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We are pleased to provide you this copy of *Private Colleges Serving Tennessee*. For 58 years, TICUA (Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association) and the 34 member institutions have championed student access and freedom of choice in higher education. As the State strives to attain the Governor’s goal of 55% of the population with a postsecondary credential by 2025, TICUA member institutions are proud to play a crucial role in educating the State’s citizenry.

Inside you will find highlights of the collective contributions of TICUA member institutions and their commitment to Tennessee’s future. You will read about the many ways private non-profit colleges and universities work collaboratively through TICUA to deliver innovative and cost-efficient solutions to critical issues confronting higher education today. Through initiatives such as adult degree completion programs, articulation and transfer agreements, and generous institutional financial aid TICUA member schools ensure that students are able to attend the college or university that best meets their academic, financial, and career needs.

TICUA will continue to advocate for student choice by working with our members, the State, neighboring communities, businesses, as well as students and their families. We are confident that our shared commitment to educational opportunity will positively affect the future of all Tennesseans.

Sincerely,

Claude O. Pressnell, Jr.
PRESIDENT, TICUA

Betty Sue McGarvey
CHAIR, TICUA
PRESIDENT, Baptist College of Health Sciences
The Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA) has served the State, community, and its membership for 58 years. Founded in 1956 by four institutions, Association membership has grown to 34 not-for-profit colleges and universities. TICUA is a strong advocate for educational opportunity and freedom of choice in higher education at the State and federal levels, as well as internationally. TICUA engages Tennessee’s private colleges to work collaboratively in areas of public policy, cost containment, and professional development to serve better the State and its citizens.
TICUA membership includes 31 four-year colleges and universities and 3 professional colleges. TICUA campuses and programs provide educational opportunities to nearly 80,000 students, which is 26% of all students participating in higher education in Tennessee. TICUA institutions award 33% of degrees in the State. Students at TICUA institutions come from every county of the State, every state in the nation, and more than 140 countries. In fact, TICUA member institutions attract nearly 36,000 students from other states and countries throughout the world.

In addition to their main campuses, TICUA members educate 7,000 students at over 80 off-site and satellite campus locations and more than 7,000 students in online educational options including several degree programs offered entirely online. TICUA member institutions enroll nearly 1,000 high school students from over 20 different high schools or school systems in courses for which the students receive both high school and college credit.

Eleven TICUA institutions have been nationally recognized as Colleges of Distinction (www.collegesofdistinction.com). This identifies that each excels at engaging students through great teaching and vibrant communities. Graduates of Colleges of Distinction are individuals who can think, write, speak, and reason well and are good citizens and responsible family members.

The students attending TICUA member institutions benefit from personal and academic enrichment opportunities through a variety of educational programs, engaging campus environments, and small-class experiences. Member institutions’ enrollments range from 200 to more than 12,700 students. The small class sizes of Tennessee’s independent colleges and universities provide great opportunity for faculty-student interaction.

TICUA member institutions have reputations for academic excellence and innovation. Students can choose from hundreds of majors leading to a variety of certificates and associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees. Member institutions embrace a range of missions including religiously-affiliated campuses and others dedicated to education in a specific professional or academic field. Some campuses strive to serve low-income, first generation, or adult students. Undergraduate institutions are focused on easing the transfer process for community college students and providing high school students opportunities to earn college credit. For adult students, many TICUA member institutions offer academic credit for a student’s prior learning experiences.
TICUA and its member institutions are proud to be a partner in the Governor’s Drive to 55 plan with a goal of having 55% of Tennesseans with a post-secondary credential by 2025. Tennessee’s independent colleges and universities prepare business and civic leaders, researchers, educators, and health care professionals to meet the future economic and social needs of the State. TICUA member colleges and universities educate nearly 80,000 students – an all-time high for TICUA members and part of an upward trend continuing for more than a decade. Tennessee’s private colleges and universities provide an array of innovative opportunities to increase access for all students.

TICUA MEMBER INSTITUTIONS:

• Provide ways for high school students to earn college credit before they enroll, including dual credit and dual enrollment courses.

• Offer a wide variety of courses and academic programs online or as a hybrid between online and face-to-face instruction, offering greater flexibility to students in terms of class schedule and location.

• Offer a variety of assessments for credit for prior learning and experiences.

• Are able to react quickly to local and regional workforce issues by developing academic programs that prepare citizens for future job opportunities.

• Maintain satellite campuses beyond the institutions’ main campuses that allow TICUA member institutions to reach a wider population of students who might not otherwise be able to attend college.

• Have embraced the Tennessee Transfer Pathway program, easing the transition for community college transfer students and are working with public institutions to implement reverse transfer that retroactively awards community college students associate’s degrees based on classes completed at four-year institutions.

• Match federal scholarships to veterans through the Yellow Ribbon GI Bill allowing those who heroically served our country to attend a private college or university in our State. Twelve TICUA member institutions have been named military friendly according to GI Jobs (www.militaryfriendlyschools.com).

• Offer adult degree completion programs that assist working adults in completing a college degree in a timely fashion. Many of these programs include mentorship programs and structured learning environments designed to keep students on track to graduate.

Tennessee’s private four-year colleges and universities enroll a diverse student body – as diverse as the public four-year colleges and universities. Many of the member institutions’ missions are focused on serving low-income, first generation, or minority students. Membership includes four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

• Non-traditional students (aged 25 or older) comprise 21% of the undergraduate population at TICUA member institutions. 34% of all undergraduate students earning a degree in 2012-13 from Tennessee’s private colleges and universities were non-traditional students.

• Historically, the median family income of students attending one of the TICUA member institutions is less than the median family income of students attending the State’s public four-year institutions.

• 41% of Tennessee undergraduates attending a TICUA member institution receive the Federal Pell Grant which provides funds to low-income students to attend college.
Percent of Enrollment by Sector

SOURCE: Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2013

- **Over a quarter** of undergraduate students attending TICUA member institutions identify as minority students.

As enrollment trends shift to an even more diverse set of students, independent colleges and universities stand ready to respond. TICUA member campuses remain committed to education and training. Tennessee’s private colleges have the capacity to enroll nearly 5,500 additional students by the 2015-16 academic year.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

Heather C., Abingdon, VA, King University, Class of 2015, Photography and Business Administration

I love that King is small, and you can have a personal relationship with professors. You can get close to students and faculty. You aren’t stuffed into a classroom full of 500+ students. It’s not overwhelming, and it makes it very easy to learn.
TICUA believes that students deserve an opportunity to choose a college or university that best fits their personal, educational, and financial needs. Students attending TICUA member colleges and universities receive generous financial assistance based on financial need and academic performance.

- TICUA member institutions remain affordable and accessible to middle- and low-income students. Historically, Tennessee students attending the State’s independent four-year colleges and universities have a lower median family income than students attending the State’s four-year public colleges and universities.
- Tuition and fees at Tennessee’s private colleges and universities are 25% below the national average for private institutions.
- Individuals who graduate from Tennessee’s private colleges and universities have, on average, $6,000 less debt in student loans than their peers nationally.
- Graduates from Tennessee’s independent colleges and universities have a lower default rate on student loans than Tennessee’s public 4-year universities and 2-year colleges.
- TICUA member institutions offer scholarships directed toward students in their local communities.

