Alumni/Student Spotlight

Sewanee has helped me to become the man I want to be. I can ask thought-provoking questions, communicate my ideas effectively, and most importantly, I have developed into a better version of myself.

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Vanderbilt University

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TREY WHALEN
Watkins College of Art, Design, & Film

That’s the thing about Watkins. It changes you. You’re in an environment that’s saturated in creativity, and that has a profound effect on you as an artist.

TROY BLACK
Class of 2016
Aquinas College

Teri Murphy
PhD Student
Trevecca Nazarene University

Trevecca is so much more than a university or a degree or school where you get training or education; it’s a family. And families stick together. No matter how you’re feeling or doing, there’s someone that’s here for you.

GABRIELA SALINAS
Class of 2011
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Greetings

We are pleased to provide you this copy of *Private Colleges Serving Tennessee*. For over 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

Randy Lowry
CHAIR, TICUA
PRESIDENT, Lipscomb University
The Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA) has served the State, community, and its membership for over 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 **81,000 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 38,000 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 10 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 focus on serving **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 **early 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 by providing 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.
- Embrace the Tennessee Transfer Pathway and Reverse Transfers Programs easing the transition for community college transfer students.
- Match federal scholarship dollars to veterans through the Yellow Ribbon GI Bill.
- Offer adult degree completion programs that assist working adults in completing a college degree in a timely manner.
- Participate in Tennessee Promise, which provides a last-dollar scholarship for recent high school graduates to pursue an Associate’s degree.
- Assist adult students to complete a college degree through Tennessee Reconnect.
- Grant students credit for prior learning and experiences through Timewise TN and campus academic policy.

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**Tennessee’s Independent Colleges and Universities enroll a diverse student body.**

Undergraduate percent by Ethnicity

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<td>White</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Black or African American</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>American Indian or Alaska Native</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
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<td>Two or more races</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
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<td>Non-Resident Alien</td>
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**SOURCE:** TICUA, FALL 2016

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**TICUA Undergraduates**

- Pell students
  - 39% of In-State undergraduates
  - TICUA institutions receive the Federal Pell Grant

- Adult students
  - 18% of TICUA undergraduates were aged 25 and over
  - 32% of TICUA undergraduate degrees were awarded to Adult students aged 25 and over

In 2015-16, TICUA member institutions awarded 3,484 undergraduate degrees to adult students (253 Associate’s and 3,231 Bachelor’s).

**SOURCE:** TICUA, FALL 2016
TICUA Enrollment

80,380 81,231 79,803 77,754 81,231

Each fall, TICUA member institutions receive over 4,000 transfer students.

TICUA Fall Transfer Students

4,086 4,202 4,244 4,077 4,166

Total undergraduate and graduate headcount for TICUA membership.

Percent of enrollment by sector

29% TBR 4-year
27% TICUA
28% TBR 2-year
16% UT System

SOURCE: TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION AND TICUA, FALL 2016
Making College Affordable through Student Aid

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

- 78% Independent College Grant Aid
- 11% State Grant Aid
- 11% Federal Grant Aid

**The Share of Graduates Not Making Payments on Their Federal Student Loans, 2013 Three-Year Cohort Default Rates**

Graduates of TICUA member institutions have the lowest default rates of any higher education sector in the state.

**Average TUITION and Fee charges for 2016-17**

- TICUA: $24,976
- Southern: $29,193
- National: $33,479

According to the College Board report Trends in College Pricing, 2016, the national average published tuition and fees at private, non-profit 4-year institutions was $33,479, 34% higher than the average tuition at a TICUA member institution. The average for private, non-profit 4-year institutions in the South was $29,193, 14% higher than the average tuition at a TICUA member institution.

**Average DEBT for graduating Students**

- TICUA: $27,217
- National Average: $30,100

The average debt of students graduating from TICUA member institutions in 2014-15 was $27,217. This is lower than the national average for students at private schools of $30,100 and comparable to students at Tennessee public universities. The percent of students graduating with debt at TICUA members (58%) also is lower than the national average (68%).

