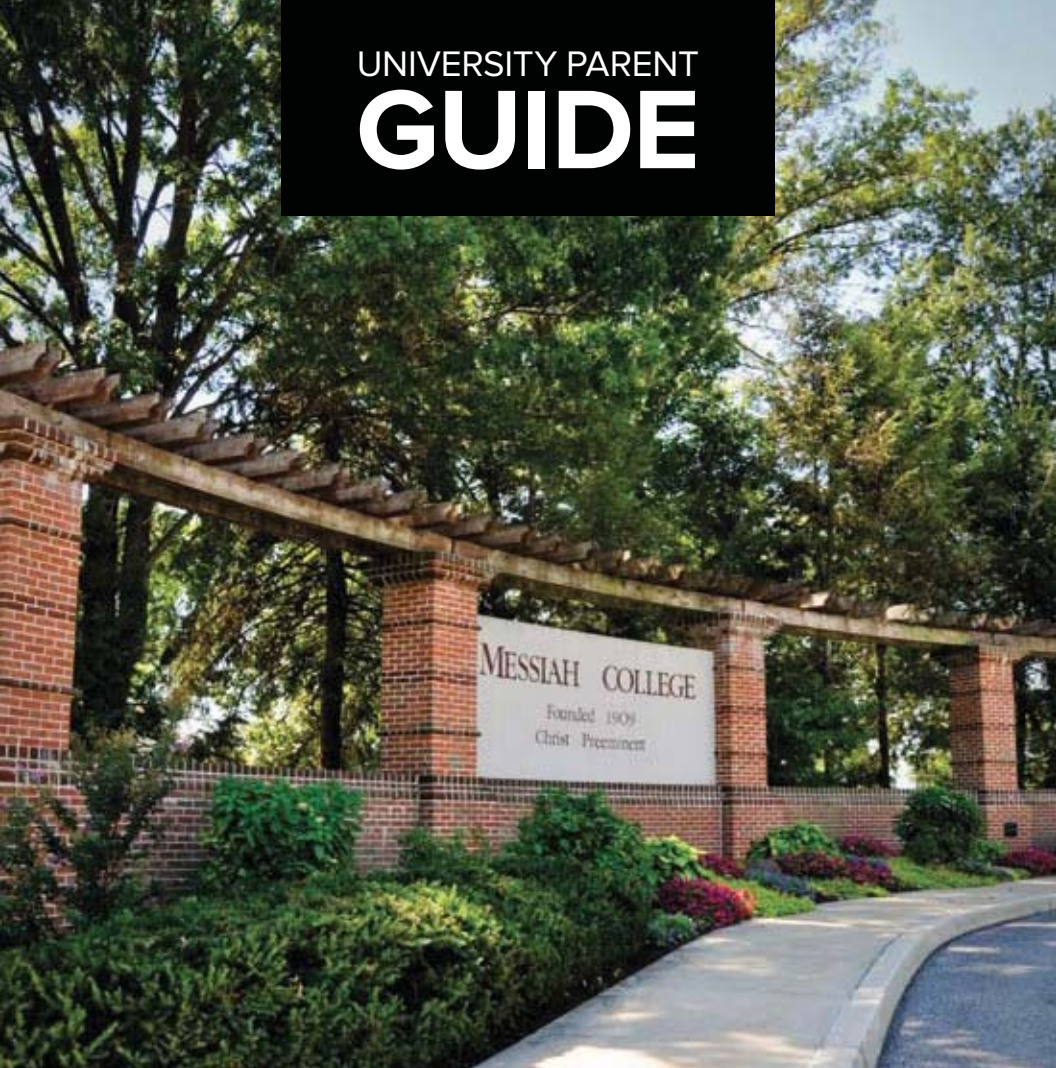


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## From the President

Welcome to the Messiah College community! I am delighted that your child has decided to pursue his or her educational goals here, and I look forward to partnering with you to help ensure that your child has an academically challenging, spiritually formative and personally enriching experience at Messiah.

This handbook is designed to be a helpful resource for your family. We want to introduce you to the many programs and services available to your student on campus as well as familiarize you with beautiful southcentral Pennsylvania. Of course, our website – [messiah.edu](http://messiah.edu) – is an excellent resource as well.

Throughout your child's educational journey at Messiah, you will have occasion to meet and interact with Messiah educators, alumni, students, and other parents. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities by joining us at celebrations like Family Weekend and Homecoming. I look forward to meeting you!

Warm regards,

Kim S. Phipps ■



## Welcome, Fellow Parents

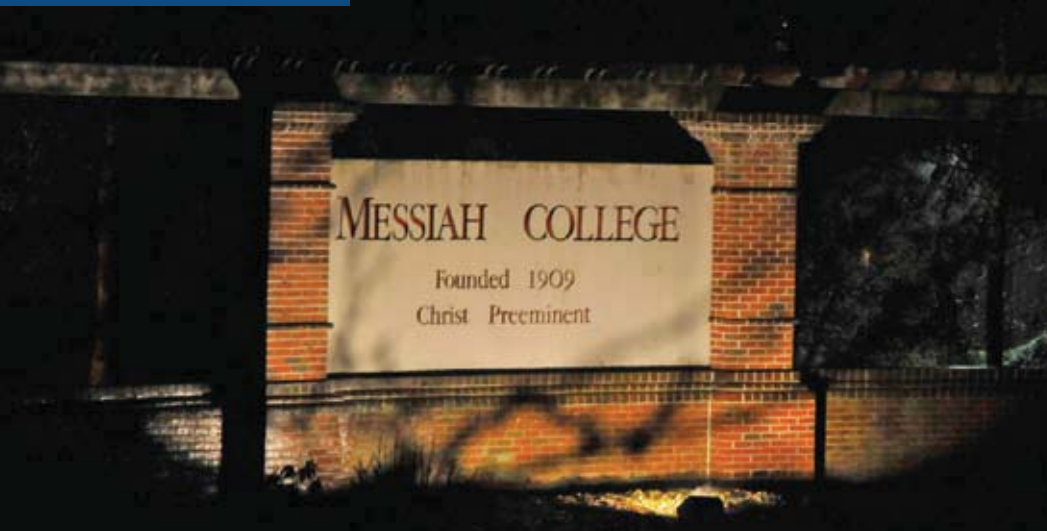
I'm glad to welcome you to Messiah College today. On behalf of the Parent Council – Congratulations, you made it!