Affordability continues to play a critical role in determining who participates in college. Nationally, low-income high school students with high academic skills fail to enroll in college at the same rate as their middle- or upper-income peers. Tennessee’s private colleges and universities actively recruit and support these students through generous financial aid packages.

- Approximately 88% of first-time, full-time students attending TICUA member campuses receive some form of financial aid – the majority provided by the institutions.
- Institutional aid accounts for 74% of all grant aid given to first-time freshmen attending private colleges and universities followed by 13% from the federal government and 13% from the State.

- TICUA member institutions provided more than $564 million in institutional aid to their students in 2013-14.
- 34% of undergraduate students attending TICUA member institutions receive the Federal Pell Grant which targets low-income students.
- 41% of Tennessee undergraduates attending a TICUA member institution receive the Pell Grant. The average yearly award is $4,540.

Private college and university students’ participation in State aid programs amounts to more than $78 million a year. Without State and campus aid programs, many students would not be able to attend the college or university that best meets their needs. Students at TICUA member institutions benefit from two State programs in particular: the Tennessee Student Assistance Award and the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship.

**THE TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) is comprised of several scholarships that provide grants to college students. The largest of these, the HOPE Scholarship, provides $2,000 a semester for students to attend a four-year public or private institution in the State. Over 15,000 students attending private colleges and universities receive scholarships through TELS. Supplemental awards are given based on high academic achievement or financial need. The TELS program continues to promote college access allowing thousands of students to realize the dream of attending the college or university that best meets their academic, career, and personal needs.
THE TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD

The Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA) provides non-payback grant assistance to qualified low-income high school graduates and adult learners in the State. The program gives thousands of students the opportunity to attend a private college or university. For every dollar the State spends on higher education, two cents supports students attending TICUA member institutions through the TSAA grant. This funding reaches over 5,700 private college and university students each year with an average award of $3,905.

41% of In-State Undergraduates at TICUA Member Institutions Receive the Federal Pell Grant

SOURCE: TICUA, FALL 2013

TICUA Distribution of Grant Aid
(First-time, Full-time Freshmen Students)

Ensuring Success

TICUA member institutions are committed to ensuring that students who start college are able to achieve their goals and graduate with a valuable degree. Low student to faculty ratios, mentorship programs, academic advisors, structured learning communities, and student support services keep students academically on track to graduate on time.

- TICUA member schools awarded nearly 19,000 degrees in 2012-13 ranging from associate’s to doctoral degrees.
- Students at TICUA member institutions study a wide range of majors, but popular majors include nursing, business, and education.
- More than 2,000 students graduated with majors in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields in 2012-13.
- Students at Tennessee’s independent colleges and universities have higher 4-, 5-, and 6-year baccalaureate graduation rates than students at Tennessee’s public universities.
- Nearly half of entering freshmen at TICUA member institutions earn a degree in 4 years.

TICUA member institutions offer first-generation, adult, returning, academically-lower prepared, and low-income students the support and attention they need to be successful in college. These groups of students see great success at Tennessee’s private colleges and universities. Each year, 34% of the undergraduate degrees awarded by TICUA member institutions are awarded to adult and returning students.

The skills that employers desire – communication, organizational, critical thinking, team work, and decision making skills – are all vital parts of the education that TICUA member institutions provide. Earning a degree at a TICUA member institution prepares graduates not just for a job, but for a career that will last a lifetime. The broad-based liberal arts programs prepare TICUA institution graduates for lives as good citizens and life-long learners.

Students at TICUA Member Institutions Have Higher 4-, 5-, and 6-Year Graduation Rates Than Students at Public 4-Year Institutions

![Students at TICUA Member Institutions Have Higher 4-, 5-, and 6-Year Graduation Rates Than Students at Public 4-Year Institutions](source: US Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems (IPEDS) “Graduation Rate” survey, 2012 (Fall 2006 cohort))
The number of degrees awarded by TICUA member institutions has increased 21% since 2008-09.

SOURCE: TICUA, 2013

Number of Degrees Awarded by Sector, 2012-13

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SOURCE: Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2013

Percent of Degrees Awarded by Sector, 2012-13

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Gabriel T., Nashville, TN, Maryville College, Class of 2009, Spanish and International Business

Maryville College was great in that it pushed me to better the world’s condition. MC was best for me because the faculty is world-class, the attention I received was first-rate and I always felt like the most important student in the eyes of my professors and counselors.
Tennessee’s private colleges and universities recognize the need to **work collaboratively to reduce costs, share ideas, and improve higher education statewide**. To this end, TICUA offers a range of opportunities and programs in which individual campuses choose to work together. Through sharing of ideas, participating campuses are able to improve purchasing power, deliver services more efficiently, and reduce costs. The institutions are then able to pass savings on to their students in the form of affordable tuition and financial aid.

**PROCUREMENT PROGRAM**

TICUA **consolidates the purchasing power** of member campuses to provide greater opportunities in purchasing select products and services. TICUA has developed relationships and agreements with local and national businesses, which **offer discounts on frequently purchased goods and services**. A range of more than 40 different organizations offer discounts on equipment financing, safety and security protocols, instructional technology, furniture, computer equipment, and more. In 2013, member campuses spent **more than $25 million through the procurement agreements** offered through TICUA. Further, through The Coalition of College Cost Savings, TICUA member institutions have access to additional cost-savings agreements including a robust procurement card program.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

TICUA further supports its member campuses by offering **professional development activities, meetings, and webinars** for the employees of its member institutions. In 2013, TICUA provided a number of opportunities for member institutions to meet together to strategize around the Governor’s Drive to 55 initiative. Regular meetings of affinity groups from each campus allow individuals to stay current in their field, to share information about best practices, and to brainstorm solutions for individual and collective campus issues. In 2013, over **600 professionals attended meetings** for presidents, academic officers, administrative professionals, advancement professionals, communications officers, enrollment officers, financial officers, financial aid officers, information technology officers, institutional researchers, librarians, physical plant employees, and student affairs officers. In addition to face-to-face meetings, TICUA has focused on delivery of **just-in-time training** through online technologies. These timely trainings allow institutional employees to gain the insight and advice of nationally-renown speakers on current topics and issues without leaving campus.

**TICUA BENEFIT CONSORTIUM**

The TICUA Benefit Consortium (TBC) offers a **self-funded health care plan** to member campuses. The Consortium serves to **increase efficiencies and consistency in the delivery of health care benefits** for those employed by participating institutions. TBC is the only state-licensed, self-funded, multiple employer welfare arrangement in Tennessee.
TBC also has the distinction of being the first of several such collaborative efforts across the nation.

**PROVIDING RESOURCES**

With a dynamic website, TICUA provides its member campuses with a convenient starting point to research important education issues. The easily navigable website contains original materials, synopses of other sources, and direct links to helpful websites and white papers. Topics covered include accreditation, academic collaborations (Drive to 55), financial aid issues (GI Bill, direct lending, State scholarship programs), business continuity, and other policy and administrative issues.

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**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

_Amerrica D., Maryville, TN, Milligan College, Class of 2014, Business_

I never realized that so many professors would take such an interest in my success in both academics and my personal life. It's been a blessing to be at a college where I'm constantly pushed to be my best, but also encouraged every step of the way. I wouldn't trade my private education for anything else.
A strong higher education system is one of the driving forces behind economic development and job growth in a state. TICUA member colleges and universities spend more than $4 billion each year in fulfilling their missions to prepare highly skilled professionals to meet the needs of Tennessee. This translates into an $8.1 billion annual economic impact. TICUA member colleges and universities also serve as one of the State’s largest employers. The campuses employ more than 30,000 faculty and staff, and the external activities sustain an additional 301,000 jobs in local communities.