Source: The Institute for College Access & Success.

**92% of first-time freshmen receive generous aid**

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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 assistance based on financial need and academic performance. TICUA member institutions remain affordable and accessible to middle- and low-income students.
Ensuring Success

TICUA member institutions are committed to ensuring that students who start college can graduate in a reasonable time, earn a valuable degree that will serve them well in the workforce, and are prepared for their future lives as leaders of their families and communities. Low student to faculty ratios, mentorship programs, academic advisors, structured learning communities, and student support services keep students academically on track to graduate.

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. The broad-based liberal arts programs prepare graduates for lives as productive citizens and life-long learners.

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

**TICUA Institutions Graduation Rates**

- **4-year**
  - 45%
- **5-year**
  - 55%
- **6-year**
  - 57%

**4-yr Public Universities Graduation Rates**

- **4-year**
  - 24%
- **5-year**
  - 43%
- **6-year**
  - 49%

*Source: US Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems (IPEDS) "Graduation Rate" survey, 2015 (Fall 2009 cohort)*
Total Degrees Awarded by TICUA Member Institutions

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<td>2012-2013</td>
<td>18,887</td>
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<td>2013-2014</td>
<td>19,477</td>
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<td>2014-2015</td>
<td>19,804</td>
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<td>2015-2016</td>
<td>20,261</td>
<td>11,311</td>
<td>10,300</td>
<td>18,254</td>
<td>60,126</td>
<td>34%</td>
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The number of degrees awarded by TICUA member institutions has increased by 18% in the last five years.

SOURCE: TICUA, 2016

Percent of Degrees Awarded by Sector, 2015-16

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<td>Associate</td>
<td>537</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>10,300</td>
<td>418</td>
<td>11,255</td>
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<td>Bachelor</td>
<td>12,554</td>
<td>7,910</td>
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<td>13,804</td>
<td>34,268</td>
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<td>Master</td>
<td>5,447</td>
<td>2,164</td>
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<td>3,380</td>
<td>10,991</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>First Professional</td>
<td>915</td>
<td>641</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>239</td>
<td>1,795</td>
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<tr>
<td>Doctoral</td>
<td>808</td>
<td>596</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>413</td>
<td>1,817</td>
<td>44%</td>
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TOTAL            | 20,261|11,311|10,300     |18,254      |60,126 |34%      |

SOURCE: Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2016
NOTE: Does not include certificates or Education Specialist (Ed.S) degrees
Tennessee’s independent colleges and universities recognize the need to work collaboratively to reduce costs, share ideas, and improve higher education statewide.

**TICUA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES**

In 2016, TICUA launched an innovative leadership development initiative for campus faculty, staff, and administrators. The two programs of the leadership initiative provide the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare campus officials for leadership roles thereby strengthening the campus’ leadership team. The TICUA Executive Leadership Institute for senior campus officials meets monthly throughout the year with member campus presidents and other higher education experts and covers topics such as finances, enrollment management, and advancement. The two-day TICUA Aspiring Leadership program targets campus officials with 3-5 years of experience who are seeking to advance to a more senior role and provides attendees the opportunity to evaluate their own skills against the primary leadership needs in today’s private higher education environment.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

TICUA supports its member campuses by offering professional development activities, meetings, and webinars for faculty and staff. These timely trainings allow institutional employees to gain the insight and advice of nationally renowned speakers and network and share best practices with peers at other Tennessee institutions.

**COALITION OF HEALTHY AND SAFE CAMPUS COMMUNITIES**

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 and high risk drinking, drug abuse, and associated violence on Tennessee’s campuses and in their local communities. CHASCo, an administrative unit of TICUA, is funded through grants from State agencies like the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.
Collaborating to Reduce Costs and Improve Student Experiences

**PROCUREMENT PROGRAM**

TICUA consolidates the purchasing power of member campuses to provide greater opportunities in purchasing select products and services. Agreements and relationships with local and national businesses provide discounts on frequently purchased goods and services such as equipment financing, safety and security protocols, instructional technology, furniture, computer equipment, and more.

