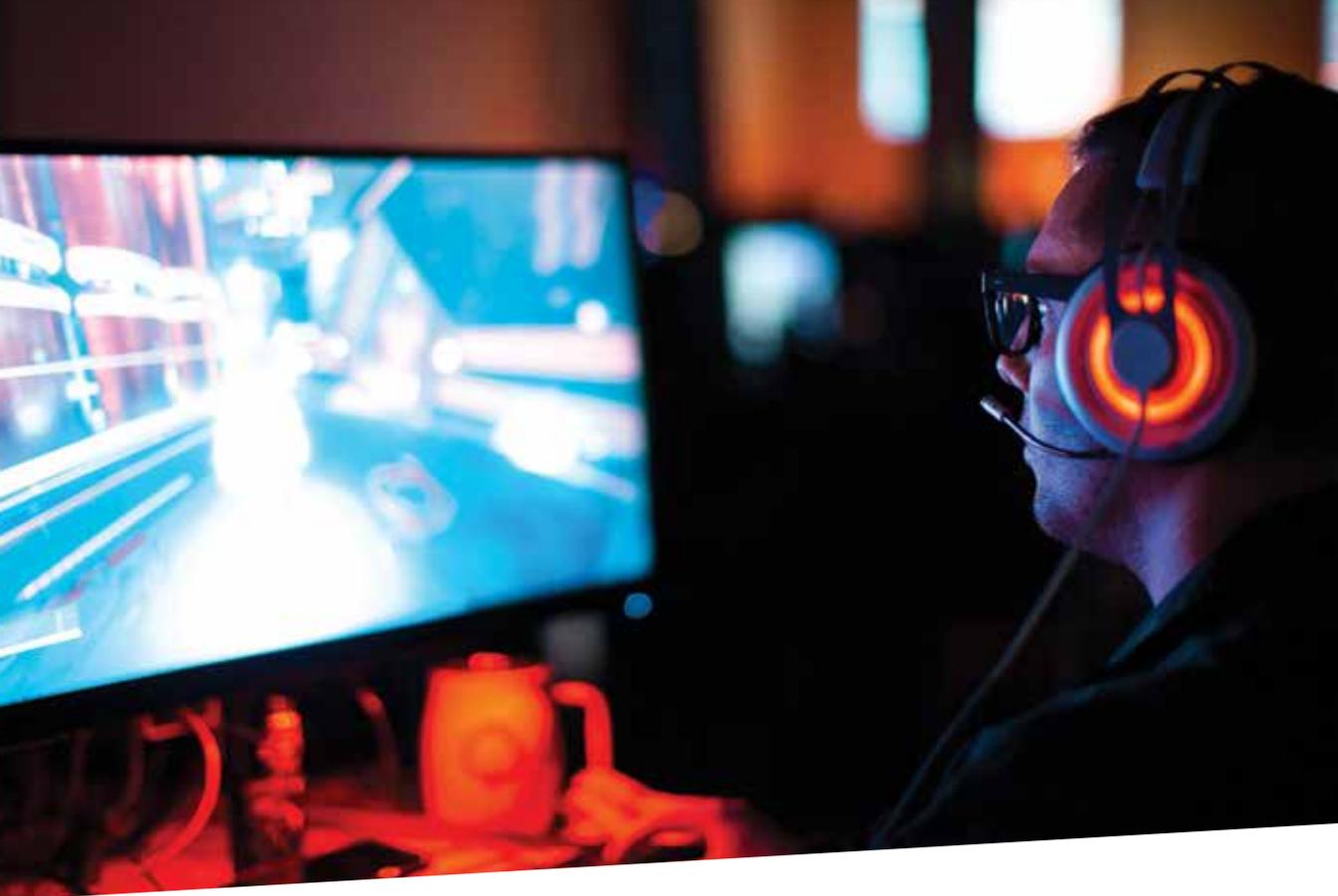
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leaders. We're a small school with a big footprint, and we use our location to spread the love of God throughout Portland. All students at Multnomah take 18-credits in Bible and Theology, attend weekly chapel sessions, and have additional opportunities for impact through events like Day of Outreach.

SMALL MEANS...

Bigger isn't always better. Being on a cozy campus where everyone knows your name has a lot to offer! At Multnomah, you won't be a number or statistic. With a 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio, the community at Multnomah operates differently from the typical college. Here, your professors will not only know your name; they will invest in your education and faith journey. It is normal to see students and professors talking over coffee in our on-campus cafe. As a non-denominational Christian university, we celebrate diverse opinions that will challenge and grow your faith while remaining centered and unified in the Bible.

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In the Beginning, God Created. At NU, We Continue His Work.

Today's world needs Christians who create. Through Northwest University's Creatio Center for Technology, Media, and Design, we're preparing students to bring their creative talents and love for Christ into Hollywood, the recording industry, Big Tech, and more. You'll learn the latest technologies from industry experts who love Jesus. You'll intern at companies that are shaping the world. And you'll spend four years in the beautiful Pacific Northwest building your spiritual life, your skills, and a career network to increase your job opportunities.

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- Job-Rich Environment

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HIGHLY AWARDED. CHRIST-CENTERED. CAREER-FOCUSED.

Location
Kirkland, WA

Enrollment
2,406

Tuition
\$34,500

Student Faculty Ratio
10:1 Student to Faculty

ABOUT NU

Northwest University is a regionally accredited, Christian institution awarding associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Located in Kirkland, Washington, we have been preparing students to lead in their careers since 1934 and offer a variety of degree programs to meet the needs of an ever-changing society.

Our traditional undergraduate experience includes over 70 majors and programs—as well as off-campus internships—to equip students to succeed in their careers. Students can access our online degree programs anytime, anywhere while still receiving a quality, Christ-centered liberal arts education that is rooted in community.

MISSION AND VISION

The founders of Northwest University built a community of faith and learning, focused on serving people who are pursuing God's call on their lives. We are convinced God continues to call every person to a life of faithful, devoted service. Northwest University is

committed to being a college of choice for students who are passionate about confirming and clarifying God's call.

We believe that the best response to God's call is to develop exceptional character and competence. A commitment to scholarship and discipleship grows out of a worldview anchored in Scripture. Northwest University integrates faith and truth with powerful, effective teaching in ministry, arts, sciences and the professions. The entire university community strives to engage biblical Christianity with every aspect of life.

Northwest University finds its crowning joy in thousands of alumni serving in nearly every profession around the world. They show Christ's love through hands of compassion. Our faculty model lives of wholehearted service. Our students make an impact for the Kingdom in numerous outreaches and ministries. Northwest University is committed to preparing graduates for service and leadership, doing God's work in God's world.



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 **Location**
Redding, CA

 **Enrollment**
910

 **Tuition**
\$35,800

 **Student Faculty Ratio**
14:1 Student to Faculty

A GATEWAY TO WORLD SERVICE

Simpson University has been a Gateway to World Service for over 100 years. As a Christian liberal arts university, we are committed to creating an unapologetically evangelical, Christ-centered learning community. Our goal is to develop each student in mind, faith and character for a lifetime of meaningful work and service in a constantly changing world.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Simpson University strives to create critical thinkers, not critical people. With over 20 academic programs, we provide students with the knowledge and experiences that allow them to become exuberant followers of Jesus and influential leaders in society. In an effort to meet the ever-changing needs of our

community, Simpson University has added four new programs, including Engineering, Digital Media, Computer Information Systems, and Kinesiology – Applied Health.

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Located at the base of Mount Shasta, Simpson University's campus has access to hundreds of miles of mountain trails and outdoor adventure experiences. Students can participate in a variety of on- and off-campus events including sporting events, spiritual development conferences, mission trips, worship teams, intramurals, and other engaging activities. All activities are designed to foster a sense of community for our students to create relationships that will last a lifetime.

MEET

Anderson University

BECOME YOUR BEST SELF.



You will, of course, receive field specific training for the degree you choose, but you will receive so much more than a world-class degree.

*Let's be extraordinary.
Let's roll up our sleeves and
do some good work.*



ANDERSON UNIVERSITY



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REAL LIFE AT ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

WHO WE ARE, TOGETHER

Since 1917, Anderson University has integrated its Christian roots with academic excellence, encouraging students to live out our values of responsibility, integrity, excellence, generosity, and servant-leadership. AU offers a rigorous academic program with more than 50 majors and opportunities for hands-on, experiential learning.

WRITE YOUR STORY

Whether you are interested in nursing, engineering, music, ministry, or any other field, AU is committed to providing you the best education through its experienced faculty and state-of-the-art facilities. You will be prepared to step into any professional setting with confidence and wisdom.

From academic societies to sports, chapel services to on-campus events, you will find opportunities to build a community and learn more about who you are called to be. At AU, we believe in finding specific opportunities to grow and will provide you with experiences to help you become your best self.