Tennessee’s private colleges and universities respond to the educational, economic, and demographic changes taking place throughout the State. As higher education competes for limited resources, private institutions remain a viable option for education and training at little or no cost to the State. As need increases TICUA member campuses stand ready to enroll nearly 5,500 additional students by the 2015-16 academic year.

TICUA member campuses awarded nearly 19,000 degrees last year – graduating more than 3,500 business and management leaders, 3,500 educators, and 4,000 health care professionals. Private institutions also awarded more than 2,000 degrees in STEM disciplines – science, technology, engineering, and math.

In addition to the significant economic impact, private colleges and universities improve productivity and quality of life through increased levels of education for citizens across Tennessee. Many of the nearly 36,000 out-of-state and international students at TICUA member colleges and universities will remain in the State after graduation using their skills and education in local communities. Tennessee’s independent colleges and universities are major contributors to the economic base of the State.
**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

*Jesse D., Palmer, Alaska, Union University, Class of 2017*

Union is just like a big family. Coming all the way from Alaska, you could feel lonely. But at Union people just welcome you into their houses. I’ve eaten dinners at professors’ houses so many different times throughout my first year here. I’ve become connected not just with freshmen, but also upperclassmen and faculty and staff members. They all get to know you.
State and local communities benefit from an array of educational, social, recreational, and cultural activities offered by Tennessee’s private colleges and universities. Academic lectures, athletic competitions, volunteer service, and other programs enhance the community and provide many beneficial outlets to Tennesseans, including nationally and internationally recognized programs.

The education students receive at TICUA member colleges and universities prepares students for a lifetime of service. Local communities benefit directly from students’ volunteer efforts. Students attending TICUA member institutions support local reading groups for children, assist the elderly, and engage in community service for those less fortunate. Each year several TICUA member institutions are singled out for recognition of their student volunteer programs through the US President’s Higher Education Community Service Awards (www.nationalservice.gov). In 2013, fifteen TICUA member campuses received mention as part of the 2013 Honor Roll. Campus volunteer activities benefit the neighborhoods and citizens of Tennessee and strengthen relationships between the campus and the community.

A strength of Tennessee’s private colleges and universities is their preparation of health care professionals and teachers. In the past 3 years, Tennessee’s private colleges and universities have awarded over 20,000 degrees in these fields.

Students who graduate from Tennessee’s private colleges and universities settle in the State’s communities, serving and educating fellow citizens. TICUA member institutions and their students, faculty, staff, and alumni are vital and active members of their communities.
Khristal T., Cincinnati, Ohio, Lane College, Class of 2015, Biology major, Chemistry minor

In everything you do in life, you should always want to do your best because it is the stepping stone for success. Had I not come to Lane, I wouldn’t have learned such a valuable lesson. I have met some awesome people and have had the pleasure of being taught by some wonderful professors. Being here has really helped mature me and helped shape me into the young woman I am today.
Enhancing Student Experiences

TICUA member institutions’ collaborations with other education sectors, government entities, businesses, and non-profit groups allow member institutions to play an important role in State and federal policy as well as statewide educational initiatives, like the Governor’s Drive to 55 agenda, with a goal of having 55% of Tennesseans with a post-secondary credential by 2025. Through membership in organizations such as the Council on Independent Colleges, Tennessee College Association, Tennessee Student Aid Alliance, Tennessee Campus Compact, and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, TICUA is able to advocate for issues on students’ behalf, particularly concerning federal and State student aid. Additionally, TICUA’s participation in collaborative projects serves students by directly influencing their collegiate experience.

HEALTHY AND SAFE CAMPUSES

As a founding member of the Coalition of Healthy and Safe Campus Communities (CHASCo), TICUA works with this public-private partnership which includes Tennessee’s higher education institutions, government agencies, and other non-profit organizations to implement evidence-based, environmental strategies to reduce under-age drinking, high-risk drinking, drug use, and associated violence on Tennessee’s campuses and in their local communities. Employees of CHASCo member institutions participate in training and research to ensure that students have a safe and healthy environment in which to live and learn as they pursue their academic goals. CHASCo, an administrative unit of TICUA, is funded through grants from State agencies like the Tennessee Division of Substance Abuse Services and the Governor’s Highway Safety Office.

TICUA also has partnered with The Governor’s Foundation for Health and Wellness through the Healthier Tennessee initiative. TICUA member campuses participated in a survey that established baseline data on Tennesseans’ awareness and attitudes related to health and wellness issues, which will allow the State to measure change as the initiative continues to educate Tennesseans about healthy lifestyles.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

To engage more fully with individual students, TICUA serves as a practicum site for graduate students in education and public policy. Previous students have produced original research, which has informed the development of campus policies and procedures as well as public policy discussions. During the legislative session, TICUA hosts undergraduate students at the Tennessee Legislative Plaza providing students an opportunity to follow the creation of education policy.
**TICUA-COMMUNITY COLLEGE ARTICULATION**

TICUA member institutions are collaborating with the State on the Tennessee Transfer Pathway project (www.tntransferpathway.org) facilitating community college graduates to enroll in bachelor level programs at private colleges without loss of time or credits. Work is underway to develop reverse transfer agreements that would allow community college students to complete their associate's degrees at 4-year institutions.

TICUA member institutions actively recruit transfer students from the State's community colleges. In fall 2013 over 1,200 students transferred to TICUA member institutions from the State's community colleges. To enhance transfer many private colleges and universities offer financial aid specifically for non-traditional and transfer students.

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

*Chris H., Manager of Media Relations and Broadcasting for Jackson Generals Baseball and 2013 Southern League Broadcaster of the Year, Jackson, TN*  
*Bethel University, Class of 2007*

There aren't many days on the job that I do not use something I gained from my time at Bethel University. The professors had a knack for relating everything you learned in a book to real life scenarios. The friends, skills, and experiences that I gained while at Bethel really shaped my life in a positive way. No matter where I go around the Southern League or in the Major League Baseball media community, I am always happy to boast that I am a Bethel graduate.
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2013 COLLEGIUM MEMBERS

Pursuing shared goals with mutual trust and respect to further Tennessee private higher education is at the heart of the Collegium’s goals. The companies listed below have joined the Collegium to support independent higher education in Tennessee.

CCT Technologies, Inc.
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GovConnections
Home Federal Bank of Tenn.
HRP
HST Interior Elements
McKee Foods Kingman, Inc.
Norfolk Southern Foundation
Pilot Corporation
Red Chair Architects
State of Tennessee
The UPS Foundation
Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis, LLP
2013 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

TICUA administers several scholarship programs sponsored by Tennessee businesses. These scholarships award financial assistance to deserving students. Many of these scholarships target financially needy Tennesseans who might otherwise be unable to attend college. These community scholarships assist students to attend the college or university that best fits their academic needs and career goals.

General Shale Brick, Inc. provided five $1,000 scholarships for students attending an independent college or university in upper east Tennessee.

Home Federal Bank of Tennessee offered five $1,500 scholarships for students in the Knoxville area.