Sharon and I are parents of two daughters, one who graduated from Messiah in 2009 and the other is a senior here this year. I'm also an alumnus. After my graduation, we moved to Dillsburg, Pa. (just south of campus). We work, worship and interact in the community with quite a few Messiah faculty and staff. Neighboring communities want to hold Messiah to a higher standard because it is a Christian college. From what we see, the people at Messiah have not let anyone down. The school's mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society. As much as this mission is to educate, we see that the faculty and staff also live it out by example. Sharon and I want you to know that you can trust that you and your children will be grateful for the time they spend at Messiah. We share in your excitement. Embrace each moment of joy, success, disappointment and even failure as an opportunity to hear from Jesus. This growing process isn't reserved just for students! The Parent Council serves fellow Messiah parents and guardians, advises the College on matters of interest to parents and helps advance the mission of Messiah College. Psalm 37:24 says that "the LORD upholds [you] with his hand." Believe it!

Your Brother in Christ,

Jeff Park '87  
Parent Council Chair ■





## Messiah College at a Glance

Messiah College is a nationally ranked private Christian college with a socially, denominationally and politically diverse student body of 2,932 undergraduate and graduate students, located in Grantham, Pa., just 12 miles from the state capital, Harrisburg.

### Identity and Mission

Messiah College is a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society.

### Campus Locations

**Main Campus**—Scenic 471-acre suburban campus located in central Pennsylvania (Grantham, Pa.) providing easy access to urban centers such as Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

**Philadelphia Campus**—In 1968, Messiah College launched a satellite campus in inner-city Philadelphia, affiliated with Temple University—the first partnership of its kind between a private Christian college and a state-affiliated university.

**Harrisburg Campus** - In 2008, Messiah

College opened the Harrisburg Institute, a residential facility that promotes community service, research and consultancy work.

### Academic Excellence

Messiah College awards Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in more than 55 majors in the liberal arts and applied programs. Specialized programs include extensive off-campus study, individualized majors, independent study, service-learning, internships, 3+ programs in partnership with other institutions and a flourishing College Honors Program. In addition, the College recently launched graduate programs including a Master of Arts in counseling, a Master of Arts in art education and a Master of Music in conducting, Master's in Education with emphasis and optional Pennsylvania teaching certification in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL)

or special education and a Master of Arts in youth and young adult ministries.

- In head-to-head competition with public and private colleges and universities, Messiah College consistently ranks among the top 10 “Best Regional Colleges” in the northeastern U.S., according to U.S. News and World Report.
- Messiah is ranked third in its region as a “Great School at Great Price” by U.S. News and World Report.
- Messiah is ranked 14th in the U.S. among all undergraduate institutions sending students to study abroad, according to the Institute of International Education. Messiah strives to make international programs accessible to all students. Last year, 401 students earned academic credit by studying abroad in more than 40 different countries.
- Messiah’s Internship Center is nationally recognized for excellence in training students for today’s workforce. More than 415 colleges and universities use Messiah’s training materials or model their internship program after Messiah.
- Ninety-nine percent of Messiah’s past-year graduates surveyed are employed full-time, attending graduate school, or serving as volunteers within six months after graduation.

### President

Kim S. Phipps, Ph.D., began her term as the eighth president of Messiah College in December 2004. She holds a doctorate in communication studies from Kent State University. Dr. Phipps represents the College’s commitment to civic engagement by serving in leadership roles on a variety of local, regional and national boards. In 2010, Dr. Phipps was named one of the 25 most influential

women in central Pennsylvania by the Central Pennsylvania Business Journal.



### Notable Community

The Messiah College community of students, educators and alumni are committed to seeking increased understanding of the Christian faith and applying that faith to specific academic disciplines and world problems.

- In April 2008, Messiah College was selected to host The Compassion Forum, a nationally televised, unprecedented conversation with presidential candidates on the integration of faith and public policy. The Forum was viewed by millions on CNN and the Church Communication Network and provided a unique ►

civic educational opportunity for Messiah students to participate in the 2008 presidential election.

- Messiah College hosts prominent national speakers, recently including Jim Wallis, Dinesh D'Souza, Philip Yancey, Jonathan Kozol, Anna Quindlen, E.J. Dionne, David McCullough, Tracy Kidder, Beverly Daniel Tatum, Fred Barnes, and Richard Stearns.

**Distinguished Educators**

Messiah educators are dedicated scholars and accomplished professionals committed to supporting students in their educational experiences.