Location
Anderson, IN

Tuition
\$33,070

Enrollment
1,300+

Student Faculty Ratio
13:1 Student to Faculty

BE EXTRAORDINARY

At AU, you will be prepared for a life of faith and service in your community. How will that happen? By interacting with people who provide space for open conversations and hard questions. You can start serving others now through your involvement on campus.

Our students, faculty, and staff come together as a positive force, learning and pursuing how to make the world a better place. With experiences and discoveries that will light up your future, there's no limit to who you can become by the time you graduate from AU as one of our extraordinary alumni.

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THINK DEEPLY, ACT JUSTLY, LIVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AS CHRIST'S AGENTS OF RENEWAL

Location
Grand Rapids, MI

Enrollment
3,256

Tuition
\$38,370

Student Faculty Ratio
12:1 Student to Faculty

THE WORLD IS WAITING

Imagine being cultivated in your gifts, activated in your faith, and equipped to follow your passions. Imagine living out the full story God is calling you to.

That's why Calvin University exists.

You were created by a God who doesn't want you to settle. He wants you to flourish in his kingdom. In fact, he wants to use you to help the whole world flourish.

Calvin professors, staff, and fellow students are waiting to meet you, to find out just who you are, and to journey with you in discovering your one-of-a-kind calling.

Ready?

LEARN WITH COURAGE

Join a community known for its groundbreaking scholarship and visionary teaching. Learn firsthand from forward-looking leaders in your field.

Calvin professors will partner with you to conduct world-class research, and empower you to achieve your career and graduate school goals.

ACT WITH JUSTICE

God doesn't ask us to accept things in the world as they are. He gives us a vision for what they can be. Wherever you started, and wherever you're headed—we're investing in those places.

You'll find that Calvin mentors and classmates are ready to help you on your mission. Together, you'll pursue renewal throughout the world.

LIVE WITH PURPOSE

Calvin's intentional Christian community is waiting for you. From Dorm activities to Student Senate and worship team, you'll have every opportunity to get involved at Calvin. Here your God-given gifts won't be overlooked—they'll be celebrated, cultivated, and stretched.

Calvin grads work in careers that serve a meaningful place in God's world. You will, too.

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NEW DISCOVERY IS CALLING:

- Learn from professor-mentors who are personally invested in your success, both inside and outside the classroom. Our **low faculty/student ratio of 15:1** means you get the one-on-one attention you deserve.
- Take advantage of **internships, job-shadowing opportunities, and hands-on learning experiences** that provide not only the knowledge you need, but the real-world training that builds your resume.
- More than **70 academic program options** provide a wide range of professional options to fit your desired career focus and calling. Invested academic advisors will ensure you select the path that's just right for you.

 **Location**
Springfield, MO

 **Enrollment**
2,054

 **Tuition**
\$25,166

 **Student Faculty Ratio**
15:1 Student to Faculty

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS:

- 100% of incoming freshman receive scholarships. Academic scholarships are available up to \$27,000 per year.
- Scholarships and need-based grants are available up to full tuition per year (FAFSA required).
- Scholarships are available for special talent and athletics.
- Federal financial aid and Missouri grants are available to qualifying individuals.
- See all the opportunities and estimate your award with our online scholarship and financial aid calculator: evangel.edu/financial

NEW COMMUNITY IS CALLING

Experiencing life together is the heartbeat of Evangel. Here you'll find a place to belong and friends who will become like family. With over 40 campus clubs and organizations, you'll quickly find your crew and a place to invest your time and energy.

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YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Do you get excited about big cities? While studying at Moody you'll live in Chicago's River North neighborhood, just blocks from Lake Michigan, the Magnificent Mile, and acres of public parks. Get discounts on many city attractions with your student ID. You can gain urban and intercultural ministry skills as you serve in churches, youth ministries, rescue missions, schools, inner-city ministries, and more.

YOUR FREE TUITION

Good news! Your full-time undergraduate education at Moody in downtown Chicago is already paid for! You're only responsible for your housing, food, and textbooks. You can get financial aid from grants, federal loans, scholarships, veterans' benefits, and even payment plans to help you pay as you go.

Location
Undergraduate:
Chicago, IL and Online
Aviation: Spokane, WA

Tuition
\$0, Chicago (\$12,960 provided as scholarships)
\$13,000, Spokane
\$11,400 Online

Enrollment
1,281 Chicago
118 Spokane

Student Faculty Ratio
16:1 Chicago
7:1 Spokane

YOUR MAJOR

Looking for a major to enhance your ministry skills? We've got more than 30 programs to choose from! Each one provides world-class biblical instruction, practical training, and ministry experience that will help you be successful in whatever career you choose.

YOUR PROFESSORS

If you're going to study the Bible, why not do it with the experts? Our renowned faculty mentors bring a wealth of academic knowledge and years of academic and practical experience. No matter what your major is, our instructors will invest in your success inside and outside of the classroom.

YOUR FREE TIME

When you're not in class or studying, we've got a wide range of other activities for your enjoyment. You can play intercollegiate basketball, volleyball, soccer, cross country, or intramural sports. Or join a musical group, the yearbook staff, the improv cast, or one of our many other student clubs and groups.

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SPURGEON COLLEGE

FOR THE KINGDOM.

Location
Kansas City, MO

Enrollment
4,200+

Tuition
On-Campus: \$315/credit hour
Online: \$365/credit hour

Student Faculty Ratio
20:1 Student to Faculty

Spurgeon College, the undergraduate school of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, exists *for the Kingdom*. We aim to equip God-called men and women to fulfill their calling—wherever it may be—for the glory of God and the good of his people. Spurgeon College offers both residential and online degrees, allowing students to pursue their education in a manner most convenient for them.

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YOUR EDUCATION IS PERSONAL

What drives you? What excites you? How might you impact the world? At Trinity, you won’t just be taught, you’ll be mentored academically, spiritually, and personally to discern God’s purpose for your life. We encourage you to live out your faith as you explore your passions.

MORE THAN THE CLASSROOM

Lectures, papers, and reading can only get you so far. Our personalized curriculum, small classes, and hands-on learning are designed to give you practical skills you can use in your career and in life. Completing a meaningful internship is a crucial part of your degree.

Location
Deerfield, IL

Tuition
\$32,398

Enrollment
571

Student Faculty Ratio
8:1 Student to Faculty

A COMMUNITY OF DIVERSITY

Our students come from all walks of life. We are a diverse community of cultures, church traditions, ideas, experiences, and stories. We believe the Holy Spirit moves us to embrace our differences as we work together to engage in God’s redemptive work in the world.

LOCATION IS EVERYTHING

With Chicago in our backyard, the sky’s the limit for your future! Twelve Fortune 500 companies within 12 miles of campus and endless access to churches, nonprofits, and cultural inspiration makes our Chicagoland location a tremendous opportunity for internships, educational enhancements, and adventure. Become the person you are called to be. Experience the possibilities that await you at Trinity: tiu.edu/personal



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EXPERIENCE CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY AND TOP-TIER ACADEMICS

Location
Wheaton, IL

Tuition
\$41,990

Enrollment
2,300 Undergrad

Student Faculty Ratio
10:1 Student to Faculty

LEARN FROM HUMBLE LEADERS

From the moment you step into your first class at Wheaton College, you'll notice the faculty at Wheaton are different. They are at the top of their disciplines, but more importantly, they are humble servants of Christ. They are eager to grow in relationships with their students and are here to be your mentors and guides. They will guide you as you embark on choosing classes that align with your interests through the general education curriculum: Christ at the Core.

NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN ADVENTUROUS THINKING

In classrooms on Wheaton's campus to the Northwoods of Wisconsin, you'll take your learning from hearing lectures to hands-on testing. From the Black Hills Science Station in South Dakota and Honey-Rock Outdoor Center for Leadership Development to the 75+ study abroad programs and urban engagement opportunities in Chicago, there are countless ways to grow in intellect in the fields you want to pursue. The internship program is robust, and networking nights provide a way to envision what life will look like after college.

IN COMMUNITY WITH FAITHFUL BELIEVERS

In residential halls and houses to clubs and choirs and teams, Wheaton's micro communities are the real life-force behind a complete education. In these communities, you'll share what you are learning, the challenges you face, and the new ideas you are developing. Through it all is the grace of God experienced in the friendships you are forming. It is in this community that you will grow in your relationship with God and others.

Simply put, you don't need to compromise when looking for a college. At Wheaton, you will learn from humble leaders at the top of their respective academic fields. You will have numerous opportunities to grow in adventurous thinking and put your new intellectual ideas to work, all while in the safe, grace-filled community of faithful believers.

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Adventurous Thinking.

Grace-Filled, Christ-Centered Community.

