In 1956 a group of four Tennessee private college presidents met in Chattanooga to consider ways to increase institutional effectiveness through collaboration. The meeting resulted in the founding of the Tennessee Independent College Fund, the precursor to the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA).

The achievements of the Association over the last 60 years have been significant:

Membership has grown to 34 Tennessee private colleges and universities. All eligible Tennessee undergraduate serving, regionally accredited, private and nonprofit, liberal arts, four-year institutions are members. Membership also includes three graduate, professional-only serving institutions.

Through TICUA’s policy efforts, students are eligible to use Tennessee’s need-based and lottery-funded student aid programs at member institutions. Student participation amounts to over $80 million every year allowing students to choose a college or university based on personal, educational, and career needs limiting the impact on the student’s and family’s finances.

TICUA, in concert with member campuses, has developed a robust procurement program. Working through agreements brokered by the Coalition for College Cost Savings, TN Smart Shop, and TICUA member campuses have saved millions in collaborative purchases. These collaborations help member colleges and universities keep costs down.

Through TICUA sponsored professional development opportunities, faculty and staff of member institutions benefit from high quality, cost-effective programs and initiatives. Each year over 600 employees attend TICUA sponsored professional development programs and initiatives.

TICUA’s support of the higher education agenda of Tennessee’s Governors and General Assemblies has resulted in member institutions’ participation in increasing the access to higher education, expanding academic opportunities and offerings, and ensuring higher college completion rates.

TICUA’s research initiatives in partnerships with member campus students and faculty have produced both formal papers and informal reports that serve to inform State policy and campus procedures.

TICUA values its relationships with the University of Tennessee System, the Board of Regents System, Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the Tennessee Department of Education, the Tennessee Board of Education, the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE), the Tennessee Governor’s Highway Safety Office, the Division of Substance Abuse Service in the Tennessee Department of Mental Health, and the Tennessee Governor’s Office. Through these partnerships TICUA and its member institutions have positively affected Tennessee’s higher education agenda.
We are pleased to provide you this copy of Private Colleges Serving Tennessee. For 60 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 60 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 over 80,000 students, which is 27% 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 more than 37,500 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 12,500 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 and veterans, 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 over 80,000 students – part of an upward enrollment 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 and Reverse Transfer Programs easing the transition for community college transfer students.
- 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. Fifteen TICUA member institutions have been named military friendly according to Victory Media (www.militaryfriendly.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 19% of the undergraduate population at TICUA member institutions. 33% of all undergraduate students earning a degree in 2014-15 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.
- 40% 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

Student Spotlight

Jack Dreyer, Belmont University, Class of 2019

Belmont is unique because of the diverse opportunities and experiences offered. From great D-1 basketball to songwriting on a peaceful quad to doing community service downtown with one of our 140 organizations, the possibilities are endless. I'm one year into my Belmont experience and I've already been blown away by my growth and experiences…The community is more welcoming and supportive than any I've ever seen.

TICUA Enrollment for the Past Decade

SOURCE: Data are based on fall enrollment figures, TICUA, Fall 2015

Total undergraduate and graduate headcount for TICUA membership.

Undergraduate Degrees Awarded to Adult Students

SOURCE: TICUA, 2015

NOTE: Data excludes Trevecca Nazarene University and Vanderbilt University.

Percent of Enrollment by Sector

SOURCE: Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2015

TICUA Undergraduate Adult Student Enrollment for the Past Decade

SOURCE: TICUA, 2015
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, $3,300 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.

- Fifteen TICUA colleges and universities participate in the Tennessee Promise Scholarship Program.

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 92% 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 77% of all grant aid given to first-time freshmen attending private colleges and universities followed by 11% from the federal government and 12% from the State.

- TICUA member institutions will provide more than $625 million in institutional aid to their students in 2015-16.

- 33% of undergraduate students attending TICUA member institutions receive the Federal Pell Grant which targets low-income students.

- 40% of Tennessee undergraduates attending a TICUA member institution receive the Pell Grant. The average yearly award is $4,698.

Private college and university students’ participation in State aid programs amounts to more than $82.5 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.

**Making College Affordable through Student Aid**

**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 between $1,750 and $2,250 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 6,600 private college and university students each year with an average award of $3,982.
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 2014-15 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 2,300 students graduated with majors in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields in 2014-15.
- 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, veteran, 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.

