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We are pleased to provide you this copy of Private Colleges serving Tennessee. For 59 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 the highlights of the collective contributions of TICUA member institutions and their commitments to Tennessee’s future. You will read about the many ways that 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 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. Graduates of TICUA member institutions enter the workforce with strong skills in oral and written communication, team work, critical thinking and problem solving.

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

Gary Weedman
CHAIR, TICUA
PRESIDENT, Johnson University
The Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA) has served the State, community, and its membership for 59 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 34% of degrees in the State. Students at TICUA institutions come from **every county of the State, every state in the nation, and more than 150 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.

The liberal arts institutions of TICUA ensure their graduates are individuals who can think, write, speak, and reason well and are good citizens and responsible family members. Their graduates are prepared to be strong members of the workforce. Collegesofdistinction.com, a national website that identifies colleges and universities that excel at engaging students through great teaching and vibrant learning communities and whose graduates are well prepared for today's changing job market, has honored 11 TICUA member institutions as Colleges of Distinction.

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. Graduates of TICUA member institutions are prepared not just for a job, but are ready for multiple careers over a lifetime of learning.
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 – 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.
- Provide a strong liberal arts curriculum that helps students to develop critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and communication skills.
- 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. Nine 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. 33% of all undergraduate students earning a degree in 2013-14 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.
- 42% of Tennessee undergraduates attending a TICUA member institution receive the Federal Pell Grant which provides funds to low-income students to attend college.
- 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.
Providing Diverse Opportunities

**TICUA Enrollment for the Past Decade**

Total undergraduate and graduate headcount for TICUA membership.

- **2005:** 60,439
- **2006:** 62,218
- **2007:** 64,340
- **2008:** 66,820
- **2009:** 71,446
- **2010:** 74,344
- **2011:** 76,017
- **2012:** 77,754
- **2013:** 79,832
- **2014:** 79,403

**Undergraduate degrees awarded to Adult Students**

- **2008-2009:** 2,429
- **2009-2010:** 156
- **2010-2011:** 2,582
- **2011-2012:** 2,593
- **2012-2013:** 2,714
- **2013-2014:** 3,177

**TICUA Undergraduate Adult Student Enrollment for the Past Decade**

- **2005:** 8,986
- **2006:** 9,318
- **2007:** 9,786
- **2008:** 9,557
- **2009:** 9,757
- **2010:** 10,197
- **2011:** 10,055
- **2012:** 11,056
- **2013:** 12,637
- **2014:** 12,361

**Percent of Enrollment by Sector**

- **9,918** (TBR 4-year)
- **16%** (UT System)
- **29%** (TBR 2-year)

**Source:** Data are based on fall enrollment figures, TICUA, Fall 2014

**NOTE:** Data excludes Trevecca Nazarene University and Vanderbilt University.

**Student Spotlight**

Sarah M., Milligan College, Class of 2015, Nursing

Returning to college mid-career, I am so grateful that I chose Milligan College. The professors have made me feel like I am someone special and not just a number. They care about seeing me succeed and encourage me every step of the way.
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, $3,000 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 91% 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 75% of all grant aid given to first-time freshmen attending private colleges and universities followed by 12% from the federal government and 13% from the State.

Private college and university students’ participation in State aid programs amounts to more than $81 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 nearly 5,500 private college and university students each year with an average award of $3,874.

42% of In-State Undergraduates at TICUA Member Institutions Receive the Federal Pell Grant

SOURCE: TICUA, FALL 2014

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


Photo courtesy of Milligan College
Photo courtesy of Tusculum College
Photo courtesy of Welch College
Photo courtesy of Carson-Newman University
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 over 19,000 degrees in 2013-14 ranging from associate’s to doctoral degrees.
- Students at TICUA member institutions study a wide range of majors - 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 2013-14.
- 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, a third of the undergraduate degrees awarded by TICUA member institutions are awarded to adult and returning students.

The liberal arts skills that employers desire – communication, organizational, critical thinking, teamwork, 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.
The number of degrees awarded by TICUA member institutions has increased 25% since 2009-10.