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Wheaton College.**

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GENEVA COLLEGE

MADE FOR THIS

Location
Beaver Falls, PA

Tuition
\$29,890

Enrollment
1,239

Student Faculty Ratio
11:1 Student to Faculty

THE GENEVA VISION

Through purposeful learning in a community reflecting the full spectrum of God's kingdom, a Geneva College experience inspires students to discover a faith-life calling in service to God and neighbor. Geneva's vision is to become known nationally for advancing integration of faith and learning under Christ and His word, preparing students for courageous engagement throughout their life's work.

Geneva College is a unique place where students find purpose in their studies, a meaningful and lasting community, and an education that goes beyond the classroom, allowing them to fulfill their lifelong mission.

OUR COMMUNITY

Geneva College offers small, personal classroom settings with an average student-teacher ratio of 11:1, which allows our professors to uniquely invest in each student. Our graduates go on to impact the world in many ways. 91% of our graduates are employed or in graduate school within 6 months of graduation.

We believe in learning, but also doing. Students at Geneva take their education to the next level through the many clubs, internships, jobs, and educational resources the college offers. 70% of Geneva students participate in internships or applied to learn activities. Our students graduate with a depth of knowledge and experience.

OUR CALLING

In all things, Geneva strives to serve gracefully, pursue Godly wisdom, foster academic strength, engage culture faithfully, inspire vibrant hospitality, and honor one another.

We believe our students were made for a purpose. We are on a journey of discovery here, and you can be part of that journey too. Integrating faith and learning. Thinking constructively and creatively.

Together we are inspired to learn, grow, and discern all that we are created to be and do. ***You were made for this.***

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MARY SHAKER '23 came to Houghton University to pursue her calling as a doctor in a Christian environment, while still having the opportunity to compete as a sprinter on the track team. Through experiences in the Shannon Summer Research Institute and courses like medical terminology, she is equipped to excel in medical school after graduation. Her desire to serve others, combined with her love of learning and real-world experiences, will allow her to confidently bring comfort and healing to those in need.

**TAKE YOUR
FEARLESS
NEXT STEPS**

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



Every new chapter starts with a courageous decision.

You seek the groundwork that will prepare you for the rest of your life. Houghton's Christ-centered education will strengthen you day by day to grow into the fearless person God wants you to be and give you the courageous mindset to embrace the exciting, unknown plans God has for your life. Take the next steps in your story at Houghton University.

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Location
Houghton, NY

Tuition
\$16,690

Enrollment
900

Student Faculty Ratio
12:1 Student to Faculty

UNLEASH YOUR GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL

Take your unique blend of interests, talents, and abilities and grow them into a degree that produces excellence in the valiant work that God intends for you to do in the world. And with Houghton's 2020 tuition reset, a degree has never been so attainable!

THRIVE IN A VIBRANT, CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

Join a diverse body of determined students from 37 states, 21 countries, and 30 Christian denominations. Community life is more than a shared campus, it's home for your faith and identity in Christ to grow alongside other servant leaders.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF WITH HOUGHTON HONORS

It is an experience as exciting as it is demanding. Houghton was one of the first colleges to introduce a serious, developmental curriculum for top incoming

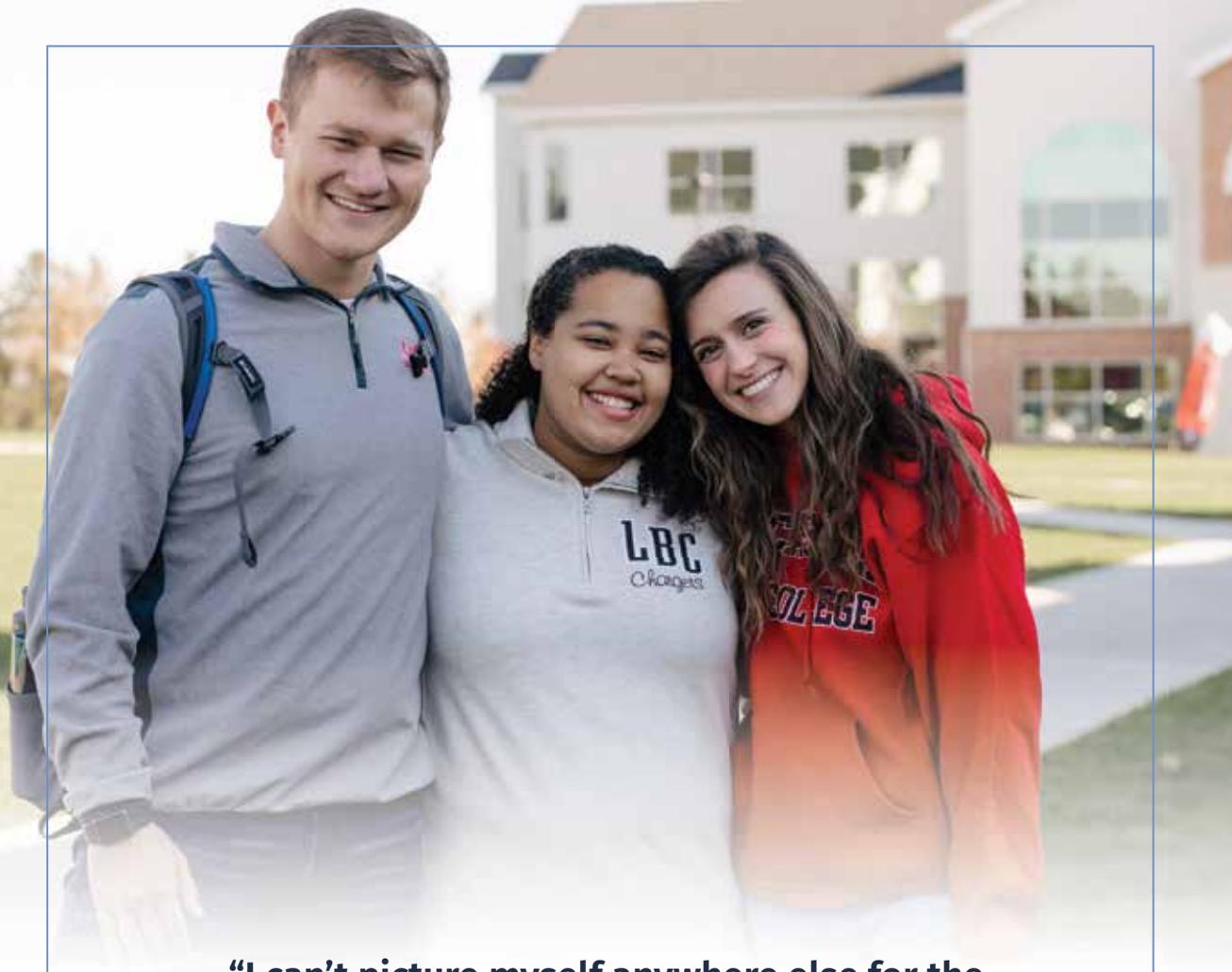
students, and our honors opportunities remain among the best anywhere. You won't believe what you can achieve at a university routinely recognized by U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review.

BOLDLY PREPARE FOR LIFE-LONG GROWTH

From presenting research at a national conference to interning at top companies, ministries, and nonprofits, Houghton instills the skills — including public speaking, writing, and critical thinking — that are always in demand. In fact, Houghton's challenging and inspiring academic environment has launched successful graduates to achieve amazing things, including becoming the White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator, a surgeon who performed a life-saving procedure for the current U.S. president, a geologist who discovered mountains on Pluto, the owner of the Buffalo Bills, and the general counsel of the U.S. Treasury.

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Location
Lancaster, PA

Tuition
\$27,760

Enrollment
1,100

Student Faculty Ratio
15:1 Student to Faculty

What is Life-on-Life? At Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary & Graduate School, it's our commitment to spiritual growth in a vibrant living and learning environment. Caring professors. Lifelong friendships. Living out your calling on campus and in the community.

College is so much more than earning a degree. It's also taking steps along a journey to fulfill God's purpose for your life. Our mission since 1933 is to educate Christian students to think and live a biblical worldview and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.

"It's not just a community of students but a community with brothers and sisters in Christ!" says Sara Varela ('24), a Pastoral Ministry major from Pennsylvania. "LBC puts actions to the faith they have. That's true faith!"

ACCREDITATION & ACCOLADES

Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation, LBC | Capital offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral

degrees through more than 50 in-person, hybrid and online programs. The college is listed consistently in national higher education rankings, including two No. 1 Best Online Bible College honors in 2022.

AFFORDABILITY

LBC | Capital keeps tuition costs below the national average while delivering a top-notch, biblically integrated education. Through the generosity of donors, LBC | Capital awards more than \$2 million in scholarships annually, with at least 97% of undergraduate students receiving financial aid. Some students also receive life experience credits, helping them earn their degree even faster.