TICUA member institutions are committed to ensuring students graduate in a reasonable time, earn a degree that will serve them well in the workforce, and are prepared for their future lives as leaders of their families and communities.
The number of degrees awarded by TICUA member institutions has increased by 22% in the last five years.

SOURCE: TICUA, 2015

Number of Degrees Awarded by Sector, 2014-15

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SOURCE: Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2015

Percent of Degrees Awarded by Sector, 2014-15

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source: Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2015

Kelly Hertzel, Maryville College, Class of 2014

The world of the financial auditor has grown increasingly more focused on communication. Whether it be leading client meetings or documenting audit procedures, the education I received from Maryville College allowed me to obtain the right balance of technical accounting education and communication skills that will continue to help me excel in my career.

 SOURCE: TICUA, 2015
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 $30 million through the procurement agreements** offered through TICUA.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

TICUA further supports its member campuses by offering **professional development activities, meetings, and webinars** for the employees of its member institutions. In 2015, 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 2015, over **700 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

Cameron Sauro, King University, Class of 2017

As an international student at King University, this has been the best cross-cultural experience I could ever get. It has enabled me to mature and grow as a person, and it has provided me with the opportunity to experience a culture I never would have had the chance to if I didn’t come here.
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.

TICUA member campuses awarded over 19,000 degrees in 2015 – graduating more than 3,700 business and management leaders, 2,600 educators, and 4,300 health care professionals. Private institutions also awarded nearly 2,300 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 37,500 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.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Jameel Porter, Lane College, Class of 2015

Lane provided me with a sound knowledge base and key interpersonal skills...obtained through various experiences that prepared me for my career right after graduation. I am now immersed in the General Electric (GE) Power and Water Financial Management Program. Upon completion, I will become an executive in one of the world’s leading corporations.
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.
Cultivating Relationships with the
Community

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Matt Mart, Maryville College, Class of 2009

My daily work in medicine requires a keen appreciation for the role of science in approaching the treatment of disease, as well as a deep understanding of human nature. Maryville College offered the perfect blend of rigorous education in the natural sciences combined with a focus on the liberal arts and humanities so important to developing a well-rounded individual. I found that my education at Maryville College exquisitely prepared me to step into my role as a physician.
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.

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.
**RICUA-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 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 2015 more than 1,100 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.
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.

- Aruba Networks & Layer 3 Communications
- BKD CPAs & Advisors
- Blackboard
- CCT Technologies, Inc./ComputerLand
- D.F. Chase
- First American Equipment Finance
- HRP Associates
- McKee Foods Kingman, Inc.
- Metz Culinary Management
- Millennium Advisory Services/SageView Advisory Group
- Niswonger Foundation
- Norfolk Southern Foundation
- Provista
- Renasant Bank
- Southwest Contract Furniture
- Tristar Bank
- USI Consulting
- Waller Law
2015 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.

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.

2015 GRANTS RECEIVED BY TICUA

In 2015, TICUA received $166,481 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

TICUA

Corporate Relations 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 co

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**

Students come to TICUA member campuses from every county in the State. In addition, over 37,500 students from outside Tennessee enroll at TICUA member campuses.
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 2015 more than 1,100 community college students transferred to TICUA member institutions.

DIVERSE

• 53% 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 19% of the undergraduate enrollment at TICUA member institutions.

AFFORDABLE

• Approximately 92% 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 2014-15, over 15,000 students attending TICUA institutions received scholarships through the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program.
• Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA) grant reaches over 6,600 low-income private college students a year at an average award amount of nearly $4,000.
• In Fall 2014, 33% 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.
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 2015 Enrollment:  Graduate 47 - Undergraduate 337
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 84%
Tuition and Fees: $19,950
Room and Board: $8,900
Founded: 1961
Levels of Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 159
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 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 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 2015 Enrollment:  Undergraduate 1,079
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; $600/year board
Founded: 1994
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 185
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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 1,367  -  Undergraduate 5,983
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 88%
Tuition and Fees: $30,000
Room and Board: $10,970
Founded: 1890
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 1,747
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