**Number of Degrees Awarded by Sector, 2013-14**

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*SOURCE: Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2014*

Steven M., King University, BA 2011 & MBA 2012

King prepared me for where I am today by first treating me as a person and not just a number. I felt the professors and staff members actually cared about my success. With the small class sizes, I felt like it helped not only myself but all the other students build relationships with their professors; it allowed us all to understand the coursework on a different level.
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 2014, 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 2014, 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 2014, over 600 professionals attended meetings for presidents, academic officers, administrative professionals, enrollment officers, financial officers, financial aid officers, information technology officers, 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.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Sheryl T., Maryville College, Class of 2015

The faculty and staff of Maryville College have constantly challenged me to do better and given me the individualized attention I need to thrive and be prepared for my vocation.
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 $5.8 billion each year in fulfilling their missions to prepare highly skilled professionals to meet the needs of Tennessee. This translates into an $11.4 billion annual economic impact. TICUA member colleges and universities also serve as one of the State’s largest employers. The campuses employ more than 37,000 faculty and staff, and the external activities sustain an additional 411,800 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 over 19,000 degrees last year – graduating more than 3,600 business and management leaders, 3,600 educators, and 4,200 health care professionals. Private institutions also awarded nearly 2,100 degrees in STEM disciplines – science, technology, engineering, and math. The liberal arts graduates of TICUA member institutions are well prepared for today’s job market where individuals may change jobs multiple times over their career.

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 over 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.
Deborah G., Trevecca Nazarene University, Class of 2014

A liberal arts education allowed me to avoid the "box" of studying only one subject. I was able to take classes for myself, not simply for my major. I learned to appreciate and value complexity, in myself, in others, and in the world around me.
Cultivating Relationships with the Community

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 2014, twelve TICUA member campuses received mention as part of the 2014 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.
Carl B., Meharry Medical College, First Year Student in the School of Graduate Studies and Research

The professors at Meharry are genuinely passionate about the subjects they teach and want all of us to succeed.
Enhancing Student Experiences through Partnerships

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, 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.

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. Member institutions are actively engaging in the recently launched 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 2014 nearly 1,300 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

Hannah M., Watkins College of Art, Design & Film, BFA 2013

As a small school, Watkins is a great entry into a relatively small field; I loved the class size and one-on-one attention, because my teachers understood who I was and what I could do.
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.

Aramark
CCT Technologies, Inc./ComputerLand
Contract Furniture Alliance
Decosimo
D.F. Chase
First American Equipment Finance
HRP
Hylant Group
Insight System Exchange
Metz Culinary Management
Millennium Advisory Services/SageView Advisory Group
Niswonger Foundation
Norfolk Southern Foundation
Pilot Corporation
Pioneer Law
Purity Foundation
The Coalition for College Cost Savings
The Frist Foundation
USI Consulting

LAMP OF LEARNING - $50,000 and above
The UPS Foundation
State of Tennessee

FOUNDERS CIRCLE - $10,000 - $24,999
CCT Technologies, Inc./ComputerLand ▲

HERITAGE CIRCLE - $5,000 - $9,999
Decosimo ▲
D.F. Chase Inc.
General Shale Brick, Inc. ▲
HST Interior Elements ▲
Home Federal Bank of Tenn.
McKee Foods Kingman, Inc.
Norfolk Southern Foundation
Pilot Corporation

FREEDOM CIRCLE - $2,500 - $4,999
Niswonger Foundation ■
Tandus ▲
Waller Law

PIONEER CIRCLE - $1,000 - $2,499
Aramark
Affinity LTC
Contract Furniture Alliance
First American Equipment Finance ▲
GovConnections
HRP
Hylant Group
Insight System Exchange
Metz Culinary Management ■
Millennium Advisory Services/SageView Advisory Group ▲
Panasonic ■
PCS
Purity Foundation ▲
The Coalition for College Cost Savings
The Frist Foundation ■
USI Consulting

FOUNDATION CIRCLE - Under $1,000
CCSE
MedAmerica Insurance Co.
TMC Properties
White Realty

2014 COLLEGIUM MEMBERS
2014 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 $1,500 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 $2,425 per institution.

2014 GRANTS RECEIVED BY TICUA

In 2014, TICUA received $170,644 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

The Frist Foundation

Technology Grant from The Frist Foundation

TICUA Foundation Profile

**FOUNDED**

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.

**East Tennessee**

- **24** - Southern Adventist University, Collegedale
- **25** - Bryan College, Dayton
- **26** - Lee University, Cleveland
- **27** - Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens
- **28** - Maryville College, Maryville
- **29** - Johnson University, Knoxville
- **30** - Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate
- **31** - Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City
- **32** - Tusculum College, Greeneville
- **33** - Milligan College, Milligan College
- **34** - King University, Bristol

**TICUA Enrollment by County**

- **500 to 8,000**
- **200 to 499**
- **100 to 199**
- **50 to 99**
- **1 to 49**

Students come to TICUA member campuses from every county in the State. In addition, over 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 2012-13, Tennessee’s private colleges and universities had an economic impact estimated at more than $11.4 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 37,000 faculty and staff. Their external activities sustain an additional 411,800 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 2014 nearly 1,300 community college students transferred to TICUA member institutions.