- Messiah College's 175 full-time faculty hold degrees from nationally and internationally recognized graduate schools — including prestigious institutions such as Oxford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania.
- A culture of scholarship exists among Messiah's community of educators. Our faculty members are actively contributing research, scholarly writing and artistic works that inform their academic disciplines and the national conversation on faith in the academy and broader culture.
- Messiah educators are often sought by local, regional and national journalists for their commentary, insight and expertise. Recent examples include coverage in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Minneapolis Star Tribune, Fox News.com, New York Daily Times, CNN Belief Blog, AOL News, The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Associated Press.

**Student Profile 2010–2011**

**Enrollment**

Undergraduate Students	2,808
Male/Female Ratio	38%/64%
Graduate Students	124
Full-Time Students	2,739
Living in On-Campus Housing	2,457
Out-of-State Students	44%
States Represented	35
Countries Represented	29
Students from Underrepresented Racial, Ethnic and Cultural Populations	7.9%
International Students	2.9%

**First-Year Class Profile 2010–2011**

Total applied	3,071
Total accepted	67.4%
Total enrolled	721

SAT Scores	Middle 50%	Average
Verbal	520-630	574
Math	510-640	573
Composite	1040-1240	1147

ACT Scores	Middle 50%	Average
Composite	23-39	26

**High School Class Rank**

Top 10%	187
Top 20%	119
Top 20-50%	162



**Retention and Graduation**

Percentage of first-year students who:

Returned for 2nd year	85.1%
Graduated within 4 years	70.4%
Graduated within 6 years	75.4%

Note: Students are not tracked who transfer from Messiah College and graduate from another institution.

**Faculty Profile 2010–2011**

Messiah College selects its educators for their Christian commitment as well as their proven teaching ability. They are outstanding scholars, authors and experts in their chosen fields.

Full-Time Faculty	175
Male/Female	61%/39%
Hold Terminal Degree	76%
Student/Faculty Ratio	13:1

**Spiritual Formation**

Messiah weaves opportunities for spiritual growth throughout students' college experience — including chapel and worship services, discipleship groups, ministry outreach teams, community service, mission trips and a variety of other special programs. For more information, visit [messiah.edu/ministries/spiritualformation](http://messiah.edu/ministries/spiritualformation).

**Community Engagement**

Messiah College teaches students to engage their Christian faith, to build community, to serve as agents for peace and reconciliation and to champion the rights of the poor and the dispossessed.

- Messiah College has earned the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's prestigious Community Engagement Classification for Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships. ▶

- Messiah's commitment to service-learning and civic engagement earned recognition on the national President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for exemplary service to disadvantaged youth.
- Messiah's ongoing sustainability initiatives — an on-campus, organic, community garden; composting; and exploration of alternative energy sources, for example — have been recognized by the Princeton Review, the U.S. Building Council, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the national "green" student movement Renewal.
- The Agapé Center for Service and Learning cultivates experiences with community partners to prepare individuals for lifelong service. In 2010, an estimated 98% of the graduating class participated in

some form of community service through the Agapé Center.

- Students and educators in the College's Collaboratory for Strategic Partnerships and Applied Research partner with regional and international organizations for projects in mathematical and information sciences, engineering and business that empower the poor, promote justice for the oppressed, reconcile adversaries and care for the earth.
- The Harrisburg Institute integrates Messiah's community involvement in the capital region through intentional engagement with the city. In 2009, the Institute founded the Mentoring Partnership of Central PA to help city agencies fund and deliver quality services to at-risk young people.
- Messiah's Philadelphia Campus

situates students in a major city and provides access to Christian higher education in the urban context, engages the wider academy and addresses the challenges and potential of the urban world.

- The Ernest L. Boyer Center, named for one of Messiah's most notable alumni who served as the U.S. Commissioner of Education, promotes excellent and accessible education that enriches lives and revitalizes society.
- The Center for Public Humanities brings together academic, civic and cultural communities to engage contemporary issues and to promote learning through symposia, lectures, film series, conferences and partnerships with school districts and literacy outreach programs.
- The School of the Arts fosters extensive connections with visiting artists and arts organizations locally, such as the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra and internationally. Messiah also contributes to the cultural life of the region through affiliations with its accomplished artists-in-residence: jazz musician Tim Warfield, the Susquehanna Chorale and the Mendelssohn Piano Trio.
- Messiah's Oakes Museum features Smithsonian-quality collections of North American and African wildlife, seashells, bird eggs, insects, minerals and fossils and last year had more than 15,000 visitors.

outstanding facilities and competitive scheduling, the program has emerged as a highly respected entity among its peer institutions. Our athletes turn in All-American performances and have been featured in USA Today, Sports Illustrated, TheNewYorkTimes.com and on national network television.

- The Messiah Falcons are eight-time NCAA Division III national champions in men's soccer (2010, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2002 and 2000); three-time national champions in women's soccer (2009, 2008 and 2005); 2009 national champions in softball; two-time national runners-up in women's basketball; and eight-time national runners-up in field hockey. In 2010, track star Kristen Bates '10 won national championships in the 55- and 100-meter hurdles and the pentathlon, becoming the College's most decorated athlete.
- Chris Heisey '06 was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in 2010, becoming the first Messiah alumnus to be drafted into the major leagues. ■

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### Athletic Achievements and Championships

Intercollegiate athletics at Messiah College set standards for excellence in NCAA Division III college programs while developing the Christian character of its athletes. Characterized by



# History

Messiah College received its charter in 1909. Founded by the Brethren in Christ Church, its orientation to Christian service is reflected in its first name—Messiah Bible School and Missionary Training Home. Originally located in Harrisburg, the school was moved to Grantham in 1911 following the construction of Old Main.