**TICUA BENEFIT CONSORTIUM**

The TICUA Benefit Consortium (TBC) offers a self-funded health care plan to member campuses. TBC serves to increase efficiencies and consistency in the delivery of health care benefits for those employed by participating campuses. TBC is the only state-licensed, self-funded, multiple employer welfare arrangement in Tennessee.
TICUA plays an important role in the State’s strong higher education system, which is a driving force behind economic development and job growth in the state. Besides the significant economic impact, independent colleges and universities improve productivity and quality of life through increased levels of education for citizens across the state. State and local communities benefit from an array of educational, social, recreational, and cultural activities offered by independent colleges and universities. Academic lectures, athletic competitions, volunteer service, and other programs enhance the community and provide beneficial outlets to Tennesseans. Students attending TICUA member institutions support local reading groups for children, assist the elderly, and engage in community service for those less fortunate. Students who graduate from Tennessee’s private, non-profit colleges and universities settle in the State’s communities, serving and educating fellow citizens.
Impacting the State and Local Communities

Additional jobs in local communities created and sustained by TICUA member campus activities

Photo courtesy of Vanderbilt University

Photo courtesy of Welch College

Photo courtesy of Southern College of Optometry

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Photo courtesy of Watkins College of Art, Design & Film

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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 2015, sixteen TICUA member campuses received mention as part of the 2015 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.
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 state-wide 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 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.
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.

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 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 2016 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.
2016 HONOR ROLL OF CORPORATE INVESTORS

FOUNDERS CIRCLE - $10,000 - $24,999
AT&T
CCT Technologies, Inc./ComputerLand
Niswonger Foundation
Waller Law

HERITAGE CIRCLE - $5,000 - $9,999
Norfolk Southern Foundation
Pilot Corporation
Scarlett Family Foundation
Randy Boyd

FREEDOM CIRCLE - $2,500 - $4,999
LBMC Family of Companies
Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC
Metz Culinary Management
Renasant Bank

PIONEER CIRCLE - $1,000 - $2,499
A-Z Office Resource
AffinityLTC, LLC
Blackboard Inc.
CapinCrouse, LLP
Contract Furniture Alliance
CDW-G
Credo – Higher Education Consulting
D.F. Chase Inc.
GCA Services Group
First American Equipment Finance
General Shale Brick
Hylant Group
HRP Associates
Layer 3 Communications, LLC
Millennium Advisory Service, Inc.
Payscape Advisors
Personal Computer Systems, Inc.
PNC Bank
Purity Foundation
SageView Advisory Group
Southwest Contract Furniture
USI Insurance Services

FOUNDATION CIRCLE - Under $999
MedAmerica Insurance Co.
TMC Properties
White Realty

2016 COLLEGIUM MEMBERS

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

- AT&T
- CapinCrouse, LLP
- HRP Associates
- LBMC Family of Companies
- Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC
- Metz Culinary Management
- Millennium Advisory Service, Inc.
- SageView Advisory Group
- Niswonger Foundation
- Norfolk Southern Foundation
- Randy Boyd
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**2016 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

TICUA administers 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.

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

**2016 GRANTS RECEIVED BY TICUA**

In 2016, TICUA received $109,820.64 from

Higher Education Prevention grant from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

**FOUNDED**

1956 as a Tennessee non-profit corporation

**MISSION**

The Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association engages Tennessee’s private colleges and universities to work collaboratively in areas of public policy, cost containment, and professional development to better serve 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
East Tennessee

24 - Southern Adventist University, Collegedale
25 - Bryan College, Dayton
26 - Lee University, Cleveland
27 - Tennessee Wesleyan University, 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 member institutions operate 34 main campuses and 80 satellite and off-site degree programs, including out-of-state programs.

TICUA Enrollment by County

Students come to TICUA member campuses from every county in the State. In addition, over 38,000 students from outside Tennessee enroll at TICUA member campuses.
Weston Keen, Freed-Hardeman University
Through the numerous science classes at Freed-Hardeman, I felt that I was prepared academically for the coursework of pharmacy school. I also feel like Freed-Hardeman prepared me spiritually for the large workload and the temptation of stress that graduate school can bring.