Pilot Corporation funded five $1,000 scholarships for students in the greater Knoxville area.

The UPS Foundation funded a generous program of 34 scholarships at $2,700 per institution.

2013 GRANTS RECEIVED BY TICUA

In 2013, TICUA received $191,500 in funding from

Higher Education Prevention grant from the Division of Substance Abuse Services in the Tennessee Department of Mental Health

Young Adult Impaired Driving Prevention grant from the Tennessee Governor’s Highway Safety Office

CIC/FIHE Scholarship Challenge Grant

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1956 as a Tennessee non-profit corporation

MISSION
TICUA engages Tennessee’s private colleges to work collaboratively in areas of public policy, cost containment, and professional development to serve better the State and its citizens.

MEMBERSHIP
Limited to independent, non-profit, regionally-accredited colleges and universities in Tennessee.

TAX STATUS
Tax exempt charitable organization under federal and state laws. All contributions are tax deductible in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code.

FISCAL YEAR
January 1 to December 31

MANAGEMENT
Governed by a Board of Directors comprised of member college presidents and corporate leaders.
West Tennessee

1 - Baptist College of Health Sciences, Memphis
2 - Christian Brothers University, Memphis
3 - Memphis College of Art, Memphis
4 - LeMoyne-Owen College, Memphis
5 - Southern College of Optometry, Memphis
6 - Rhodes College, Memphis
7 - Union University, Jackson
8 - Lane College, Jackson
9 - Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson
10 - Bethel University, McKenzie

Middle Tennessee

11 - Martin Methodist College, Pulaski
12 - Belmont University, Nashville
13 - Welch College, Nashville
14 - Fisk University, Nashville
15 - Meharry Medical College, Nashville
16 - Vanderbilt University, Nashville
17 - Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville
18 - Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison
19 - Lipscomb University, Nashville
20 - Aquinas College, Nashville
21 - Watkins College of Art, Design & Film, Nashville
22 - Cumberland University, Lebanon
23 - Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee
TICUA member institutions operate 34 main campuses and 80 satellite and off-site degree programs, including out-of-state programs.

**TICUA Enrollment by County**

Students come to TICUA member campuses from every county in the State. In addition, nearly 36,000 students from outside Tennessee enroll at TICUA member campuses.
The 31 four-year college and university and 3 professional school members of TICUA enroll nearly 80,000 students.

**PERSONAL**
- Student-to-faculty ratios are lower at private colleges and universities than at state institutions.
- The majority of expenditures at private institutions goes for instruction and academic support, student services, and scholarships.

**INVOLVED**
- In 2011-12, Tennessee’s private colleges and universities had an economic impact estimated at more than $8.1 billion.
- TICUA institutions have nationally recognized student volunteer programs.
- TICUA member colleges and universities serve as one of the State’s largest employers, employing more than 30,000 faculty and staff. Their external activities sustain an additional 301,000 jobs in local communities.

**FLEXIBLE**
- Private colleges and universities are located in every section of the State and in settings that range from urban to rural areas.
- In the fall of 2013 over 1,200 community college students transferred to TICUA member institutions.

**DIVERSE**
- 55% of students attending member institutions are Tennessee residents. TICUA member colleges and universities enroll students from every county in the State.
- Historically, the median family income of students attending one of the State’s four-year private colleges or universities is less than the median family income of students attending one of the State’s four-year public colleges and universities.
- Over 27% of the undergraduate students attending TICUA member colleges and universities are minority students.
- Non-traditional students (age 25 or older) comprise 21% of the undergraduate enrollment at TICUA member institutions.

**AFFORDABLE**
- Approximately 88% of first-time, full-time students attending TICUA member institutions receive some form of financial aid – the majority of which comes from the private institutions’ own resources.
- Undergraduate tuition and fees at TICUA member colleges and universities average 25% less than the national average to attend a private college or university.
- In 2012-13, over 15,000 students attending TICUA institutions received scholarships through the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program.
- Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA) grant reaches over 5,700 low-income private college students a year at an average award amount of about $3,900.
- In 2013-14, 34% of all undergraduate students (20,358) attending TICUA member institutions receive the Federal Pell Grant award. The average yearly award amount for these students is $4,543.

**SUCCESSFUL**
- TICUA institutions award nearly 19,000 degrees – more than any other sector in the State.
- Students who earn bachelor’s degrees are able to do so sooner at four-year private colleges and universities than at State institutions. Finishing faster helps students at private institutions avoid extra years of tuition and begin their careers earlier.
Aquinas College

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Through a rigorous undergraduate curriculum that emphasizes the dignity of the human person, Aquinas College fosters the intellectual, moral, and professional development of students while preparing them for careers in the professions of education, nursing, and business. Faculty and students engage in a proactive teaching-advising partnership that enables students to cultivate rich interpersonal relationships in a Christ-centered, family-like environment. Personalized instruction in small classes ensures that each student achieves his or her full academic potential. Founded in 1961 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation, Aquinas College is located on a scenic 83-acre campus in the heart of Nashville and is the only four-year Catholic liberal arts college in middle and east Tennessee.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 46 - Undergraduate 530
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 92%
Tuition and Fees: $19,950
Room and Board: $8,700
Founded: 1961
Levels of Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 156
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11 to 1

Baptist College of Health Sciences

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Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences provides quality education in a Christian atmosphere to prepare health care professionals for diverse practice environments.

Grounded in Christian principles and building on the legacy of education since 1912, Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences is a private, specialized institution focusing on undergraduate health care education. In partnership with Baptist Memorial Health Care, the College prepares health care professionals primarily for the tri-state area of Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi. The College seeks to attract a diverse student population who shares commitments to Christian values and ethics, academic excellence, and lifelong professional development.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,101
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 95%
Tuition and Fees: $384/credit hour
Room and Board: $1,800/year; $1,100 double occupancy
No board provided.
Founded: 1994
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 214
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11 to 1
Belmont University

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Belmont’s mission is to be a student-centered Christian community providing an academically challenging education that empowers men and women of diverse backgrounds to engage and transform the world with disciplined intelligence, compassion, courage, and faith. A recognized site for higher education since 1890, Belmont brings together the best of liberal arts and professional education in an environment of learning and service, enabling students to achieve their dreams and truly go from here to anywhere.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 1,400 - Undergraduate 5,518
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 76%
Tuition and Fees: $27,330
Room and Board: $10,000
Founded: 1890
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 1,562
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

Bethel University

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Building on its more than 170-year history and affiliation with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Bethel University provides diverse options with opportunities for face-to-face, online, and blended learning in a Christian environment leading to master’s, bachelor’s, and associate degrees. Known as a pioneer in forging learning opportunities for adult learners as well as for its unique scholarship opportunities in performing arts and in traditional and non-traditional sports, Bethel University constantly explores options for making a top-notch education accessible to all. Operating from campuses across Tennessee, Bethel has varied learning platforms and course schedules making the attainment of a college degree possible for many with full-time jobs and extensive family responsibilities. And its wide array of programs, along with a beautiful and peaceful campus setting, make it the perfect choice for the traditional undergraduate student as well. Graduates of Bethel University are a product of the commitment by faculty and staff to help each develop to their fullest potential intellectually, spiritually, socially, and physically. Furthermore, great emphasis is placed on service learning, and graduates leave Bethel University equipped to go out and make positive changes around them.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 1,425 - Undergraduate 4,400
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 91%
Tuition and Fees: $14,564
Room and Board: $8,782
Founded: 1842
Degrees Offered: Associates’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 1,183
Student to Faculty Ratio: 19 to 1
"Educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world" is Bryan College’s mission statement—a mission students themselves adopt. Each week students touch the lives of hundreds of area residents in voluntary outreach ministries. Bryan College, offering an education integrating a study of the arts and sciences with a clear understanding of the Bible, is rated among the Top Tier of Southern liberal arts colleges by U.S. News & World Report. Bryan graduates leaders—making a difference in today’s world.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 131 - Undergraduate 1,579
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $21,150
Room and Board: $6,250
Founded: 1930
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 363
Student to Faculty Ratio: 17 to 1