CAMPUS LIFE

Outside the classroom, LBC | Capital offers a robust student life. With plenty of clubs, organizations, activities and 20 men's and women's NCAA Division III athletic teams, LBC | Capital students are involved, engaged and empowered to use their gifts and talents to make a difference in all they do.

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light bringers
courageous leaders
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ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

LET YOUR FUTURE TAKE FIRE

Location
Abilene, TX

Tuition
\$40,500

Enrollment
5,300+

Student Faculty Ratio
14:1 Student to Faculty

The impact you want to make through your life? It begins here. At Abilene Christian University, we take whatever it is that excites you, that pulls you forward, and foster that passion to its full potential. Through rigorous academics, authentic relationships and opportunities that can take you anywhere, you'll discover what it means to ignite your passion.

MOVE TOWARD YOUR GOALS

We offer 79 undergraduate majors and 164 areas of study, 35 master's and four doctoral degrees, all intentionally designed to empower you to live out your calling. Home to more than 5,300 students from 42 nations, ACU is in the top 10 percent of U.S. institutions, according to Forbes Magazine's "America's Top Colleges" list. We consistently rank among the best in the U.S. News & World Report Regional Universities West, rising to the challenge we set before ourselves to continually be better.

ELEVATE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Experience academic excellence in a Christian environment brimming with opportunities to grow and serve. Our beautiful 262-acre campus is filled with

green spaces, world-class facilities and athletics venues, and a variety of on-campus dining and housing options, including new freshman residence halls. Our student life offers more than 100 organizations, including Greek life, intramurals, academic honor societies, service groups, celebrations of diversity and more.

ENTERTAIN YOUR POSSIBILITIES

Immerse yourself among our vibrant, diverse faculty, staff and fellow students as you find your voice and your purpose. Discover your place among this authentic faith community and grow into a servant leader equipped to live out your calling in the world.

Ignite that God-given spark into a flame you'll carry the rest of your life. You were created to make a difference. Let your future take fire at ACU.



HERE, YOUR PURPOSE
IS OUR PURPOSE.

We believe every student was created by God for a purpose, and that it's our mission to help develop their unique gifts, talents and passions to engage and transform the world in meaningful ways. Learn more about why Belmont is among the fastest-growing Christian universities at **BELMONT.EDU**.

FIELDS OF STUDY

Architecture, Art, Design, Business, Health Sciences, Law, Liberal Arts, Music, Music Business, Pharmacy, Sciences & Mathematics

FAITH-BASED MAJORS

Biblical Studies, Christian Leadership, Faith & Social Justice, Religion & the Arts, Religious Studies, Worship Leadership



BELMONT UNIVERSITY

FIND YOUR FIT AT BELMONT UNIVERSITY

Location
Nashville, TN

Tuition
\$53,520

Enrollment
9,050+

Student Faculty Ratio
12:1 Student to Faculty

A PLACE TO BELONG

Located near the heart of thriving Nashville, Tennessee, Belmont University consists of nearly 9,050 students who come from every state and 33 countries. The University is nationally recognized for its innovative approach as well as its commitment to undergraduate teaching (U.S. News & World Report). As a Christ-centered, student-focused community, Belmont's mission is to develop diverse leaders of purpose, character and wisdom who possess a transformational mindset and are eager and equipped to make the world a better place. With more than 115 areas of undergraduate study, 41 master's programs and five doctoral degrees, Belmont University aims to be the leading Christ-centered university in the world, producing leaders who will radically champion the pursuit of life abundant for all people..

A LEADER IN ACADEMICS

Belmont's boasts a 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio and is committed to leading the way by pioneering exciting majors like supply chain management, public health, data science, motion picture production, faith & social justice and music technology. Our facilities offer state-of-the-art technology and students work directly with faculty on research, health care simulations, audio productions, film making and more. Abundant opportunities exist for internships and students are encouraged to participate in study away in numerous locations in the U.S. and abroad.

A THRIVING COMMUNITY

Belmont's beautiful 93-acre campus is brimming with possibilities to help you enjoy your new home-away-from-home. Belmont offers over 180 student organizations including sports clubs, Greek organizations, service-minded groups, faith development fellowships and several niche honor societies. Sports fans have plenty to cheer with 17 NCAA Division I teams to follow (Go Bruins!).

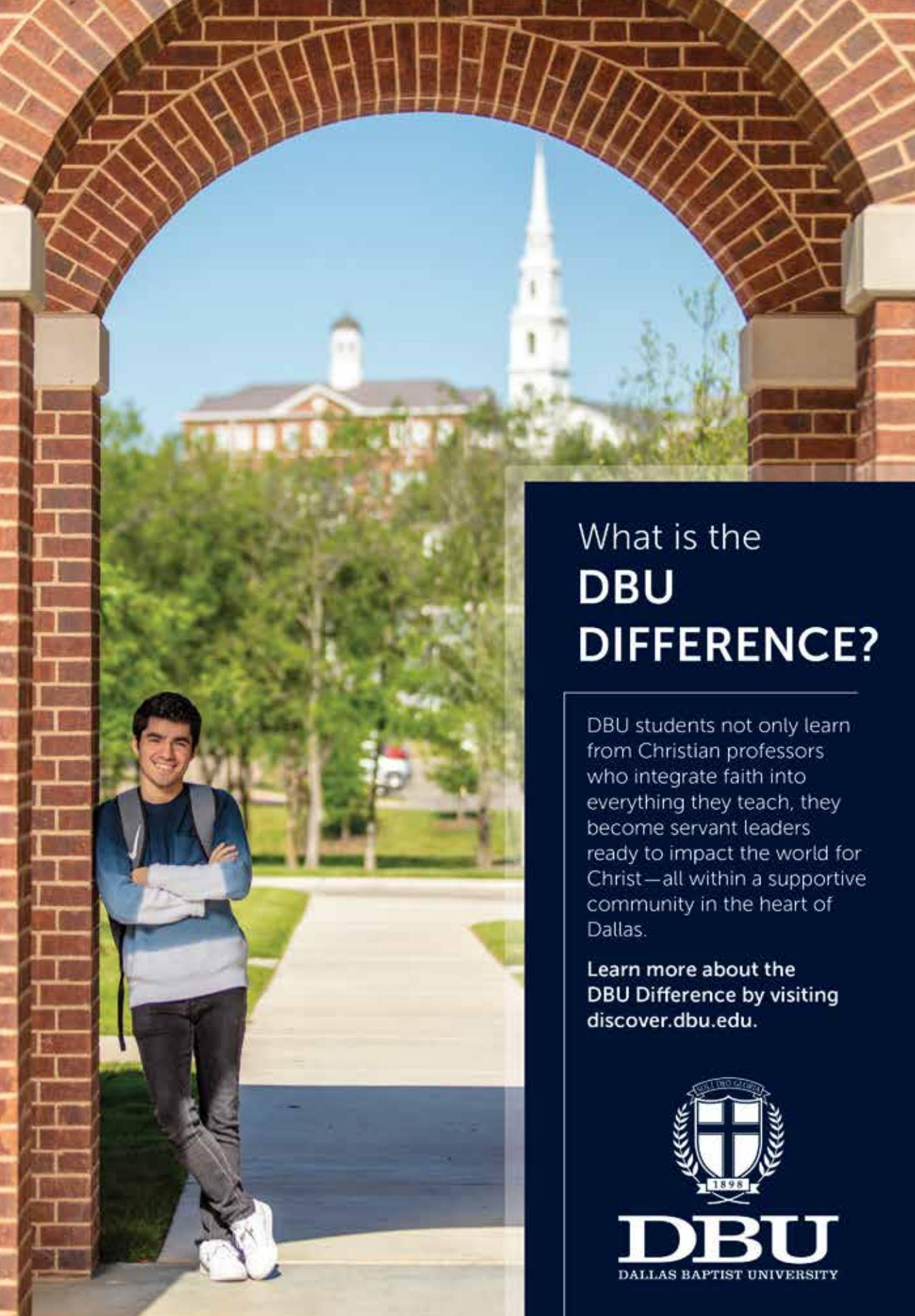
A GROWING, URBAN HOMETOWN

Belmont's hometown, Nashville, provides the backdrop for an amazing college experience while setting the stage for limitless career potential. Local internship opportunities are plentiful. In fact, Belmont students have connected with the Country Music Association, Amazon, The Nashville Predators, Caterpillar Financial and Nissan. Nashville also offers countless opportunities for fun with professional sports teams, art museums, parks and outdoor recreational areas.

Come experience our Belmont community by scheduling an in person-visit or learn about our campus through Belmont's virtual options. Find out for yourself how life at Belmont can shape your future.

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SOUTH



What is the **DBU** **DIFFERENCE?**

DBU students not only learn from Christian professors who integrate faith into everything they teach, they become servant leaders ready to impact the world for Christ—all within a supportive community in the heart of Dallas.