By the early 1950s, the school had developed four-year college programs in religious education and theology. Another change of name—to Messiah College—again intentionally reflected this academic advance of the College. During the 1950s, the College added degree programs in the liberal arts. Following accreditation in 1963, the College significantly increased the number of majors offered in the liberal arts and introduced undergraduate programs in professional studies. Messiah College now offers more than 60 academic majors.

Growth in the student body and in facilities accompanied the growth in the academic programs. From a first-year total of 12 students, the student body has grown to nearly 2,900, representing more than 60 church denominations. Facilities have also increased from one building—Old Main—to a campus of 471 acres, offering students a breadth of well equipped, high-quality academic, cocurricular and residential facilities. ■

With the changes and developments of the past 100 years, various elements in the history of Messiah College have remained constant—an emphasis on education for service, acceptance of students and faculty from a diversity of backgrounds, a commitment to excellence and an endeavor to make Christ preminent.



## Alumni & Parent Relations

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations (OAPR) serves a dual role at Messiah College. First, it has the privilege of working with all Messiah College alumni. The office enjoys connecting with alumni, hearing their stories and providing services that allow them to stay connected after graduation. OAPR provides leadership to the Alumni Council and oversees the Student Alumni Council (Eyas). A variety of events for alumni are planned annually including Homecoming, Gym & Pool Night, networking breakfasts and a variety of regional events. Second, the OAPR office works hard to serve parents and families of current and past students. OAPR provides relevant and up to date information about campus life, news and campus departments that are of special interest to parents. The office also oversees the Parent Council and plans events and opportunities for parents to connect with one another, pray for their students and learn more about their students' experience at Messiah College. ■

If you have a question about your child's experience while at Messiah and you don't know who to call, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations is a great place to start. Visit [messiah.edu/parents](http://messiah.edu/parents).

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# Office of the Registrar

The office of the registrar has custodial responsibility for student academic records. The office maintains the student files from the initial semester of registration through graduation. Students and faculty are served by providing access to information necessary to support their educational experience. Parents of our students and alumni are served by providing information that is helpful and necessary for the individual needs within the bounds of the Family Educational and Rights Privacy Act. More information is available at [messiah.edu/offices/registrar](http://messiah.edu/offices/registrar).

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# Messiah College Financial Aid

One of the obvious questions that students ask as they consider college education is “Can I afford it?” Like any wise investment, an education at a private Christian college brings definite rewards. But it also costs money.

Since we feel that students should receive a quality education that is distinctively Christian, we are prepared to help deserving persons with financial need to meet the cost of a Messiah College education. The Messiah College Financial Aid Office has an array of resources and tools online, both about Messiah College’s financial aid programs and policies, as well as links to other helpful financial aid resources. Visit: [messiah.edu/offices/financial\\_aid](http://messiah.edu/offices/financial_aid).

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Messiah assumes no liability for accidents, but offers an insurance plan covering sickness and accidents. We urge students to remain in their family insurance plan and provide documentation of coverage to the Business Office; otherwise, the student will be automatically enrolled in the College-sponsored plan.

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# EpiCenter

The Experiential Programs Information Center should be the "first stop" for students seeking information on study opportunities in off-campus locations, study abroad, cross-cultural courses, exchange programs and discipline-specific programs in the United States. Catalogs, brochures, applications, course listings and videos, along with information about deadlines, costs, program advisors and requirements are available to explore options. To learn more about this exciting educational opportunity and find out where your son or daughter could go, visit the EpiCenter website: [messiah.edu/studyabroad](http://messiah.edu/studyabroad).

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# Career Center

As parents and family members, you have the opportunity to play an integral role in your child's career development process. Without a doubt, your child will grow in many ways as a student at Messiah. Some of the biggest decisions they will face relate to what they do with their time here and how they will prepare for what comes next. The Career Center exists to assist students with all aspects of vocation - from identifying strengths and interests and exploring majors and careers, to transitioning successfully to the world of work or graduate school. Together we can work to support and advocate for our students. Review the information at [messiah.edu/offices/career](http://messiah.edu/offices/career) and encourage your student to take advantage of our services.

**Phone:** (717) 691-6016

**Email:** [Career@messiah.edu](mailto:Career@messiah.edu) ■



# Internship Center

By embarking on an internship, students can sharpen their skills, begin a network of employer contacts, assess their strengths and test classroom theories in real world settings. Employers and graduate schools look for students with one or more career-related experiences. Internships for academic credit are available to juniors or seniors in the fall, spring or summer and run for twelve weeks. The Messiah College internship Center will be a great resource to your student as he or she develops a professional resume' to complement classroom learning.

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# Residence Life

Living on campus helps Messiah students develop connections between faith, learning and living. In traditional residence halls and campus apartments, we provide quality facilities and programs conducive to academic success, personal growth and spiritual formation. Staffed by trained, full-time professional Residence Directors, student Assistant Resident Directors and Student Resident Assistants, these facilities provide an environment that fosters personal growth and responsibility, as students practice living in Christian community. For details on requirements, facilities, schedule of break closures and events, floor plans, and the first year experience, visit [messiah.edu/offices/residence\\_life](http://messiah.edu/offices/residence_life).

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# Student Involvement & Leadership Programs

**The Student Involvement & Leadership Programs staff helps foster student leadership, creativity, enthusiasm and energy which serves as the impetus for the majority of campus programming and student activities.**

We implement training for student leaders in order to help them reach their group and individual goals, encourage students to integrate theory learned in the classroom with leadership practice within a Christian framework and partner with students to plan events and activities. The department provides continuity for student clubs and organizations and educates students about institution policy.