Bethel University

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A Christian-based school that began in 1842, Bethel University has long been in the business of giving hope for a brighter future to its students. In fact, in its most recent years, Bethel has given opportunities to students who might not have had the same opportunities at other private, Christian universities. Today, it continues to provide diverse options with on-campus, online, and blended coursework that leads to Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees. Bethel has been recognized for many of its programs. It was recently ranked #2 in the nation by bestcolleges.com as a Top Christian Online Liberal Arts College. It also continuously stands out in its traditional programs like nursing where its graduates have achieved a 100% pass rate on the nurse licensure examination. A recent intentional focus is on helping students leave not just with knowledge and a degree, but with connections that will land them their dream jobs. Bethel provides scholarship opportunities that lower student debt for graduates.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 1,140  -  Undergraduate 4,466
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 74%
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 2014 to Spring 2015: 1,457
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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 98 - Undergraduate 1,377  
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%  
Tuition and Fees: $23,300  
Room and Board: $6,690  
Founded: 1930  
Degrees Offered: Associates’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s  
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 397  
Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 to 1

Carson-Newman University

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What can you do with a Carson-Newman degree? Anything you want. 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. Carson-Newman is ranked No. 1 for undergraduate teaching in the South by US News & World Report. 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 ranked ninth-best “Baccalaureate College” in the nation in 2015 by Washington Monthly and is cited by The Princeton Review as “Best in the Southeast.” Carson-Newman was also named No. 1 in service in the nation by the US Department of Education in 2012, the highest presidential recognition for community service. Carson-Newman is a diverse campus community with students from 30 countries and most states. It offers students 70 campus organizations, 40 intramural sports, and 19 NCAA Division II sports.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 776 - Undergraduate 1,752  
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 95%  
Tuition and Fees: $25,630  
Room and Board: $8,270  
Founded: 1851  
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate  
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 442  
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11 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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 432 - Undergraduate 1,410
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 95%
Tuition and Fees: $29,316
Room and Board: $6,400 - $11,000
Founded: 1871
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 444
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

Cumberland University

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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 to not only have a successful and productive career, but to thrive intellectually, professionally, personally, and spiritually for a lifetime. Cumberland's core curriculum requires students to undertake programs of study in the cultural arts, humanities, social sciences, mathematics, and natural sciences. In addition, Cumberland's elective curricula affords students the opportunity to pursue majors in these liberal arts areas, as well as in one of several modern professional programs.

Cumberland helps students build a foundation for success through innovative academic programs, career preparation, and campus experiences. From a student's first day at Cumberland, learning takes place in and out of the classroom. Through the CU Connect program, students discover their academic interests, explore career possibilities, and engage with learning resources through ongoing lecture presentations, job shadowing experiences, and community service opportunities. At Cumberland University you can Learn What's Possible.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 244 - Undergraduate 1,306
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $21,210
Room and Board: $8,200
Founded: 1842
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 450
Student to Faculty Ratio: 16 to 1
Fisk University

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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 in 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 produces more African-Americans who go on to earn doctoral degrees in the natural sciences than any school in the nation.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 49 - Undergraduate 803
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $21,480
Room and Board: $10,276
Founded: 1866
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 90
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

Freed-Hardeman University

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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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 466 - Undergraduate 1,362
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $21,500
Room and Board: $7,580
Founded: 1869
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 399
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1
King University is a Presbyterian, doctoral-level comprehensive university. Founded in 1867 as King College, the University offers more than 90 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, Professional, and Online Studies 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 26th 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 12th consecutive year. King has been selected by G.I. Jobs for the sixth straight year as a Military Friendly School.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 453 - Undergraduate 2,467
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $26,480
Room and Board: $8,180
Founded: 1867

Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 1,062
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11 to 1
Lane College

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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 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.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,376
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 99%
Tuition and Fees: $8,980
Room and Board: $6,620
Founded: 1882
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 208
Student to Faculty Ratio: 19 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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 528 - Undergraduate 4,576
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 89%
Tuition and Fees: $14,400
Room and Board: $7,650
Founded: 1918
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master's, Ed.S.
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 937
Student to Faculty Ratio: 17 to 1
LeMoyne-Owen College

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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 2015 Enrollment: Undergraduate 945
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 2014 to Spring 2015: 148
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 to 1

Lincoln Memorial University

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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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 2,308 - Undergraduate 1,675
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $20,016
Room and Board: $7,300
Founded: 1897
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 1,180
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1
Lipscomb University

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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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 1,650 - Undergraduate 3,030
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 95%
Tuition and Fees (per semester): Tuition and Fees: $14,312
Room and Board (per semester): $5,368
Founded: 1891
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 1,334
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1