**DIVERSE**
- 54% of students attending member institutions are Tennessee residents. TICUA member colleges and universities enroll students from every county in the State.
- Historically, students attending one of the State’s four-year private colleges or universities have a lower median family income than 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 91% 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 2013-14, over 15,000 students attending TICUA institutions received scholarships through the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program.
- Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA) grant reaches over 5,400 low-income private college students a year at an average award amount of about $3,900.
- In Fall 2014, 34% of all undergraduate students attending TICUA member institutions receive the Federal Pell Grant award. The average yearly award amount for these students is $4,600.

**SUCCESSFUL**
- TICUA institutions award over 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.
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences provides quality education in a Christian atmosphere to prepare graduates for diverse health care 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 education in the health sciences. The College seeks to attract a diverse student population who shares commitments to Christian values and ethics, academic excellence, and lifelong professional development.

In partnership with Baptist Memorial Health Care, Baptist College extends the learning environment beyond the classroom to include experiences found in real world health care settings throughout the Mid-South.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,170
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $403/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 2013 to Spring 2014: 326
Student to Faculty Ratio: 16 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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 1,407 - Undergraduate 5,837
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 84%
Tuition and Fees: $28,660
Room and Board: $10,530
Founded: 1890
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 1,747
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’s 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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 1,405 - Undergraduate 4,716
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 83%
Tuition and Fees: $15,714
Room and Board: $8,782
Founded: 1842
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 1,318
Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 93 - Undergraduate 1,562
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $22,200
Room and Board: $6,550
Founded: 1930
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 357
Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 to 1

Carson-Newman University students experience what higher education can be at this nationally recognized university. This liberal arts-based institution integrates faith and learning in a nurturing and rigorous teaching environment where students come first. Carson-Newman's faculty are scholar-mentors who imbue their students with faith and knowledge and who instill critical thinking that helps students reach their full potential as educated citizens and worldwide servant leaders. The University's student-to-faculty ratio ensures a nurturing academic community in and out of the classroom, whether students are studying on campus or online. The University offers vast study-abroad and mission opportunities and a thriving honors program. In 2013 it created the Eagles Scholars program for student-athletes. The University offers 50 undergraduate majors and 11 graduate degree programs. The University was named seventh-best "Baccalaureate College" in the nation in 2014 by Washington Monthly and is cited by The Princeton Review as a "Best in the Southeast." Carson-Newman was named No. 1 in service in the nation by the U.S. Department of Education in 2012, the highest presidential recognition for community service. The University has been named a "Great School at a Great Price" and "Up-and-Comer" by U.S. News & World Report. Carson-Newman is a diverse campus community with students from 28 countries and most states. It offers students 70 campus organizations, 40 intramural sports, and 18 NCAA Division II sports.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 605 - Undergraduate 1,757
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 88%
Tuition and Fees: $24,460
Room and Board: $7,160
Founded: 1851
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 448
Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 to 1
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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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 372 - Undergraduate 1,301
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 95%
Tuition and Fees: $28,600
Room and Board: $6,000 - $10,670
Founded: 1871
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 461
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 227 - Undergraduate 1,254
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $20,200
Room and Board: $7,800
Founded: 1842
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 451
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 to 1
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Fisk University is Nashville’s oldest institution of higher education. In 2014 The Washington Monthly ranked Fisk as #1 in Tennessee, #5 in the South, and #55 in the U.S. In the categories of research expenditures and bachelor-to-PhD transition, Fisk ranked 3rd in the South. Forbes’ 650 Top Colleges for 2014 ranked Fisk #256 overall, #186 among private colleges and #54 in the South. Fisk was the highest ranked HBCU on the list and was the 4th highest ranked institution in Tennessee. The Princeton Review’s “Best Southeastern Colleges” publication has included Fisk in its rankings for 22 consecutive years. Of the 1,400 liberal arts institutions ranked by U.S. News and World Report, Fisk was #162 in the elite Tier One group and #4 on the list of “The Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).” The American Physical Society ranks Fisk as the #1 producer of underrepresented minority Master’s in Physics degrees. Fisk was ranked in the top 15 institutions for awarding the Master’s in Physics degree for all students, and tied for fourth place for Master’s degrees awarded to women. According to the National Science Foundation, Fisk produced more African-Americans who go on to earn doctoral degrees in the natural sciences than any school in the nation.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 43 - Undergraduate 730
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 85%
Tuition and Fees: $20,858
Room and Board: $10,160
Founded: 1866
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 86
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 441 - Undergraduate 1,405
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $20,468
Room and Board: $7,464
Founded: 1869
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 422
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 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 and 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 25th 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 an 11th consecutive year. King has been selected by G.I. Jobs for the sixth 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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 463 - Undergraduate 2,344
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $25,708
Room and Board: $8,180
Founded: 1867
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 965
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1