Carson–Newman University

A Tennessee Baptist Convention-affiliated liberal arts university, Carson-Newman has been cited as a national leader in community service. In 2012, Carson-Newman was named one of only five schools to receive the Presidential Award, the highest distinction possible on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. In 2013, Washington Monthly named Carson-Newman America’s No. 10 baccalaureate college.

With a vision to be “the Christ-Centered, liberal arts-based college of choice in the Southeast for education and service,” C-N is intentionally Christian, academically rigorous, student-focused, and future-minded. Carson-Newman offers a solid foundation for personal and spiritual development by helping students reach their full potential as educated citizens and worldwide servant leaders. To that end, C-N’s halls are filled with dedicated scholar-mentors who imbue their students with knowledge and faith, and who instill in them critical thinking that will serve them throughout their lives.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 332 - Undergraduate 1,713
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 96%
Tuition and Fees: $23,680
Room and Board: $6,560
Founded: 1851
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 445
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1
Christian Brothers University, founded in 1871, is a Catholic institution of higher education in the tradition of the Christian Brothers. It is the largest private, comprehensive university in west Tennessee, emphasizing excellence in teaching and individualized attention to the whole person in a values-oriented interfaith educational community. The University prepares students for professional careers and lives of moral responsibility and constructive community involvement. The first private institution in Memphis to integrate, it always has welcomed people of all faiths. CBU offers undergraduate programs in engineering, business, sciences, liberal arts, nursing, and education as well as graduate programs in business administration, education, Catholic studies, engineering management, and physician assistant studies.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 413 - Undergraduate 1,171
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 91%
Tuition and Fees: $27,620
Room and Board: $4,950 - $10,410
Founded: 1871
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 412
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

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The mission of Cumberland University is to provide a contemporary liberal arts education to students seeking a high-quality, personalized college experience, which will allow them not only to have a successful and productive career, but to thrive intellectually, professionally, personally, and spiritually for a lifetime. Cumberland University has a long and rich history, stretching back nearly 170 years. But Cumberland’s focus is not on its past, it’s on the future. It’s not about the governors who’ve attended – it’s about helping students govern their lives. It’s not about the glorious names of the past – it’s about naming students’ futures. Cumberland is dedicated to doing the little things well, and that’s its biggest and most powerful difference.

Cumberland’s small size means more time devoted to students. Cumberland is big on student success and devoted to the smallest details to equip students to succeed in tomorrow’s marketplace. So think small. Big things await students at Cumberland University.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 232 - Undergraduate 1,269
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 94%
Tuition and Fees: $20,200
Room and Board: $7,600
Founded: 1842
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 416
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 to 1
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Fisk University is Nashville’s oldest institution of higher education and currently ranks in the top 10% of all liberal arts institutions in the nation and “1 Liberal Arts HBCU in Research” according to Washington Monthly. Fisk ranked in the top 20% of 650 higher education institutions and is the highest ranked HBCU on Forbes’ “2013 Top Colleges List.” The Princeton Review’s “Best Southeastern Colleges” publication has included Fisk in its rankings for twenty-one consecutive years. Of the 1,400 liberal arts institutions ranked by U.S. News and World Report, Fisk is at #145 in the elite Tier One group and #4 on the list of “The Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).” The Fisk/Vanderbilt Masters-to-PhD program awarded six students PhDs in Physics and related disciplines during 2012-2013. According to the National Science Foundation, Fisk produces more African-Americans who go on to earn doctoral degrees in the natural sciences than any school in the nation.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 34 - Undergraduate 611
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $20,448
Room and Board: $9,849
Founded: 1866
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 86
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1

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For more than a century, Freed-Hardeman University has provided quality education in a Christian environment. Affiliated with the Churches of Christ, the University's four colleges offer bachelor's and master's degrees to students from 36 states and 12 countries. In addition to accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the University has earned three specialized national accreditations: National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, Council on Social Work Education, and Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. Dual degree affiliations with major universities for pre-engineering students, semester-long international travel opportunities, an emphasis on instructional technology, and a widely recognized Honors College are among FHU’s special features.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 426 - Undergraduate 1,385
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $20,468
Room and Board: $7,390
Founded: 1869
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S.
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 472
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1
Johnson University, Tennessee provides a powerful learning experience that brings together a Christian worldview, passionate teaching, and a reputation for excellence, which stretches back more than 120 years. All undergraduate students major in Bible, engage in a solid core of general education courses, and complement their studies with a second major or a minor. In addition to traditional areas of ministry, fields of study include teacher education, counseling, media communications, and management of nonprofits. With the majority of full-time faculty, staff, and students living on campus, Johnson provides a vibrant and deeply connected community where bonds are stronger, purpose is bolder, and possibilities are endless.

**Vital Statistics**

*Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 201 - Undergraduate 830*

*Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 94%*

*Tuition and Fees: $10,800*

*Room and Board: $5,450*

*Founded: 1893*

*Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate*

*Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 171*

*Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 to 1*

King University is a Presbyterian, doctoral-level comprehensive university. Founded in 1867 as King College, the University offers more than 80 majors, minors, pre-professional degrees, and concentrations in fields such as business, nursing, law, medical and health sciences, pharmacy, education, and humanities. A number of research, off-campus learning opportunities, and travel destinations also are available. King offers programs specifically designed with the adult learner in mind through King’s Graduate and Professional Studies and Online Programs, which are offered at 14 locations across Virginia and Tennessee, including online degree options. King University is a NCAA Division II and a Conference Carolinas member with 25 varsity athletic teams. For the 24th consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report has recognized King a Best Regional University. The Princeton Review named King one of the Best Colleges in the Southeast for a 10th consecutive year. King has been selected by G.I. Jobs for the fifth straight year as a Military Friendly School. The Department of Education and the Corporation for National and Community Service named King to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, for their commitment to bettering their community through community service and service learning.