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DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

NATIONALLY RANKED CHRIST-CENTERED HIGHER EDUCATION

Location
Dallas, TX

Tuition
\$32,220

Enrollment
4,366+

Student Faculty Ratio
13:1 Student to Faculty

Since 1898, Dallas Baptist University has provided Christ-centered higher education in the arts and sciences. At the heart of a DBU education is a commitment to integrating faith and learning into every classroom.

At DBU, you will be encouraged to deepen your faith while educating your mind.

EDUCATING THE WHOLE PERSON

DBU believes in developing the whole student—mind, body, and spirit. Going to college is about more than earning a degree. It is an experience affecting every part of your life, from the friends who will shape you to the faith that will sustain you. Where you attend college matters, and a DBU education seeks to grow you in Christ-likeness so you can meet your future with confidence.

PERSONAL ATTENTION & SMALL CLASSES

You will be taught by professors who are all professing Christians and feel called to teach at DBU. Our faculty are experts in their fields and care deeply for their students.

With a 13:1 student-to-faculty ratio, your professors will know your name, pray for you daily, and mentor you throughout your college career and beyond.

THE DALLAS CONNECTION

Forbes has ranked the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolis as the #2 best city for business in the U.S. DBU offers students a secluded campus just 20 minutes from downtown Dallas or Fort Worth.

This prime location gives students access to numerous opportunities for internships, career growth, entertainment, and churches.

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SOUTH

Career Driven, Christ Minded

Build your future on a quality Christian education at Liberty University. Liberty has been *Training Champions for Christ* since 1971 and has the world-class faculty and resources you need to thrive in any career. At Liberty, it's our goal to help you accomplish yours.



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LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

PURSUE YOUR CALLING & IMPACT THE WORLD

Location
Lynchburg, VA

Tuition
\$23,800 Residential

Enrollment
15,000+ Residential
110,000+ Online

Student Faculty Ratio
22:1 Residential

Pursuing a college education is a great way to turn your passions into your livelihood. Whatever career field you choose, Liberty will prepare you to excel in the most competitive industries by providing you with the practical knowledge, personal experience, leadership training, and Christian foundation you need to transform your goals into a career.

With 700+ degree programs residentially and online in fields like medicine, cybersecurity, ministry, and more, you're sure to find the path that will lead you to your dream career. And if you can't find the exact program you want — you can create it through an interdisciplinary studies degree!

RESIDENTIAL

At Liberty, you'll learn from professors who are leaders in their industries. You'll also enjoy a 7,000+ acre campus tucked away in the Blue Ridge Mountains and filled with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Here, you can choose from 300+ residential programs and graduate with the knowledge and skills you need to stand out in today's job market.

You'll also find generous scholarships and other assistance programs to put the quality Christian

education you want within reach. We are constantly seeking new ways to make your education affordable. Our Middle America Scholarship, for example, is specifically designed for families that typically earn between \$35,000 and \$95,000 a year and don't qualify for the Federal Pell Grant. Plus, we've frozen our residential tuition rates for the fourth year in a row through the 2022–23 academic year.

ONLINE

Liberty's online programs allow you to take charge of your degree. If you want the benefit of a strong, faith-based community, the rigor of top-notch academics, and the flexibility of an online education, Liberty has you covered. With more than 450 online programs, you can take your education wherever life leads you.

Liberty is also one of the nation's most affordable options, which means you won't have to worry about the burden of financial stress. Our online tuition rates have been frozen for nearly all programs for seven years through June of 2023. Plus, our tuition rates are ranked in the bottom third when compared to our leading online competitors.

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All you bring

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At Lipscomb University, your individuality is enhanced by our community that shines the light of Christ. We embrace who you are and mold you into what you can be. As you engage in academic and campus life, you fashion a future to make an impact wherever you go.



**Welcomed in faith.
Refined through learning.
*Ready to go.***





LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY

CHALLENGE YOUR AMBITION

A leader in Christian higher education since 1891, Lipscomb University is a close-knit, Christ-centered community located in the thriving Green Hills neighborhood of Nashville, Tennessee. Our small campus creates an environment where you can build meaningful connections, but just because we're small doesn't mean we're short on opportunities.

WELCOMED IN FAITH.

At Lipscomb University, we believe your gifts are God-given—that's why it's our highest priority to help you discover how you'll use them for the rest of your life. And we've found that in the context of a faith-based, service-minded community, education becomes a gateway for good. Learn how to use your gifts and talents to pursue a vocation to create meaningful change.

REFINED THROUGH LEARNING.

Experience the opportunity of an institution with rigorous academic programs sustained by exceptional faculty. Participate in research with a faculty

Location
Nashville, TN

Tuition
\$37,150

Enrollment
4,800

Student Faculty Ratio
14:1 Student to Faculty

member, challenge yourself in our Honors College, or apply your knowledge through an internship or service project. Earn a degree that ignites your ideas and puts purpose to your passions—you'll have 200 areas of study to choose from.

READY TO GO.

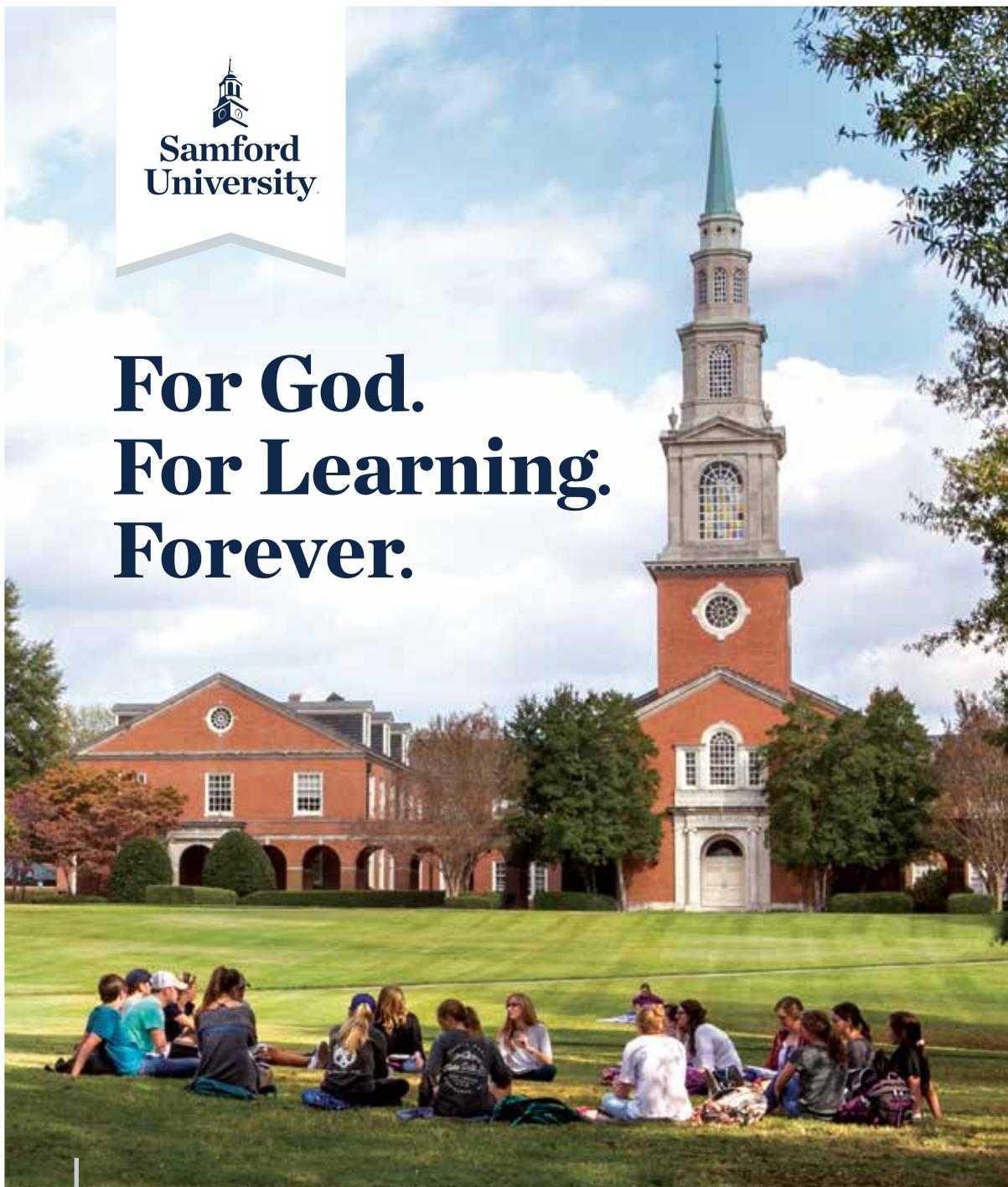
We believe that experience is the best teacher. That's why on any given day, your classroom might relocate to a recording studio, the capitol building or an outreach organization. In a city like Nashville, opportunity is everywhere. Hands-on learning and well-connected faculty help 95% of Lipscomb graduates land a job or start graduate school within six months of graduation.