**Student program opportunities for your son or daughter include:**

- Acclamation Dance Ministry
- Active Minds at Messiah College
- African Student Union
- American Choral Directors Association
- Anime Club
- Art League
- Asian Student Association
- Athletic Training Association (ATSA)
- Black Student Union
- Circle K

- Colleges Against Cancer
- Criminal Justice Club
- Earth Keepers
- Eyas (Student Alumni Council)
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Flying Club
- French Club
- Grace College Fellowship
- History Club
- Human Rights Awareness Coalition
- ISA/MuKappa (International Student Association/Missionary Kids)
- Invention Club
- Investment Club
- La Aliansa Latina
- Math Problem-Solving Group
- MC Council on Family Relations
- MC Democrats
- MC Republicans
- Medical Awareness Society
- Men's Club Soccer
- Men's Club Volleyball
- Messiah's Club Ice Hockey
- Messiah College Bass Team
- Messiah College Education Association (MCEA)
- Messiah College Engineering Honor Society
- Messiah College Field Hockey Club Team
- Messiah Film Society
- Messiah Students Pro Life
- Middle Eastern Student Association (MESA)
- Multicultural Council
- Music Educators National Conference
- National Art Education Association
- Newman Club
- Nurses Christian Fellowship (NCF)

- Nurses Student Association
- Outdoors Club
- Outreach Teams
- Phi Alpha National Honor Society, Lambda Psi Chapter
- Philosophy Club
- Powerhouse Band
- Pre-Physical Therapy Club
- Psychology Club
- Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)
- Rotaract Club of Messiah College
- Service Trips
- Sigma Zeta (National Math and Science Honors Society)
- Ski and Ride Club
- Social Work Club
- Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

- Sport Management Society
- Student Activities Board (SAB)
- Student Chaplain Team
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Student Nutrition Awareness Coalition (SNAC)
- Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)
- Swing Club
- The Clarion (Yearbook)
- The Swinging Bridge (Student Newspaper)
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# Athletics Department

Messiah is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association – more commonly known as the NCAA – and is a Division III member. Being Division III means that the college does not offer any financial aid based on athletic ability. Our athletes are true amateurs, and they compete because they love the sport. Messiah is in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC), a group of 15 Division III institutions. The MAC is divided into the Commonwealth and Freedom Conferences; Messiah is in the Commonwealth Conference with five other Pennsylvania colleges: Albright, Elizabethtown, Lebanon Valley, Lycoming and Widener. In most team sports, we compete against those five schools. In a few team sports and in all individual sports, we compete in the MAC. There are 22 sport teams. The Department of Athletics at Messiah College seeks to develop Christian character while pursuing athletic excellence. Visit [GoMessiah.com](http://GoMessiah.com) for more information.

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# Dining Services



Here at Messiah, we have a fine staff of professionally trained chefs, cooks, and culinary employees in our Dining Services Department who wish to make our food and service the best available. All students who live in traditional dormitory housing, excluding college apartments, are required to purchase a traditional meal plan. Your student's meal plan entitles him or her to meals in Lottie Nelson Dining hall, as well as "flex dollars" which can be used at the Falcon Express or the Union Café. To see meal plan options, visit the Dining Services' website at [messiah.edu/offices/dining](http://messiah.edu/offices/dining).

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# Department of Safety

In concert with the mission of Messiah College, the Department of Safety is dedicated to the educational process by providing a safe and secure living, learning and working environment for all members of the Messiah College community. The Department of Safety works in cooperation with other departments and organizations to foster a positive community atmosphere.

The Department of Safety's office is located on Grantham Road, adjacent to the main entrance of the college, in the green house. The department offers numerous services to students. Please visit [messiah.edu/offices/safety](http://messiah.edu/offices/safety).

**Phone:** (717) 691-6005

**Email:** [deptsafety@messiah.edu](mailto:deptsafety@messiah.edu) ■

# Information Technology Services

**Messiah College does not require students to bring their own computer. On campus are 13 computer labs with more than 250 computers available to students 24 hours a day. We do not recommend any specific makes or models.**

Our campus is wireless! Wireless network connection is also available in the academic and residence buildings. In each residence hall or campus apartment bedroom there is only one live jack. This means that if two or more students in the same room wish to connect to the internet with a wired connection, they will need to have a hub.

The majority of classes at Messiah are geared toward PCs; however, Macs integrate well with our network and we do offer Mac support. The ITS website is [messiah.edu/offices/its](http://messiah.edu/offices/its).

**Email:** [its@messiah.edu](mailto:its@messiah.edu) ■

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# Dear New Students and Parents,

Welcome to Cumberland Valley Pennsylvania! During your time at Messiah College or while visiting, there is a vast collection of experiences that can be explored throughout the Valley.



Outdoor enthusiasts and adventure seekers will find biking, camping, bird watching, kayaking, hiking, and swimming opportunities as well as breathtaking views of the lush Valley. Explore over 87,000 acres including three state parks (one of which was voted the 2011 #1 PA state park), two state forests and 200 miles of trails. Cumberland Valley is also home to the midway point of the Appalachian Trail with many access points available for day hikes, and the Appalachian Trail Museum, the only museum in the country dedicated to hiking.

Motorheads can embrace the famous car shows at Carlisle Events. The ten world-renowned car shows attract more than 500,000 to the fairgrounds April through October. Attend a specialty show like Bike Fest or the Truck Show, or visit the large collector shows that offer over 8,000 vendor spaces.