Johnson University

With a heritage lasting over 120 years, Johnson University is a Christian community with a rich history in service and academics. Each Johnson University student receives powerful learning experience that encourages a strong Christian worldview, passionate teaching, and a reputation for excellence. At Johnson University all undergraduate students major in Bible, engage in a solid core of general education courses, and enhance their studies with a second major or a minor. Other areas of study and ministry include degrees in 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 the bonds are strong, the sense of purpose is bold, and the possibilities are endless.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 229 - Undergraduate 895
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 94%
Tuition and Fees: $12,050
Room and Board: $5,550
Founded: 1893
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 219
Student to Faculty Ratio: 16 to 1
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®, affirms the notion that one’s potential is not necessarily predicted by one’s past performance. Lane College is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

**Vital Statistics**

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,262
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $8,980
Room and Board: $6,620
Founded: 1882
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 239
Student to Faculty Ratio: 16 to 1

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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 351 - Undergraduate 3,934
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 88%
Tuition and Fees: $14,280
Room and Board: $7,360
Founded: 1918
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, Ed.S.
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 931
Student to Faculty Ratio: 18 to 1
The LeMoyne-Owen College education is transformative and life-changing. LeMoyne-Owen is an accredited four-year liberal arts institution in Memphis, Tennessee, that prepares students to be critical thinkers, lead productive and successful lives, and contribute to their respective communities. The College offers an undergraduate program that enables students to focus their academic pursuits among 22 major areas of study that lead to the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Its core curriculum emphasizes a multicultural education and is deemed a national model for building student confidence. Students are 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. LeMoyne-Owen College was founded in 1862 and is Memphis' only historically black college. Its beautifully landscaped campus is just minutes from downtown Memphis, around the corner from Stax Museum and the Academy of American Soul Music, and features educators and students from across the United States and the world. LeMoyne-Owen College is accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the baccalaureate degree.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,006
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 91%
Tuition and Fees: $10,680
Room and Board: $5,852
Founded: 1862
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 127
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 to 1

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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 2,036 - Undergraduate 1,699
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $19,440
Room and Board: $6,830
Founded: 1897
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 2,117
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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 1,620 - Undergraduate 2,906
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 95%
Tuition and Fees (per semester): Tuition and Fees: $13,395
Room and Board (per semester): $5,050
Founded: 1891
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 1,313
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1

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Martin Methodist College is a four-year liberal arts institution located among the beautiful rolling hills of south central Tennessee. With 40 academic degree programs, including a new Master of Business Administration program begun in January 2015, Martin Methodist offers small discussion-based classes with a 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, and service to the community is a key component to the campus experience, with the Martin Serves! program involving 53 percent of the student enrollment during the 2013-14 academic year. Adding to the rich learning environment are international students from 23 different nations. As a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the competitive RedHawk athletic program fields 15 varsity teams, which include three national championships in soccer over the past nine years.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,088
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 93%
Tuition and Fees: $21,850
Room and Board: $7,600
Founded: 1870
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 173
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 2014 Enrollment:  Undergraduate 1,213
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $31,754
Room and Board: $10,088
Founded: 1819
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 206
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

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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 2014 Enrollment:  Graduate 802
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 89%
Tuition and Fees for Dental Program:  $54,304
Tuition and Fees for Medical Program:  $48,463
Tuition and Fees for Graduate Programs:  $11,681 - $33,102
Founded: 1876
Degrees Offered: Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 219
Student to Faculty Ratio: 4 to 1
Memphis College of Art

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Memphis College of Art is dedicated to preparing students for lifelong careers in art and design. An exceptional faculty, small student/faculty ratio, diverse student body, and intimate setting provide an environment that nurtures talent and encourages students to take creative risks to grow as artists. MCA’s rigorous curriculum is integrated with Professional Practices, a unique program of classes and experiences that hone business and entrepreneurial skills. The Bachelor of Fine Arts, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Arts in Teaching, and Master of Arts in Art Education degree programs provide professional training for a broad range of careers with undergraduate areas of study that include animation, digital cinema, digital media, drawing, graphic design, illustration, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture. Community education classes for youth and adults are offered throughout the year, as well as free gallery exhibitions and artist lectures. Set in Overton Park, a lush 342-acre park in Midtown Memphis that also contains the Memphis Brooks Museum, Memphis Zoo, and Levitt Shell, MCA is a unique, generative environment where artists flourish.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 69 - Undergraduate 366
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 94%
Tuition and Fees: $28,870 (undergraduate)
Tuition and Fees: $30,170 (graduate)
Room and Board: $8,600
Founded: 1936
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 76
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
Milligan College