With 100 campus organizations, 17 NCAA Division I teams and Music City at your doorstep, every day is a new adventure. Experience small classes, profound spiritual formation and a vibrant campus community—along the way, you'll find a herd that sticks with you for life.

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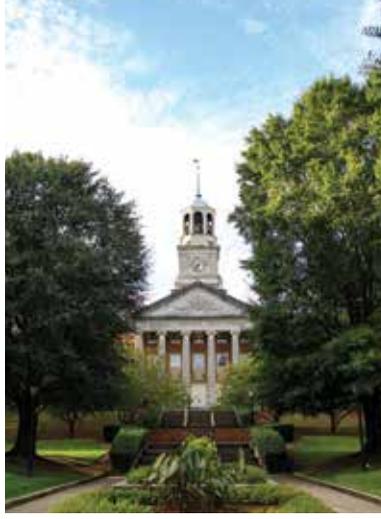
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Founded in 1841, Samford University is a national pillar for educating with strength and purpose, enrolling 5,758 students from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 22 countries.

Samford is regularly recognized as one of the best Christian universities in the United States, receiving high marks for academic quality and value. Samford is the top-ranked university in Alabama in national rankings published by The Wall Street Journal. Additionally, The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education ranks Samford 1st in the nation for student engagement. Samford is ranked 37th nationally for best undergraduate teaching and 97th for best value by U.S. News & World Report. According to The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education, Samford students are more likely to recommend their university than students at any other college or university in the country.

Location
Birmingham, AL

Enrollment
5,758

Tuition
\$35,750

Student Faculty Ratio
14:1 Student to Faculty

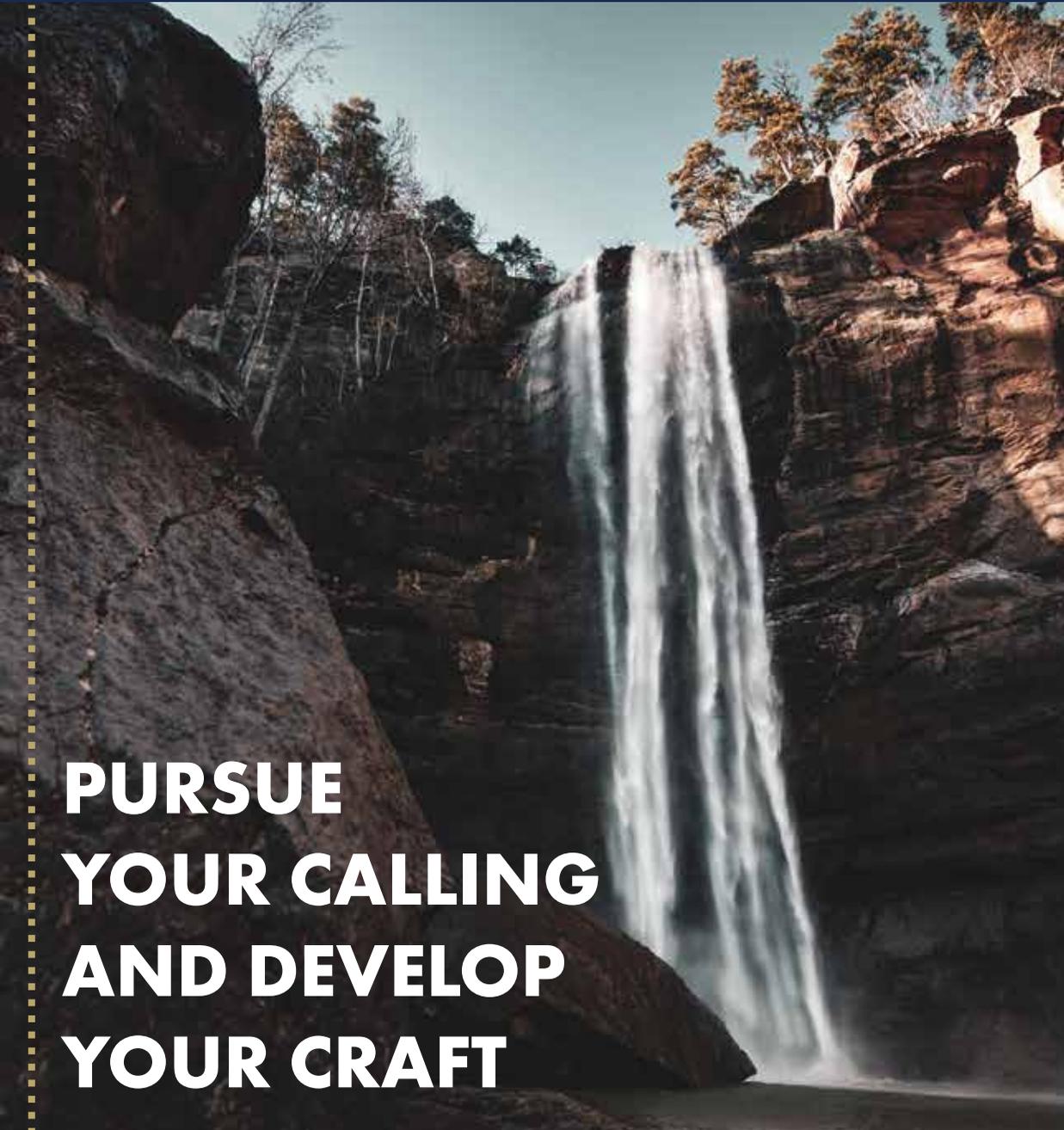
Among Samford's 53,917 alumni have included more than 60 members of the U.S. Congress, eight state governors, two U.S. Supreme Court justices, one Secretary of State, four Rhodes Scholars, multiple Emmy and Grammy award-winning artists, two national championship football coaches, and recipients of the Pulitzer and Nobel Peace prizes.

The university fields 17 varsity sports—eight men's and nine women's—that participate at the NCAA Division I level in the Southern Conference. Samford's athletic teams earned a 97% Graduation Success Rate by the NCAA, tying for third place among all Division I universities in the nation, along with an impressive group of peer institutions.

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CENTER ON CHRIST. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Location
Toccoa Falls, GA

Tuition
\$22,350

Enrollment
1,700

Student Faculty Ratio
16:1 Student to Faculty

For over a century, Toccoa Falls College has fostered a Christlike community where students are able to pursue their calling and develop their craft. With the backdrop of our 186-foot on-campus waterfall, students learn to partner with God in the pursuit of their passions. TFC is dedicated to providing an excellent and biblically-grounded education to students, integrating the pursuit of truth with Godly character.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