Cinthia Jiminez, Class of 2019, Aquinas College
One of the biggest surprises I found at Aquinas was that the instructors and faculty have real relationships with the students and each other. That was completely new to me, to see my teachers as ordinary people or even friends. They’re actually interested in each one of us on a personal level. It really feels like family, like being with an aunt or uncle. It’s that easy to talk to them.

Jill Salyers, Tusculum College Graduate
Completing my degree through Tusculum’s adult program enabled me to grow my career in new and exciting ways. I loved that I was able to work a full-time job and be a supportive parent, all while obtaining my degree.

Matt Murril, Class of 2008, Maryville College
Exposure to diverse perspectives through the core curriculum, conversations with many wonderfully supportive faculty, and even laboratory exercises fundamentally shaped my interests and led to opportunities for exploration. My time at Maryville College was absolutely instrumental in cultivating my passion for research and medicine and faculty members have continued to tirelessly advocate for my development long after graduation.

Tierra Hayes, Class of 2020, Southern Adventist University
Attending a private school like Southern Adventist University has helped me flourish as a student. Southern’s tight-knit community fosters growth and individuality. I am not just a number here; all of my professors know my name. I feel free to ask them questions because I know they care. This has made my college experience unforgettable.

Ana Trudeau, Class of 2017, Aquinas College
I’m pushed to consider not just my own self-serving career path, but how my vocation will ultimately fulfill my calling to love my neighbor and better the world.
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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 2016 Enrollment:  Graduate 32 - Undergraduate 312  
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%  
Tuition and Fees: $21,350  
Room and Board: $8,850  
Founded: 1961  
Levels of Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s  
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 121  
Student to Faculty Ratio: 7 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 2016 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,076  
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 95%  
Tuition and Fees: $411/credit hour  
Room: $1,300  
Founded: 1994  
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s  
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 183  
Student to Faculty Ratio: 17 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 1,430  -  Undergraduate 6,293
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 91%
Tuition and Fees: $31,390
Room and Board: $11,330
Founded: 1890
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 1,888
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. 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 ranked second in the nation in the BestColleges.com list of Best Online Christian Liberal Arts Colleges for 2015. It also was named the top accredited online school in Tennessee for the 2015-2016 school year by Accredited Schools Online (accreditedschoolsonline.org). And Bethel’s online Master’s in Criminal Justice program has been ranked 7th in the nation by Affordable Colleges Online for the Best Online Master’s in Criminal Justice Degrees 2016 list. Furthermore, Bethel’s traditional face-to-face nursing program recently achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX, the national examination that determines the readiness of nursing graduates.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 1,025  -  Undergraduate 4,682
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 100%
Tuition and Fees: $15,764
Room and Board: $8,974
Founded: 1842
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 1,295
Student to Faculty Ratio: 16 to 1
Bryan College

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“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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 132  -  Undergraduate 1,323
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 95%
Tuition and Fees: $24,450
Room and Board: $6,990
Founded: 1930
Degrees Offered: Associates’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 336
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 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 was named a "Great School at a Great Price" 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 cited as a "College of Distinction" and "Christian College of Distinction," by the Colleges of Distinction organization. It also was named to the President’s Honor Roll for Service by the US Department of Education for the fifth straight year. Carson-Newman is a diverse campus community with students from 34 countries and most states. It offers students 70 campus organizations, 40 intramural sports, and 19 NCAA Division II sports.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 847  -  Undergraduate 1,812
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 84%
Tuition and Fees: $27,400
Room and Board: $8,630
Founded: 1851
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 571
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 to 1
Christian Brothers University