Martin Methodist College

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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 39 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 2015 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,105
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 99%
Tuition and Fees: $21,850
Room and Board: $7,800
Founded: 1870
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 178
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 2015 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,213
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $32,866
Room and Board: $10,442
Founded: 1819
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 209
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 829
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 86%
Tuition and Fees for Dental Program: $59,107
Tuition and Fees for Medical Program: $53,111
Tuition and Fees for Graduate Programs: $21,337 - $35,965
Founded: 1876
Degrees Offered: Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 191
Student to Faculty Ratio: 4 to 1
Memphis College of Art

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Memphis College of Art is dedicated to teaching the practice, history, and appreciation of visual art and design, preparing graduates to succeed in their careers, and change the world through their creativity. A 10 to 1 student/faculty ratio ensures an abundance of personal interaction with professors, providing hands-on instruction and guidance, nurturing talent and encouraging 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 media drawing/painting, graphic design, illustration, 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 thrive.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 52 - Undergraduate 358
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 94%
Tuition and Fees: $30,250 (undergraduate)
Tuition and Fees: $31,120 (graduate)
Room and Board: $8,600
Founded: 1936
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 88
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1

Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia

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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. 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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 204
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $73,022 (28-month program)
Room and Board: n/a
Founded: 1950
Degrees Offered: Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 68
Student to Faculty Ratio: Academic/didactic 9 to 1
Clinical no more than 2 to 1
Milligan College

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Located on 235 acres in the beautiful mountains of Northeast Tennessee, Milligan College is a nationally-recognized Christian liberal arts college with a distinctively different approach to higher education. Since its founding in 1866, Milligan’s mission has been to educate men and women as servant leaders in a variety of careers. Milligan is grounded in a tradition of excellence in scholarship, an emphasis on community, and a dependence on faith. These principles are taught in the classroom, and they are a part of every facet of the Milligan experience—from the professors who model lives of service and learning to the lifelong friendships that are formed. A low student-faculty ratio offers personal attention from Milligan’s respected and caring faculty that results in high retention and graduate rates. The college actively integrates high quality academic programs with biblical faith and a service-oriented philosophy to prepare students in more than 100 majors, minors, pre-professional degrees, and concentrations in a variety of fields, along with graduate and adult degree completion programs. The college consistently is named among the top 10 best colleges and best buys in the south by U.S. News & World Report, as well as one of the top baccalaureate colleges in the nation by Washington Monthly.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 376 - Undergraduate 824
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $28,800
Room and Board: $6,500
Founded: 1866
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 343
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

Rhodes College

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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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 17 - Undergraduate 2,049
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 93%
Tuition and Fees: $43,224
Room and Board: $10,746
Founded: 1848
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 469
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 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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 85 - Undergraduate 1,711
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 81%
Tuition and Fees: $38,700
Room and Board: $11,050
Founded: 1857
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 395
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 team tour internationally.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 452 - Undergraduate 2,673
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 91%
Tuition and Fees: $19,850
Room and Board: $5,850
Founded: 1892
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 744
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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 529
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $33,534 (non-regional rate)
$21,909 (Tennessee regional rate)
Room and Board: n/a
Founded: 1932
Degrees Offered: Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 130
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1

Tennessee Wesleyan College

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Tennessee Wesleyan strives to help students be more. With over 30 undergraduate majors and two graduate programs, TWC provides a wide range of studies to help each student achieve his or her individual dream. Faculty, staff, and students combine to form a community of learning, dedicated to the advancement of the college and its students. Through strong academic programs, service-learning opportunities, student organizations, and athletics, TWC helps students become enlightened servant leaders who believe in serving others, pursuing knowledge, and leading by example. TWC’s main campus in Athens provides a park-like setting, with easy access to downtown Athens and the surrounding area, while the satellite locations in Knoxville and Cleveland provide convenience to students in our nursing program and Management Excellence degree completion program. At all three instructional sites, TWC provides individualized attention and support for every student, helping each one to be more.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 22 - Undergraduate 1,024
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 86%
Tuition and Fees: $22,900
Room and Board: $7,310
Founded: 1857
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 281
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1
Trevecca Nazarene University