**Vital Statistics**

*Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 385 - Undergraduate 2,202*

*Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%*

*Tuition and Fees: $24,960*

*Room and Board: $8,180*

*Founded: 1867*

*Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate*

*Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 812*

*Student to Faculty Ratio: 16 to 1*
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Lane College, founded in 1882 by Bishop Isaac Lane, a former slave, is one of the nation’s oldest Historically Black Colleges and the first four-year institution established by the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church. It also is a proud charter member of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Located on 55 beautifully landscaped acres, Lane provides a life-changing experience and educational opportunity to its students. The College is unabashedly invested in transforming ordinary students into extraordinary scholars by providing them with the highest quality education. The mission of the College is to pilot students through programs of intellectual and spiritual experiences that will prepare them to assume meaningful positions in their chosen occupations and professions, and to pursue graduate studies. Lane offers baccalaureate degrees in biology, business, chemistry, computer science, criminal justice, English, French, history, interdisciplinary studies, mass communication, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, religion, and sociology. Its slogan, The Power of Potential®, asserts that one’s potential is not necessarily predicted by one’s past performance. In July 2013, Lane College received official notification of its Reaffirmation of Accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC) for another ten years.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,554
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $8,560
Room and Board: $6,040
Founded: 1882
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 304
Student to Faculty Ratio: 18 to 1

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Lee University is a Christian university whose purpose is to provide learning experiences designed to develop in students the knowledge, appreciation, understanding, and ability which will prepare them for responsible living in the world. Students are treated as unique individuals created in the image of God. The Christian world view of the campus gives students the chance to reach out internationally through travel and study programs even while they study the major of their choice on the beautiful, modern campus in Cleveland. Lee is a thriving university community where students of many backgrounds and denominations study.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 411 - Undergraduate 4,550
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 75%
Tuition and Fees: $13,750
Room and Board: $10,224
Founded: 1918
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S.
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 750
Student to Faculty Ratio: 18 to 1
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LeMoyne-Owen College is a four-year liberal arts institution that prepares students to become critical thinkers, to lead productive and successful lives, and to become contributors to their respective communities. The College has a rich heritage that dates back to 1862 and buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The College occupies a beautifully landscaped campus about 10 minutes from downtown Memphis and one block from the Stax Museum and Academy of American Soul Music. The College promotes diversity in its student body, staff, and faculty. Its core curriculum, which emphasizes a multicultural education, is a national model shown to build student confidence. The student is challenged by a rigorous course of study in English communication, literature, African American history, humanities, natural science, biological science, mathematics, social science, and lifetime fitness—all while pursuing the requirements of his or her academic major. LeMoyne-Owen College is accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the baccalaureate degree.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2013 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,023
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 86%
Tuition and Fees: $10,680
Room and Board: $5,852
Founded: 1862
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 125
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 to 1

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Serving as a living memorial to President Abraham Lincoln, LMU is dedicated to providing strong educational programs grounded in the liberal arts and professional studies, which advance the principles exemplified by the life of Abraham Lincoln. The University promotes the concept of service to humanity and is committed to making educational opportunities available to all persons without reference to economic status. The curriculum is based on the belief that graduates must be able to communicate effectively, understand the world around them, and exercise informed judgments. LMU’s location in the historic Cumberland Gap enables students to enjoy a scenic natural area as they pursue their studies. In addition to the main campus in Harrogate, LMU offers programs and classes at 11 extended learning sites.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 2,239 - Undergraduate 1,713
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $18,960
Room and Board: $6,740
Founded: 1897
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 1,907
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1
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Lipscomb University is a Christian community of scholars, dedicated to excellence in learning, leading, and serving where students prepare for success today, tomorrow, and forever. This principle is carried out in the classroom and in the broader community through the service-learning program and numerous humanitarian trips in the U.S. and abroad. Lipscomb offers a bachelor’s degree in 103 fields of study, including majors in the liberal arts, business, biology/pre-med, computer science, education, engineering, and nursing. Master’s degrees are offered in a variety of areas of study including accounting, business, Christian ministry, civic leadership, conflict management, counseling, education, exercise and nutrition science, human resources, psychology, sustainability, and theological studies among others. Doctoral degrees are offered in ministry, pharmacy, and education. Located in Nashville, Lipscomb draws on the city as its campus and the world as its classroom. Study abroad opportunities are offered in Vienna, London, Chile, Beijing, Hong Kong, and Buenos Aires as well as other international destinations. Lipscomb’s intercollegiate athletic teams compete at the NCAA Division I level, and Lipscomb is a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 1,696 - Undergraduate 2,897
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 95%
Tuition and Fees (per semester): Tuition and Fees: $12,117
Room and Board (per semester): $4,814
Founded: 1891
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 1,171
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1

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Martin Methodist College is a four-year coeducational institution located among the beautiful rolling hills of southern central Tennessee. With 37 academic degree programs, Martin Methodist offers small discussion-based classes with a strong liberal arts curriculum that meets the needs of traditional students as well as working adults. While the College is closely related to the United Methodist Church, more than 26 different denominations are represented on the Martin Methodist campus, providing a stimulating learning community for students and faculty. Service to the community is a key component to the campus experience as well. Adding to the rich learning environment are international students from 20 different nations enrolled as full-time, residential students. As a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the competitive RedHawk athletic program fields 15 varsity teams that contribute to the well-rounded educational experience.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,144
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 93%
Tuition and Fees: $21,422
Room and Board: $7,400
Founded: 1870
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 185
Student to Faculty Ratio: 16 to 1
Maryville College

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Maryville College is ideally located between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Knoxville, the State's third largest city. Additionally, the 265-acre campus includes 140 acres of College Woods that serve as a natural classroom and recreational haven. Founded in 1819, Maryville is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the nation and is a Presbyterian (USA) church-related college, welcoming students of all faiths. The College has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report, the Princeton Review, Washington Monthly and College Factual. It also is recognized as a College of Distinction and a “Top Adventure School” by Blue Ridge Outdoors magazine.

Known for offering its students a rigorous and highly personal experience, Maryville College is one of the nation's few colleges requiring seniors to complete a comprehensive exam in their major and conduct an extensive Senior Thesis. The College also is known for successfully joining the liberal arts and professional preparation. The new “Maryville College Works” is a carefully-designed, integrated program that builds bridges between the classroom and the workplace by requiring all students to complete a significant practical experience before graduation. Through advising and activities such as internships, study abroad, and service learning, students understand how applicable and marketable their disciplinary and core skills are in the workforce.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,168
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $31,132
Room and Board: $9,890
Founded: 1819

Meharry Medical College

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Meharry Medical College founded in 1876, is the nation’s largest private, independent historically black academic health center dedicated to educating minority physicians and other health professionals. True to its heritage, it is a United Methodist Church affiliated institution. The College is particularly well known for its uniquely nurturing, highly effective educational programs; emerging preeminence in health disparities research; culturally-sensitive, evidence-based health services; and significant contribution to the diversity of the nation's health professions workforce. Diverse Issues in Higher Education's ranking of institutions annually lists Meharry as a leading national educator of African Americans with M.D. and D.D.S. degrees and Ph.D. degrees in the biomedical sciences.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 801
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees for Dental Program: $54,419 (average)
Tuition and Fees for Medical Program: $47,251 (average)
Tuition and Fees for Graduate Programs: $19,904 - $32,899
Founded: 1876

Degrees Offered: Master's, Doctorate

Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 200
Student to Faculty Ratio: 3 to 1
Memphis College of Art