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Christian Brothers University, founded in 1871, is a Catholic institution of higher education in the tradition of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. The first private institution in Memphis to integrate, it has always welcomed people of all faiths. The University prepares students for professional careers and lives of moral responsibility and constructive community involvement. Based on critical thinking, hands-on experience, and ethical context, CBU's powerful learning environment spreads across all academic areas—from science and engineering to liberal arts and business. Students work alongside practitioners in their field in an actual work environment, building invaluable knowledge and skills, and students across all majors participate in professional research as undergraduates. 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, computer information systems, and physician assistant studies.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 454 - Undergraduate 1,444
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 96%
Tuition and Fees: $29,990
Room and Board: $7,000 - $11,400
Founded: 1871
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 412
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

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Cumberland University has one of the longest, richest histories of any institution in the State. Founded in 1842, the University flourishes today with exceptional faculty and fully-accredited academic programs steeped in the liberal arts, including three distinct schools: the Rudy School of Nursing and Health Professions; the School of Humanities, Education, and the Arts; and the Labry School of Science, Technology, and Business. With a student body approaching 2,000 and over 500 students living on campus, our unique residential living and learning experience allows students to find their sense of belonging. Athletics also are a strength of Cumberland University, as our teams in 20 sports regularly compete for conference and national championships. Our world-renowned baseball team has claimed the NAIA national championship title three times since 2004. At Cumberland University you can Learn What's Possible!

Vital Statistics

Fall 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 305 - Undergraduate 1,658
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 93%
Tuition and Fees: $21,210
Room and Board: $8,400
Founded: 1842
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 456
Student to Faculty Ratio: 17 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 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 38 - Undergraduate 723
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 99%
Tuition and Fees: $21,480
Room and Board: $10,790
Founded: 1866
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 95
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1

Freed-Hardeman University

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Freed-Hardeman University is committed to its mission of helping students develop their God-given talents for His glory by empowering them with an education that integrates Christian faith, scholarship, and service. In addition to small classes taught by faculty dedicated to faith-based learning, there are special programs designed to help students engage in the mission outside of the classroom, including study abroad, individual and small group scientific research, the Honors College, a business investment team that manages a $1 million stock portfolio, and the Engaged Learning Initiative that allows students to apply for institutional funds to pursue self-directed projects connecting the classroom to the real world. With locations in Henderson, Memphis, and Dickson, the University offers six baccalaureate degrees in 38 undergraduate majors and 58 programs of study. FHU also offers master’s, specialist’s, and doctoral degrees. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges has accredited the university since 1956, and various schools and programs within the university have specialized accreditations.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 504 - Undergraduate 1,402
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 96%
Tuition and Fees: $21,500
Room and Board: $7,950
Founded: 1869
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 426
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1
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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 27th consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report has recognized King as a Best Regional University. The Princeton Review named King one of the Best Colleges in the Southeast for a 13th consecutive year. King has been selected by G.I. Jobs for the eighth straight year as a Military Friendly School.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 461 - Undergraduate 2,804
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $27,276
Room and Board: $8,180
Founded: 1867
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 1,231
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 to 1

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With a heritage lasting over 120 years, Johnson University is a Christian community with a rich history in service and academics. Johnson University offers undergraduate and graduate programs that (1) center upon the knowledge, application, and appreciation of the Christian scriptures; (2) seek understanding and appreciation of diverse cultural contexts as well as developing skills to communicate within those contexts; and (3) provide vocational options aimed at engaging students in congregational ministries and other strategic callings. At Johnson University all undergraduate students major in Bible, engage in a solid core of Arts and Sciences courses, and complete a professional major or minor. Areas of study include congregational ministry, the humanities, teacher education, counseling, communication, music, business administration, intercultural studies, public health, leadership, and management of nonprofit organizations. At the Tennessee campus, a majority of full-time faculty, staff, and students live on campus, providing a vibrant and deeply connected community.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 69 - Undergraduate 707
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 83%
Tuition and Fees: $13,780
Room and Board: $6,160
Founded: 1893
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 300
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 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 2016 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,427
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $10,280
Room and Board: $6,770
Founded: 1882
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 155
Student to Faculty Ratio: 19 to 1