The Valley has an abundance of historic gems and quaint downtowns for any history buff to enjoy. Honor the Civil War sesquicentennial with a series of inspiring events ranging from living history reenactments to augmented reality walking tours. The Valley is also rich in military history. From the establishment of Carlisle Barracks in 1757 to the interactive trail with full scale

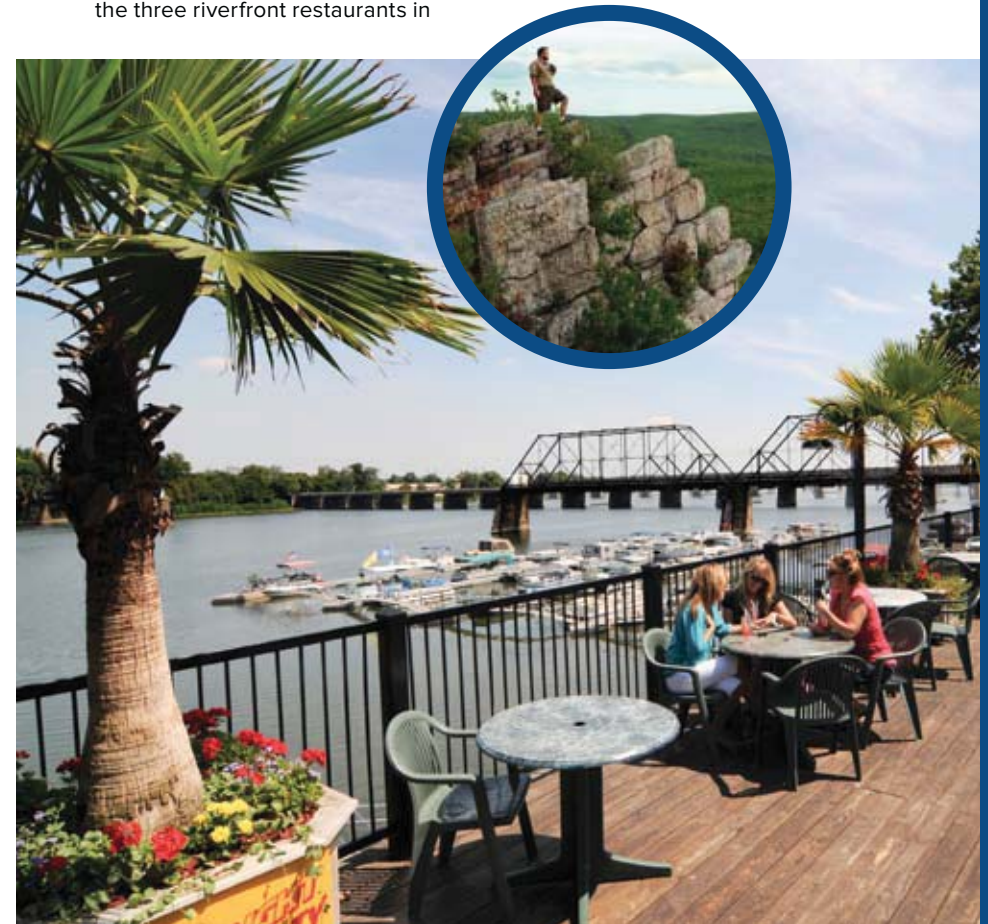
military exhibits at the U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center.

Those who love to shop will appreciate the distinct shopping districts of Boiling Springs, New Cumberland and Carlisle. Spend a day browsing local art, one-of-a-kind book stores and unique gifts in our charming downtowns.

Whatever you're craving, the restaurants throughout the Cumberland Valley accommodate to any taste. Enjoy appetizers and delicious entrees on the decks of the three riverfront restaurants in

Wormleysburg. Visit Carlisle for a blend of ethnic cuisines all within a few blocks, including Moroccan, French, Japanese, English, Belgian and more.

Let Cumberland Valley's unique opportunities add to your journey! For more information, visit [www.visitcumberlandvalley.com](http://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com) or call (888) 513-5130. Stop in the Cumberland Valley Visitors Center, inside History on High – The Shop, at 33 W. High St., Carlisle PA for a free visitors guide and experiential map. ■



- Key to Buildings**
1. Agape Center
  2. Beck House
  3. Bittner Residence
  4. Boyer Hall
  5. Climenhaga Fine Arts Center
  6. Climenhaga Homestead
  7. Covered Bridge
  8. Eisenhower Campus Center
  9. Engle Center
  10. Frey Hall
  11. Fry Residence
  12. Grantham Residence
  13. Hess Residence
  14. Hoffman Building
  15. Hostetter Chapel
  16. Issachar's Loft
  17. Jordan Science Center
  18. Kelly Residence
  19. Kline Hall of Science
  20. Larsen Student Union
  21. Mellinger Residence
  22. Miller Residence
  23. Mountain View Residence
  24. Murray Library
  25. Naugle Residence
  26. Old Main
  27. Reconciliation House
  28. Rafiki House
  29. Schoolhouse
  30. Smith Residence
  31. Sollenberger Residence
  32. Sollenberger Sports Center
  33. Witmer Residence
  34. Stary Athletic Fields

# Transportation: Getting to Messiah College

One College Avenue, Grantham, Pa. 17027

**GPS Location Coordinates**

N 40° 9.420'  
W 76° 59.483'

**By Car**

**Southbound on US 15**

Travel approximately 3.5 miles beyond the PA Turnpike interchange and take the Lisburn Road exit. At the light at the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto Lisburn Road. Follow Lisburn through the next traffic light and up to the stop sign at the top of the hill. Continue straight on Lisburn and turn right onto Grantham Road at the bottom of the hill. Follow Grantham Road straight ahead to the stop sign at the main entrance to the College.