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Trevecca Nazarene University is a Christian university in the heart of Nashville. Founded in 1901, Trevecca is committed to holistic education, encouraging students to grow intellectually, socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Located just 1.5 miles from thriving downtown Nashville, Trevecca provides a liberal arts education that prepares students for lives of service and leadership. Trevecca offers Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctoral degrees in more than 80 academic programs, including majors in ministry, education, communication, biology/pre-med, music business, worship arts, TV and film production, and more. Students can expect internships with industry professionals, research opportunities, community service opportunities, as well as opportunities to study and serve abroad. Trevecca also offers six certificate programs and doctoral degrees in education and counseling. Trevecca’s athletic teams compete at the NCAA Division II level and Trevecca is a member of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 809 - Undergraduate 1,831
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 96%
(Typical undergraduates)
Tuition and Fees: $23,248
Room and Board: $8,300
Founded: 1901

Tusculum College

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Founded in 1794, Tusculum College is the first college in Tennessee, the twenty-eighth oldest college in the nation, and the first institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) to admit women. Tusculum continues to be a leader in education today. The college was the first east of the Mississippi to adopt a focused calendar and the first institution of higher education in East Tennessee to provide degree programs specifically designed for working adults. The college strives to meet student and community needs with additions of such major programs as nursing, criminal justice, and chemistry and the updating of facilities such as the recent renovation and expansion of the library and the current construction of a state-of-the-art, 100,000-square-foot science and math facility. To meet increasing student housing demand, Tusculum College constructed two new apartment-style residence halls, which opened in 2013.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 190 - Undergraduate 1,619
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 2014 to Spring 2015: 502
Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 to 1
Union University

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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 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 1,189 - Undergraduate 2,588
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 2014 to Spring 2015: 1,198
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1

Vanderbilt University

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Vanderbilt is an independent, internationally recognized research university located on a 330-acre campus near downtown Nashville. Known for its world-class faculty and facilities, including an acclaimed medical center and children’s hospital, the university offers undergraduate programs in the liberal arts and sciences, engineering, music, education and human development, as well as a full range of graduate and professional degrees. Vanderbilt alumni can be found in Congress, on the judicial bench, leading corporations, conducting innovative medical research, writing for and appearing on the stage and screen, and playing professional football, baseball, basketball, and golf.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2015 Enrollment: Graduate 5,722 - Undergraduate 6,883
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 65%
Tuition and Fees: $43,620
Room and Board: $14,670
Founded: 1873
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 3,856
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, Watkins has continuously shaped the cultural horizon through studio-based visual art instruction supported by a strong academic foundation, as well as through 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 2015 Enrollment: Undergraduate 293
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 58%
Tuition and Fees: $23,100
Room and Board: $9,200
Founded: 1885
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 43
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1 in studio-based classes
16 to 1 in lecture-based classes

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Welch 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 2015 Enrollment: Undergraduate 356
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 75%
Tuition and Fees: $17,398
Room and Board: $7,048
Founded: 1942
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2014 to Spring 2015: 50
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
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Markieta Lynn McGoughy, Lane College, Class of 2011
Before attending Lane College, I was consumed with excuses that kept me from pursuing a college degree. After speaking with the caring administrators and faculty, all of my excuses were completely shattered. I earned my bachelor’s degree in business and I am employed as the executive administrative assistant at Madison Haywood Development Services. I believe in Lane College because Lane College believed in me.

Joe Robinette, Carson-Newman University, Class of 1960
Carson-Newman was a pivotal stepping stone for me, both personally and professionally….It set me on a successful career path that I could not have imagined at the time, and it gave me values that are with me still.

Lauren Miller, King University, Class of 2015
I made sure to take advantage of the study abroad opportunities at King. I first went to Israel in the summer of 2013. While there I participated in an archaeological dig and conducted research on the healthcare available in the West Bank. I also went to Malaysia and Hong Kong during the summer of 2014. Both of these trips challenged me to experience new cultures, try new things, and go outside of my comfort zone.

Laura Atkinson Steigerwalt, Maryville College, Class of 2005
Maryville College provided a truly invaluable basis for my career as a professional musician. The intimate structure of the program allowed for close mentorship and guidance, in such a way that would not have been possible at a larger university. At Maryville, I felt like a valuable member of both the music program and the school at large; it instilled a confidence in me that has carried me through many aspects of my career that followed, and I continue to feel that support today.

Rebekah Warren, Trevecca Nazarene University, Class of 2018
Trevecca has prepared me by giving me opportunities to apply what I learn outside the classroom. My professors have encouraged me to take what I have been taught and dream bigger; to use my studies for the good of the community, the world, and the Kingdom. It has been an incredible experience to learn in a setting that is so solidly founded in its history and in the scripture and yet adaptable enough to prepare students with the skill, knowledge, and confidence to move into the future.