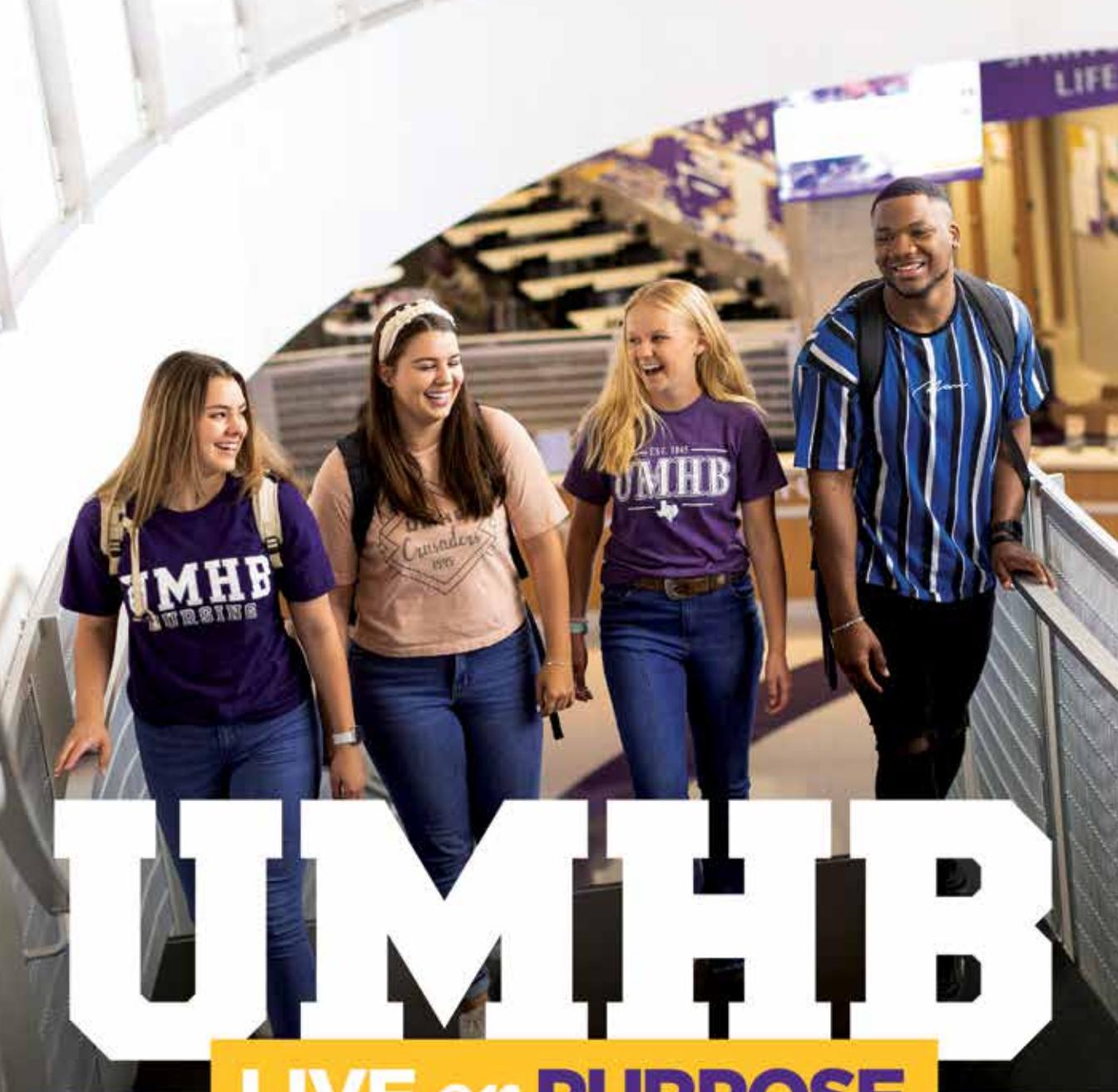
TFC is a fully accredited Christian college offering over 35 degrees and programs residentially, online, and through graduate studies. From careers in Ministry, to careers in Nursing or Business, Toccoa Falls College is equipped to educate and prepare students for wherever God leads. Small class sizes are not just a fact of numbers but a testament to the personalized education that each student receives. Faculty go above and beyond in teaching, mentoring, and preparing students for life after college. Our commitment is to the integration of a biblical worldview in all subject matters for the service of others and the glory of Jesus.

DEVOTED COMMUNITY

The thriving student life at TFC is community-driven and provides opportunities for students to participate in a variety of interests and passions. Students not only partake in recreational activities and events dedicated to fostering community, but they can also seek leadership positions in chapel worship bands, Student Government Association, on-campus work, the campus newspaper, and the campus radio (online podcasts). With so many different opportunities, students form life-long friendships in an exciting and loving community.

AFFORDABLE INVESTMENT

Pursuing Christian higher education can seem impossible for many families at the consideration of cost. Because TFC believes in its offering of a quality, transformative education, a dedicated admissions counselor works personally with each family to make TFC affordable for as many people as possible.



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UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR

LIVE ON PURPOSE.

Location
Belton, TX

Tuition
\$980/hour
Undergraduate: \$39,520

Enrollment
3,800

Student Faculty Ratio
17:1 Student to Faculty

Your college experience is about much more than earning a degree. At UMHB, we know you're called to a life of purpose. That's why we're here—so you can discover and live out all you were created to be and do. In this energetic, faith-motivated community, you'll be connected to people who are here for a reason, too. *Together, we live with purpose, on purpose.*

THE UMHB STORY

For 177 years, the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor has equipped students for purposeful lives glorifying to God. As the oldest continually operating school in the state of Texas, we are fiercely proud of and immensely grateful for our unique story.

A welcoming, student-centered approach with a high standard of excellence continuously defines the core UMHB experience. Intentionally focused on discovery and growth, UMHB equips students to succeed in their vocations and life. Propelled by an

unapologetically Christ-focused, Kingdom-minded commitment, the university is dedicated to helping students deepen their faith and integrate Christian perspectives into every dimension of life.

SMALL SCHOOL COMMUNITY, BIG SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

One thing students love most about UMHB is its “just-right” size. In this one-of-a-kind place where school spirit soars, you'll find an unforgettable college experience – in a community that feels like family. UMHB offers bachelor's degrees in more than 60 undergraduate majors, 11 master's degree programs, and two doctoral degrees. The university competes in 16 sports within the American Southwest Conference of NCAA Division III. For the second time in its 24-year history, the Crusader football program won the NCAA Division III National Championship in 2021.



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ENROLLMENT

-  <999
-  1,000–4,000
-  >4,000

TUITION

-  <\$10K
-  \$10K–\$20K
-  >\$20K

DISTANCE LEARNING

-  None
-  Programs
-  Courses only

* Schools unaffiliated with these accreditation agencies and the CCCU

ALABAMA SOUTH

-    Faulkner University
-    Heritage Christian University
-    Huntsville Bible College
-    Samford University **p. 78**

ALASKA WEST

-    Alaska Bible College
-    Alaska Christian College

ARIZONA WEST

-    Arizona Christian University
-    Indian Bible College
-    International Baptist College and Seminary

ARKANSAS SOUTH

-    Central Baptist College
-    Champion Christian College
-    Ecclesia College
-    Harding University
-    John Brown University
-    Ouachita Baptist University
-    Shorter College

CALIFORNIA WEST

-    American Evangelical University
-    American University of Health Sciences
-    Azusa Pacific University
-    Bethesda University
-    Biola University
-    California Arts University
-    California Baptist University
-    California Christian College
-    Community Christian College
-    Concordia University Irvine
-    Epic Bible College and Graduate School
-    Fresno Pacific University
-    Fuller Theological Seminary
-    Grace Mission University
-    Haven University
-    Hope International University
-    Latin American Bible Institute

-    Life Pacific University
-    Los Angeles Pacific University
-    Pepperdine University
-    Point Loma Nazarene University
-    Presbyterian Theological Seminary in America
-    San Diego Christian College
-    Shasta Bible College and Graduate School
-    Simpson University **p. 48**
-    Southern California Seminary
-    SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary
-    University of South Los Angeles
-    Vanguard University
-    Westmont College
-    William Jessup University
-    World Mission University

COLORADO WEST

-    Colorado Christian University
-    Denver Seminary
-    Nazarene Bible College

FLORIDA SOUTH

-    Hobe Sound Bible College
-    Palm Beach Atlantic University
-    South Florida Bible College
and Theological Seminary
-    Southeastern University

ENROLLMENT

-  <999
-  1,000–4,000
-  >4,000

TUITION

-  <\$10K
-  \$10K–\$20K
-  >\$20K

DISTANCE LEARNING

-  None
-  Programs
-  Courses only



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—*Money 2022 College Rankings*

- Trinity Baptist College
- Trinity College of Florida
- University of Fort Lauderdale
- Warner University

GEORGIA SOUTH

- Beulah Heights University
- Covenant College
- Emmanuel College
- Luther Rice College & Seminary
- Paine College
- Point University
- Reformed University
- Toccoa Falls College **p. 80**

HAWAII WEST

- Pacific Rim Christian University

IOWA MIDWEST

- Dordt University
- Emmaus Bible College
- Faith Baptist Bible College
& Theological Seminary
- Northwestern College

IDAHO WEST

- Boise Bible College
- New Saint Andrews College
- Northwest Nazarene University

ILLINOIS MIDWEST

- Concordia University Chicago
- Greenville University
- Judson University
- Lincoln Christian University
- Moody Bible Institute **p. 56**
- North Park University
- Olivet Nazarene University
- Trinity Christian College
- Trinity International University **p. 60**
- Wheaton College **p. 62**

INDIANA MIDWEST

- Anderson University **p. 50**
- Bethel College
- Grace College & Seminary
- Horizon University
- Huntington University
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- Taylor University
- Union Bible College
- Veritas Baptist College

ENROLLMENT

- <999
- 1,000–4,000
- >4,000

TUITION

- <\$10K
- \$10K–\$20K
- >\$20K

DISTANCE LEARNING

- None
- Programs
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KANSAS MIDWEST

-    Barclay College
-    Central Christian College of Kansas
-    Friends University
-    Kansas Christian College
-    Manhattan Christian College
-    MidAmerica Nazarene University
-    Saint Paul School of Theology*
-    Sterling College
-    Tabor College

KENTUCKY SOUTH

-    Asbury Theological Seminary
-    Asbury University
-    Campbellsville University
-    Clear Creek Baptist Bible College
-    Kentucky Christian University
-    Kentucky Mountain Bible College
-    Simmons College of Kentucky