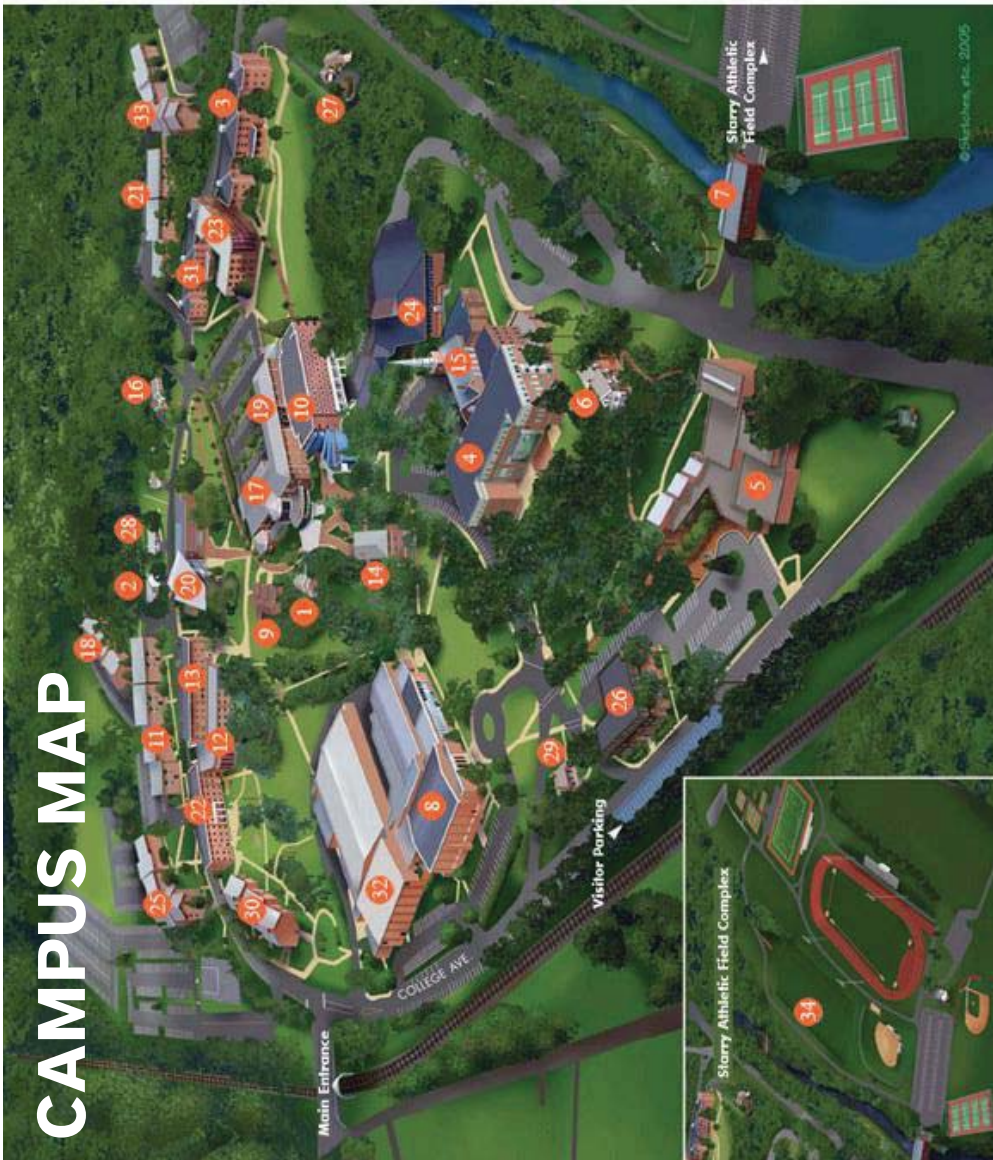
**Northbound on US 15**

Travel approximately 4.0 miles beyond the PA 74 North intersection near Dillsburg to the Lisburn Road exit. At the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto Lisburn Road. Follow Lisburn to the stop sign at the top of the hill. Continue straight on Lisburn and turn right onto Grantham Road at the bottom of the hill. Follow Grantham Road straight ahead to the stop sign at the main entrance to the College.

**By Air**

The closest airport is Harrisburg International (HIA). Follow signs to exit airport; then follow PA 283 West to I-76 (PA Turnpike). Travel West on the PA-Turnpike (toward Pittsburgh).

Take Exit 236 (Gettysburg) off the PA Turnpike; upon exit follow Rt. 15 South for about 3.5 miles and take the Lisburn Road exit. At the light at the bottom of the ramp, turn left onto Lisburn Road. Follow Lisburn through the next traffic light and up to the stop sign at the top of the hill. Continue straight on Lisburn Rd. and then take the first right onto Grantham Rd. Follow Grantham Road straight ahead to the stop sign at the main entrance to the College. ■



CAMPUS MAP



2011-2012

# Academic Calendar

## FALL SEMESTER

New and Transfer Students Arrive	August 25
Welcome Week/Orientation	August 26-September 2
Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.	August 30
Homecoming	October 15
Mid-Fall Recess	October 20
Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.	October 24
Follows Thursday Course Schedule	November 22
Thanksgiving Recess	November 23
Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.	November 28
Last Day of Classes	December 9
Semester Exams	December 12
Winter Recess	December 16-January 3

## SPRING SEMESTER

### January Term

New and Transfer Students Arrive	January 2
Winter Orientation	January 2-3
Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m.	January 4
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No Classes)	January 16
Term Ends	January 25
January Term Recess	January 26-29