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Dedicated to excellence in visual arts education, Memphis College of Art offers students a chance to learn and work in a close-knit community with leading professional artists. The Bachelor of Fine Arts, Master of Fine Arts, and Graduate Studies in Art Education degree programs provide professional training for a broad range of careers in fine arts, design arts, and digital media. Undergraduate areas of study include: animation, digital cinema, digital media, drawing, graphic design, illustration, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture. The Master of Fine Arts program offers advanced study in photography and studio practices in traditional and new media. Graduate studies in Education offer Master of Arts in Teaching and Master of Arts in Art Education programs. Community education and children's art programs are offered throughout the year. Set in a 342-acre park in Midtown Memphis, MCA is a unique generative environment where artists flourish.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 65 - Undergraduate 368
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 94%
Tuition and Fees: $27,500 (undergraduate)
$28,750 (graduate)
$14,650 (graduate teaching professionals)
Room and Board: $8,500
Founded: 1936
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Master’s of fine arts, Master’s of Arts in teaching, Master’s of Arts in Art Education
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 79
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1

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Founded in 1950, MTSA is the only regionally accredited institution in the nation with a facility dedicated exclusively to the training of Nurse Anesthetists and is one of the largest schools of nurse anesthesia in the nation. MTSA provides graduate education in both academic and clinical areas to qualified registered nurses holding a baccalaureate degree. Graduates are eligible to take the certification examination to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA), are qualified to teach anesthesia-related subjects, and to assist in the preparation of the next generation of anesthesia providers. MTSA also offers a DNAP (Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Degree) as a completion degree. MTSA is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, a specialized accrediting body recognized by both the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The school also is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The motto of the school is “Reflecting Christ in Anesthesia Education.”

Vital Statistics
Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 198
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $63,457 (28-month program)
Room and Board: n/a
Founded: 1950
Degrees Offered: Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 68
Student to Faculty Ratio: Academic/didactic 9 to 1
Clinical no more than 2 to 1
Located on 195 acres in northeast Tennessee, Milligan College offers students a liberal arts education in a community of inquiry, responsibility, and caring. The Bible is central to a curriculum that unites the humanities, sciences, and fine arts into a Christian world view. A strong academic program includes major areas of study such as business, nursing, communications, and education. Internships give students hands-on experience and graduates are well prepared for careers or acceptance into graduate or professional schools. The College also provides a wide variety of activities and campus events that encourage social, cultural, and spiritual growth. Affiliated with the Christian Church, Milligan welcomes students from diverse backgrounds.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 233 - Undergraduate 981
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $27,916
Room and Board: $6,000
Founded: 1866
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 320
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

Rhodes is known for excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Its location in Midtown Memphis gives students access to a variety of internships, internationally recognized research facilities, community service opportunities, and arts and entertainment venues. Surrounded by a beautiful Collegiate Gothic campus, which recently was ranked the 5th Most Beautiful Campus in America by the Princeton Review, students have access to high-quality facilities and a superb faculty noted for its effective teaching and commitment to scholarship. Rhodes’ well-balanced curriculum allows flexibility for choosing majors. A long-standing honor system binds Rhodes’ diverse student body into a community of trust. Students at Rhodes are actively involved in campus organizations and intercollegiate sports. Newsweek named Rhodes the Most Service Oriented College in America for two years in a row.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 12 - Undergraduate 1,950
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 93%
Tuition and Fees: $39,794
Room and Board: $9,884
Founded: 1848
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 360
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
Sewanee: The University of the South

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The University of the South is among the nation’s top liberal arts universities, offering a challenging curriculum with rigorous degree requirements in literature and the arts, history, and social sciences. Its strong literary tradition permeates the curriculum. Strong interdisciplinary programs include international and global studies and environmental studies. The University encourages students to have an international experience and offers an array of programs around the globe. Service learning courses and opportunities for collaborative research with faculty are widely available. Internships provide support for a range of summer experiences that help prepare students for careers. While honoring its Episcopal heritage, the undergraduate College is nonsectarian in its teaching. The University’s 13,000-acre campus on the Cumberland Plateau offers an unparalleled variety of educational and recreational opportunities.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 70 - Undergraduate 1,630
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 71%
Tuition and Fees: $35,756
Room and Board: $10,214
Founded: 1857
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 384
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1

Southern Adventist University

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Southern Adventist University encourages students to balance intellectual development with service to humanity and a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. The 1,300-acre campus is located just east of Chattanooga, along the forested slopes of White Oak Mountain. Biology, business, journalism, nursing, art, and religion are popular choices of study, and many students prepare to teach. Pre-professional programs include several allied health fields and engineering. Southern has a strong record of acceptances into medical, dental, and law schools. A symphony orchestra, concert band, choral groups, and gymnastics team tour internationally.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 430 - Undergraduate 2,825
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 91%
Tuition and Fees: $19,440
Room and Board: $5,850
Founded: 1892
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 703
Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 to 1
Southern College of Optometry

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Southern College of Optometry is one of only 21 schools of its type in the U.S. Since 1932, it has been recognized nationally as a leader in preparing men and women for the practice of optometry--an independent primary health care profession specializing in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of diseases and disorders of the eye and associated structures. SCO awards the Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree following successful completion of a comprehensive four-year post-baccalaureate curriculum in the basic visual and clinical sciences.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 508
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 93%
Tuition and Fees: $29,496
Room and Board: n/a
Founded: 1932
Degrees Offered: Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 121
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1

Tennessee Wesleyan College

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For more than 150 years, Tennessee Wesleyan College has provided its students with an exceptional education and the opportunity to learn, serve, lead, and believe as they build the foundation of their futures. The College offers more than 30 undergraduate majors in the traditional liberal arts and is now offering its first graduate program, a Master of Science in Curriculum Leadership, as well as a number of professional and pre-professional programs. TWC prides itself on providing an academic environment in which students are fully engaged in their education and are intellectually challenged. A student-to-faculty ratio of 16:1 allows faculty to get to know each student as an individual. Students and professors develop strong bonds that extend outside of the classroom and beyond graduation. Tennessee Wesleyan encourages involvement in a wide variety of student activities, clubs, and organizations, both on and off campus, that provide opportunities for students to explore new interests and develop as leaders. In addition to its main Athens campus, TWC maintains a campus in Knoxville, providing classroom facilities for its Management Excellence (ME) evening program in business administration and the Fort-Sanders Nursing Department. Classes for the ME program also are offered at Cleveland State, a satellite location in Cleveland, TN.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,081
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 92%
Tuition and Fees: $21,800
Room and Board: $6,900
Founded: 1857
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 285
Student to Faculty Ratio: 16 to 1
Trevecca Nazarene University

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Trevecca Nazarene University, a Christian community providing education for leadership and service, utilizes a holistic approach to education that seeks to educate the whole person—body, soul, and spirit. Trevecca’s strong liberal arts program and pre-professional curriculum prepare students to lead and serve in a variety of professions. A strong internship program is offered to expand students’ professional training. Four degree-completion programs for adult-learners are available, and master’s programs are offered in six different areas. Doctorates are offered in education and clinical counseling. Trevecca’s holistic approach effectively prepares students for lives of service and leadership.

**Vital Statistics**

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 914 - Undergraduate 1,492

Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 94% (traditional undergraduates)

Tuition and Fees: $21,830
Room and Board: $7,712
Founded: 1901

Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate

Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 816

Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 to 1

Tusculum College

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Tusculum College is Tennessee’s oldest and perhaps most innovative college. A Presbyterian Church (USA) affiliated college founded in 1794, Tusculum College is one of only three colleges in the United States following a “focused calendar” course system. Students take one course at a time in successive 3.5 week blocks, with each semester consisting of four blocks. Tusculum College awards baccalaureate degrees and the Master of Arts degree in education and organizational management. Tusculum College’s emphasis on the Civic Arts is a marked distinction, with a curriculum designed to help students become effective citizens who possess the practical wisdom needed to participate in a democratic society. The core curriculum, known as the Commons program, strives to give students an intellectual common ground and develop students’ skills to be engaged learners in both the classroom and community. The College prepares students to be engaged in their communities and to know how to effectively achieve the common good and justice in a global context. For non-traditional students, Tusculum offers customized degree programs through its Graduate and Professional Studies Division offered at the Greeneville Campus, as well as at the College’s Knoxville Regional Center Campus, and off-site centers in the Tri-Cities and in Morristown.