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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 283 - Undergraduate 894
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $28,730
Room and Board: $6,250
Founded: 1866
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 298
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

Rhodes College

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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 23 - Undergraduate 2,031
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 91%
Tuition and Fees: $41,262
Room and Board: $10,328
Founded: 1848
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 445
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11 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 physical 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. Community engagement 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, research, and recreational opportunities.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 83 - Undergraduate 1,631
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 71%
Tuition and Fees: $37,100
Room and Board: $10,600
Founded: 1857
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 390
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11 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. The 1,300-acre coeducational, residential campus is located just east of Chattanooga along the forested slopes of White Oak Mountain. Biology, business, social work, nursing, art, and religion are popular areas of study. 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 teams tour internationally.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 447 - Undergraduate 2,728
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 2013 to Spring 2014: 753
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 527
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $31,050
Room and Board: n/a
Founded: 1932
Degrees Offered: Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 116
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1

Tennessee Wesleyan College

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Tennessee Wesleyan takes pride in its role as a comprehensive church-related college and accepts the challenge of advancing a community of learning on the main campus in Athens as well as the Knoxville campus, which serves nursing and evening students. The college serves a student body comprising traditional and non-traditional students, non-degree-seeking adult learners, and international students. Highly qualified faculty and staff are committed to assisting students in the realization of their full potential by providing appropriate career, pre-professional and professional education, and/ or requisite preparation for continued study in graduate school. The college offers baccalaureate programs in fine arts, humanities, natural and social sciences, as well as business, nursing, other career-related areas, and teacher certification. In addition to its undergraduate programs, Tennessee Wesleyan also offers a Master of Science in Curriculum Leadership and an online Masters in Business Administration. 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 at Cleveland State Community College.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,019
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 93%
Tuition and Fees: $22,300
Room and Board: $7,100
Founded: 1857
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 294
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1
Trevecca Nazarene University

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Trevecca Nazarene University, a Christian university in the heart of Nashville 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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 929  -  Undergraduate 1,677
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source:  94%  
(traditional undergraduates)
Tuition and Fees: $22,626
Room and Board: $8,060
Founded: 1901
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 727
Student to Faculty Ratio: 18 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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 211  -  Undergraduate 1,844
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 99%
Tuition and Fees: $22,670
Room and Board: $8,500
Founded: 1794
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 594
Student to Faculty Ratio: 17 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, TN.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 1,204 - Undergraduate 2,814
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $27,470
Room and Board: $8,430
Founded: 1823
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 1,176
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 2014 Enrollment: Graduate 5,874 - Undergraduate 6,851
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 65%
Tuition and Fees: $42,768
Room and Board: $14,382
Founded: 1873
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 3,750
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; and Certificates in film and 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 2014 Enrollment: Undergraduate 305
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 89%
Tuition and Fees: $22,500
Room and Board: $9,200
Founded: 1885
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 55
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1 in studio-based classes
            17 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 2014 Enrollment: Undergraduate 338
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 75%
Tuition and Fees: $16,890
Room and Board: $6,841
Founded: 1942
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2013 to Spring 2014: 34
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1
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Emily D., Trevecca Nazarene University, Class of 2014
Having an education that includes exposure to many disciplines opens more opportunities for a person. That broad background gives a person an expanded perspective. As a hospital social worker, I use the skills I learned in my social work classes, but daily I also use the knowledge I gained in my psychology, science, English, and foreign languages classes. Choosing to go to a school that provides a liberal arts education is one of the best choices I could have made for my career.

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

Theron B., Lane College, Class of 2017
Education is the only tool that can transform one's life, and lead to a great and meaningful future. The significant and worthwhile impact and contributions that I will make on the world will come about as a result of the lifelong learning experiences and academic endeavors that are being instilled in me at Lane College. I am so glad that I am here.

Michael M., Vanderbilt University, Class of 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.

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 prepared me for my career, something I'm passionate about.

Hannah H., Carson-Newman University, Class of 2012
I would absolutely encourage anyone to go to Carson-Newman. It's a place where you not only learn about who you want to be and who you are growing to be, but also about what is going on in the world and what there is out there for you to be a part of.