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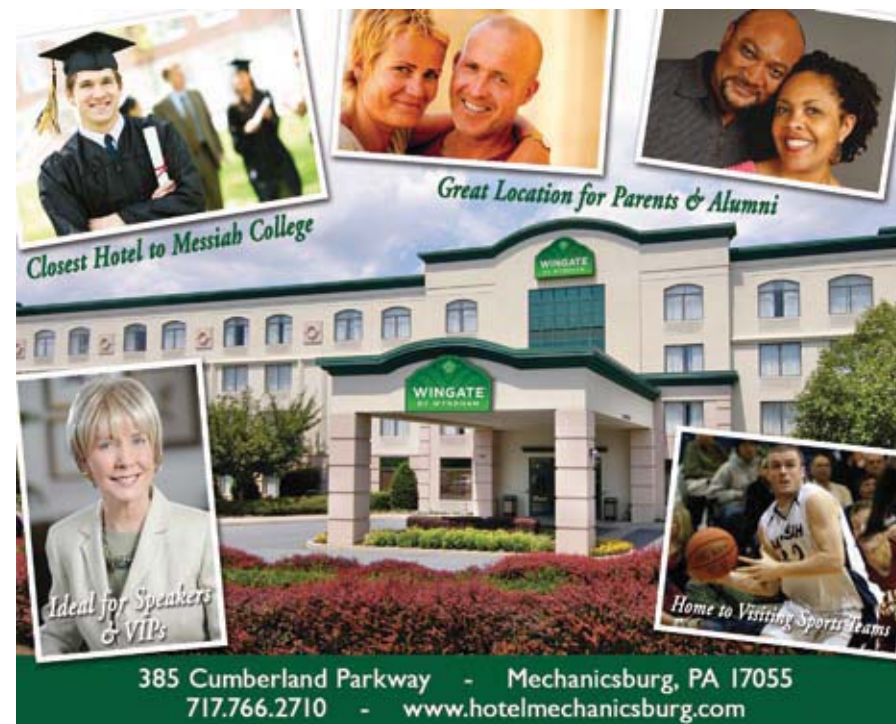
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### Spring Term

New and Transfer Students Arrive	January 29
Classes Begin, 8:00 a.m./Evening Orientation	January 30
Spring Recess	March 10
Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.	March 19
Easter Break	April 6-9
Classes Resume, 8:00 a.m.	April 10
Last Day of Classes/Follows Thursday Course Schedule	May 1
Reading Day	May 2
Final Exams	May 3-8
Commencement Weekend	May 11-12

### May Term

Approved Cross-Cultural Courses Only	May 21-June 8
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# Messiah College Local Church Directory

This is not a complete listing. Visit [messiah.edu/ministries/Church](http://messiah.edu/ministries/Church) to view the church directory.

<b>Antioch Tabernacle United Holy Church</b> (717) 649-2777	<b>Immanuel Christian and Missionary Alliance</b> (717) 433-6268
<b>Camp Hill United Methodist Church</b> (717) 737-5631	<b>Locust Lane Mennonite</b> (717) 657-2940
<b>Capital Area Christian Church</b> (717) 732-1882	<b>Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ</b> (717) 697-0682
<b>Carlisle Reformed Presbyterian Church</b> (717) 697-2171	<b>Monaghan Presbyterian Church</b> (717) 432-4234
<b>Cedar Hill Baptist Church</b> (717) 432-9590	<b>Mount Pleasant Church of God</b> (717) 798-5054
<b>Celebration Community Church</b> (717) 731-9360	<b>Mountain Ridge Church</b> (717) 502-8808
<b>Church Without Walls</b> (717) 579-4365	<b>Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church</b> (717) 939-0573
<b>Christ Community Church</b> (717) 761-2933 x.122	<b>New Covenant Fellowship</b> (717) 728-3397
<b>Christ the Savior Orthodox Church</b> (717) 766-1811	<b>New Creation Community Church</b> (717) 234-2152
<b>Christian Life Assembly</b> (717) 635-7222	<b>New Creation Church Brethren in Christ</b> (717) 502-9993
<b>Country &amp; Town Baptist</b> (717) 697-6687	<b>Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian</b> (717) 422-4104
<b>Crossroads Community Church</b> (717) 697-9136	<b>Shepherdstown United Methodist Church</b> (717) 697-9237
<b>Cumberland Valley Brethren in Christ</b> (717) 432-0691	<b>Slate Hill Mennonite</b> (717) 796-0327
<b>Dayspring Ministries</b> (717) 939-9500	<b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church</b> (717) 790-9968
<b>Dillsburg Brethren in Christ</b> (717) 432-3847	<b>St. Luke's Episcopal</b> (717) 763-1506
<b>Emmanuel Baptist Church</b> (717) 761-7000	<b>St Mark's Evangelical Lutheran</b> (717) 766-4482
<b>First Church of the Brethren</b> (717) 234-0415	<b>St. Peter Lutheran Church</b> (717) 766-8389
<b>First Church of God-Mechanicsburg</b> (717) 432-4520	<b>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</b> (717) 649-8428
<b>First United Methodist Church</b> (717) 645-3958	<b>Trinity Evangelical Lutheran</b> (717) 766-2662
<b>Grace Baptist</b> (717) 448-6371	<b>West Shore Evangelical Free</b> (717) 697-9324
<b>Grantham Brethren in Christ Church</b> (717) 766-0531	<b>Wolgamuth Church of the Brethren</b> (717) 432-2749
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