**Vital Statistics**

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 211 - Undergraduate 1,849

Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 99%

Tuition and Fees: $22,250
Room and Board: $8,500
Founded: 1794

Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s

Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 541

Student to Faculty Ratio: 16 to 1
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Union University is an academic community, affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, equipping persons to think Christianly and serve faithfully in ways consistent with its core values of being excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused, and future-directed. Recognized for more than a decade as a top-tier institution in the South, Union offers more than 100 programs of study. The main campus of Union University, located in Jackson, is home to the traditional undergraduate program as well as a number of adult and graduate programs. Union University also offers select adult and graduate programs in Germantown and Hendersonville.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 1,260 - Undergraduate 3,028
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $26,880
Room and Board: $8,830
Founded: 1823
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 1,150
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11 to 1

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Vanderbilt is a comprehensive research university, deeply committed to undergraduate teaching. One of a handful of selective universities of medium size, Vanderbilt not only offers world-class faculty and facilities, but also ensures all students access to them. Undergraduate schools include the College of Arts and Science, School of Engineering, Peabody College of education and human development, and Blair School of Music. The University also offers graduate or professional programs in business, engineering, humanities, law, medicine, natural sciences, nursing, religion, social sciences, education, human development, and public policy. Participating in the Southeastern Conference, Vanderbilt athletes compete in Division I sports.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2013 Enrollment: Graduate 5,960 - Undergraduate 6,835
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 64.5%
Tuition and Fees: $41,928
Room and Board: $14,094
Founded: 1873
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013: 3,758
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1
Watkins College of Art, Design & Film

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Watkins College of Art, Design & Film is a four-year baccalaureate college offering a Bachelor of Fine Arts in film, fine art, graphic design, interior design, and photography, a Bachelor of Arts in art, a Professional Certificate in film, and a Certificate in interior design. The faculty and staff are committed to a learning-centered environment that challenges students to engage the mind, train the eye, and cultivate talent and skill into an active realization of creative potential. Since its establishment in 1885 as a community-based learning institution – it became a baccalaureate college in 1997 – Watkins has continuously shaped and positively influenced the cultural horizon through studio-based art, design, and film instruction supported by a strong academic foundation, as well as through the year-round Community Education program for youth and adults and free gallery exhibitions, artist lectures, and film screenings. Watkins’ 13-acre lakeside campus, just minutes from downtown Nashville, includes a 60,000-square-foot academic building, boardwalk, and two residence halls.

**Vital Statistics**

- **Fall 2013 Enrollment:** Undergraduate 362
- **Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source:** 85%
- **Tuition and Fees:** $21,900
- **Room and Board:** $9,200
- **Founded:** 1885
- **Degrees Offered:** Bachelor's
- **Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013:** 51
- **Student to Faculty Ratio:** 10 to 1 in studio-based classes  
  15 to 1 in lecture-based classes

Welch College

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Welch College, formerly Free Will Baptist Bible College, located in Nashville’s historic West End, is a four-year Christian college featuring a strong liberal arts core and a Bible-based curriculum. Welch emphasizes academic excellence and preparation for Christian service in whatever program the student may engage. In this context, the College offers programs in pastoral ministry, youth and music ministry, missions studies, arts and sciences, business, pre-nursing, exercise science, psychology, and teacher education. Owned and operated by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the College also welcomes and enrolls students from other denominations. Welch students have access to a wide variety of opportunities for recreation, study, and work.

**Vital Statistics**

- **Fall 2013 Enrollment:** Undergraduate 338
- **Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source:** 75%
- **Tuition and Fees:** $14,820
- **Room and Board:** $6,642
- **Founded:** 1942
- **Degrees Offered:** Associate’s, Bachelor’s
- **Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2012 to Spring 2013:** 37
- **Student to Faculty Ratio:** 9 to 1
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LaToya, Baptist College of Health Sciences, Class of 2015
BCHS is a wonderful and innovative institution that has spurred my transition from “student” to “scholar” in understanding nursing as a profession.

Drew C., Tennessee Wesleyan College, Class of 2011
I chose Tennessee Wesleyan College because I really wanted to be a part of a tight-knit community, more of a family lifestyle, instead of just a number. That’s exactly what I found when I came to campus.

Robert W., Belmont University, Class of 2013
If you just confine your education to the classroom, it limits you. I believe when you get out of your comfort zone, that’s when you really achieve. I’ve really grown at Belmont. With all they offer here, it has been a great fit.

Justin O., Watkins College of Art, Design & Film, Class of 2012
There were many occasions as a student when I was inspired to push myself further or to dig into a subject deeper, but I also learned to let the art have a life of its own. Often times going through the process of creating is letting ‘happy accidents’ happen, which often resulted in creating something much better than what I had originally envisioned. Watkins' Interior Design is an intense program, but one that really provided me with the skills that I needed to be successful in the professional workplace.

Gretchen R., Johnson University, Class of 2014
Private universities offer the chance for students to have personal relationships with professors, live in a family atmosphere, and experience a sense of community. All of these things work together to create an environment that focuses on student success.

Megha F., Rhodes College, Class of 2016
I would sound very generic in saying that it’s the small, tight-knit Rhodes community that will help me achieve my future goals, but I believe that’s just it. The professors at Rhodes, not just my current ones, but my past and future ones, would never turn down an opportunity to help me accomplish my goals and are more than willing and excited to help in any way, much like the students here. Everyone is really academically competitive, but at the same time, everyone’s ready to cheer on every member of the community as well. This kind of atmosphere is exactly why I ended up choosing a small, Southern, liberal arts school and every day I am so thankful that I did.

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Mallory T., Lincoln Memorial University, Class of 2015
Choosing to receive my education at a private college is the best decision I’ve ever made. I’ve been fortunate at LMU to receive one-on-one attention from all of my professors, and the classes give the perfect challenges to prepare for success after college. I love every second of my private college experience, and I think anyone would benefit greatly from the advantages of its close-knit environment and friendly people.

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Meredith P., Memphis College of Art, Class of 2010
After studying color theory, I saw beyond the surface of colors—their various tones and hues, their coolness or warmth. Delving into properties of color not only made me view the world differently, but also prepared me for my career, something which I’m passionate about.

Deja M., LeMoyne-Owen College, Class of 2015
I like the LeMoyne-Owen environment and how nice the people are. The staff and faculty are so eager to help me succeed. LeMoyne-Owen has helped me develop socially and educationally. I’ve gained many tools to further my education and career.

Michael M., Vanderbilt University, Class 2013
I’ve developed a lot of interpersonal, networking, and leadership skills that I think are unique to the Vanderbilt experience. And my professors have really invested in me. I can honestly say that each cares about my success and has been there for whatever I need. I feel that's been absolutely fundamental to my development.

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