MASSACHUSETTS NORTHEAST

-    Boston Baptist College
-    Eastern Nazarene College
-    Gordon College
-    Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
-    Northpoint Bible College

MARYLAND SOUTH

-    Maple Springs Baptist
Bible College and Seminary

MICHIGAN MIDWEST

-    Calvin University **p. 52**
-    Concordia University Ann Arbor
-    Cornerstone University
-    Grace Christian University
-    Kuyper College
-    Spring Arbor University

MINNESOTA MIDWEST

-    Bethany Global University
-    Bethany Lutheran College
-    Bethel University
-    Bethlehem College and Seminary
-    Crown College
-    Martin Luther College
-    North Central University
-    Oak Hills Christian College
-    University of Northwestern St. Paul

ENROLLMENT

-  <999
-  1,000–4,000
-  >4,000

TUITION

-  <\$10K
-  \$10K–\$20K
-  >\$20K

DISTANCE LEARNING

-  None
-  Programs
-  Courses only

MISSOURI MIDWEST

-    Baptist Bible College and Graduate School of Theology
-    Calvary University
-    Central Christian College of the Bible
-    College of the Ozarks
-    Evangel University **p. 54**
-    Hannibal-LaGrange University
-    Missouri Baptist University
-    Ozark Christian College
-    Saint Louis Christian College
-    Southwest Baptist University
-    Spurgeon College **p. 58**

MISSISSIPPI SOUTH

-    Belhaven University
-    Mississippi College
-    Southeastern Baptist College
-    Wesley Biblical Seminary

MONTANA WEST

-    Yellowstone Christian College

NORTH CAROLINA SOUTH

-    Campbell University
-    Carolina Christian College
-    Carolina College of Biblical Studies
-    Carolina University
-    Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary

-    Heritage Bible College

-    Manna University

-    Mid-Atlantic Christian University

-    Montreat College

-    Southeastern Free Will Baptist College

NORTH DAKOTA MIDWEST

-    Trinity Bible College and Graduate School

NEBRASKA MIDWEST

-    Concordia University

-    Summit Christian College

-    York University

NEW JERSEY NORTHEAST

-    Pillar College

NEW MEXICO WEST

-    University of the Southwest

NEW YORK NORTHEAST

-    Davis College

-    Elim Bible Institute and College

-    Houghton College **p. 64**

-    Nyack College

-    Roberts Wesleyan College

-    The King's College

-    Word of Life Bible Institute

OHIO MIDWEST

- Allegheny Wesleyan College
- Malone University
- Mount Vernon Nazarene University
- Ohio Christian University
- Rosedale Bible College
- Tri-State Bible College
- Valor Christian College

OKLAHOMA SOUTH

- Family of Faith Christian University
- Oklahoma Baptist University
- Oklahoma Christian University
- Oral Roberts University
- Randall University
- Southern Nazarene University
- Southwestern Christian University

OREGON WEST

- Bushnell University
- Corban University
- George Fox University **p. 42**
- Multnomah University **p. 44**
- New Hope Christian College
- Pacific Bible College
- Warner Pacific University

PENNSYLVANIA NORTHEAST

- Cairn University
- Clarks Summit University
- Eastern University
- Geneva College
- Lancaster Bible College **p. 66**
- Messiah University
- University of Valley Forge

SOUTH CAROLINA SOUTH

- Anderson University
- Bob Jones University
- Charleston Southern University
- Clinton College
- Columbia International University
- Erskine College
- Southern Wesleyan University

TENNESSEE SOUTH

- American Baptist College
- Johnson University
- King University
- Lee University
- Lipscomb University **p. 76**
- Mid-South Christian College
- Milligan University
- Omega Graduate School

ENROLLMENT

- <999
- 1,000–4,000
- >4,000

TUITION

- <\$10K
- \$10K–\$20K
- >\$20K

DISTANCE LEARNING

- None
- Programs
- Courses only

- Southern Adventist University
- Trevecca Nazarene University
- Visible Music College
- Welch College
- Williamson College

TEXAS SOUTH

- Abilene Christian University **p. 68**
- Arlington Baptist University
- Bakke Graduate University
- Baptist University of the Americas
- Baylor University
- Christ Mission College
- College of Biblical Studies-Houston

- Dallas Baptist University **p. 72**
- Dallas Christian College
- Dallas Theological Seminary
- East Texas Baptist University
- Grace School of Theology
- Hardin-Simmons University
- Houston Baptist University
- Howard Payne University
- LeTourneau University
- Lubbock Christian University
- Messenger College
- Paul Quinn College
- The King's University
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor **p. 82**
- Wayland Baptist University

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-  Bluefield University
-  Patrick Henry College
-  Regent University
-  Virginia Beach Theological Seminary
-  Virginia University of Lynchburg
-  Wave Leadership College

WASHINGTON WEST

-  Faith International University
-  Northwest University

-  Seattle Pacific University
-  Walla Walla University
-  Whitworth University

WISCONSIN MIDWEST

-  Concordia University
-  Wisconsin Lutheran College

WEST VIRGINIA SOUTH

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Perhaps you are just beginning to ask questions about faith. Perhaps you are a committed follower of Jesus Christ, fervently pursuing His plan and purpose for your life. And maybe you fall somewhere in the middle. Whether you are exploring a newfound faith or are ready to dig deeper into your relationship with God, the Malone experience is designed to meet you where you are in your journey.

***Malone is unmistakably, unapologetically Christian.
We love Jesus, and we want our students to love Him too.***



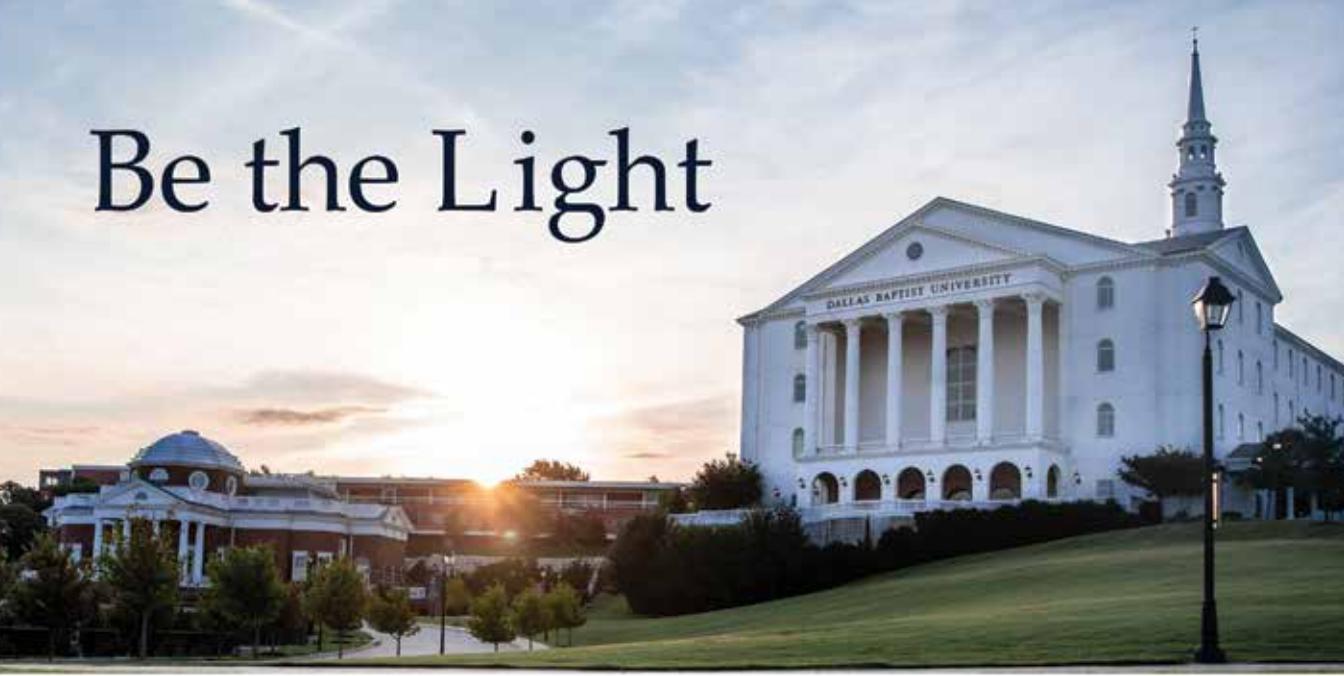
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In a broken and hurting world, there is a desperate need for light—for leaders who are not only excellent at what they do, but who also have a passion for serving others. At Dallas Baptist University, we provide a Christ-centered education so our graduates can become servant leaders with one purpose—bringing light to a dark world.

"If things get darker...the problem is not with the darkness. The problem is with the light." – Henry Blackaby

Go and be the light.