Lee University

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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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 481 - Undergraduate 4,821
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $15,770
Room and Board: $8,230
Founded: 1918
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S.
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 815
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 and associate degree.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2016 Enrollment: Undergraduate 959
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 89%
Tuition and Fees: $10,880
Room and Board: $6,100
Founded: 1862
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 116
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 2,548 - Undergraduate 1,689
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $21,410
Room and Board: $7,770
Founded: 1897
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 995
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. The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education classifies Lipscomb University in the 7% of schools in the nation that offer a full range of undergraduate majors, plus master's and doctoral programs. Bachelor's degree areas of study include majors in the liberal arts, business, biology/pre-med, computer science, education, engineering, and nursing. Master's degrees are offered in a variety of study areas including accounting, business, civic leadership, conflict management, counseling, education, exercise and nutrition science, psychology, leadership and public service, 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, Florence, 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 1,646 - Undergraduate 2,986
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees (per semester): Tuition and Fees: $29,756
Room and Board (per semester): $11,240
Founded: 1891
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 1,484
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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 5 - Undergraduate 1,001
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 99%
Tuition and Fees: $23,708
Room and Board: $8,100
Founded: 1870
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 244
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 2016 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,196
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $33,524
Room and Board: $10,868
Founded: 1819
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 222
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 contributions 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 831
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 87%
Tuition and Fees for Dental Program: $63,037
Tuition and Fees for Medical Program: $55,951
Tuition and Fees for Graduate Programs: $22,787 - $37,902
Founded: 1876
Degrees Offered: Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 217
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, while challenging all students to reach their highest individual potential. MCA prepares 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 while providing hands-on instruction and guidance 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, graphic design, illustration, illustration with a track in comics, painting/drawing, and photography. 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 40 - Undergraduate 339
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $31,700 (undergraduate)
Tuition and Fees: $32,400 (graduate)
Room and Board: $8,750
Founded: 1936
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 71
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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 228
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $74,507 (28-month MS program)
Room and Board: n/a
Founded: 1950
Degrees Offered: Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 78
Student to Faculty Ratio: Academic/didactic 9 to 1
Clinical no more than 2 to 1
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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 colleges in the nation by Washington Monthly.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2016 Enrollment:
Graduate 320 - Undergraduate 893
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $31,450
Room and Board: $6,700
Founded: 1866
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 333
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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 30 - Undergraduate 1,999
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 93%
Tuition and Fees: $44,632
Room and Board: $11,068
Founded: 1848
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 517
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 84 - Undergraduate 1,731
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 83%
Tuition and Fees: $42,400
Room and Board: $12,100
Founded: 1857

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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 415 - Undergraduate 2,959
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 2015 to Spring 2016: 799
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 to 1
Southern College of Optometry

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Southern College of Optometry is one of only 23 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 529
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $34,704 (non-regional rate)
$23,079 (Tennessee regional rate)

Room and Board: n/a
Founded: 1932
Degrees Offered: Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 130
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1

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Tennessee Wesleyan strives to help students be more. With over 30 undergraduate majors and an online graduate program, TWU 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 University and its students. Through strong academic programs, service-learning opportunities, student organizations, and athletics, TWU helps students become enlightened servant leaders who believe in serving others, pursuing knowledge, and leading by example. TWU’s main campus in Athens provides a park-like setting, with easy access to downtown Athens and the surrounding area. Satellite locations in Knoxville and Cleveland provide convenience to students in the nursing program and Management Excellence degree completion program. At all three instructional sites, TWU provides individualized attention and support for every student, helping each one to be more.

**Vital Statistics**

Fall 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 21 - Undergraduate 1,105
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 86%
Tuition and Fees: $23,000
Room and Board: $7,540
Founded: 1857
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 232
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 approximately one mile 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 1,129 - Undergraduate 2,092
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98% (traditional undergraduates)
Tuition and Fees: $23,724
Room and Board: $8,592
Founded: 1901
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 701
Student to Faculty Ratio: 19 to 1

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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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 211 - Undergraduate 1,585
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 99%
Tuition and Fees: $23,125
Room and Board: $8,500
Founded: 1794
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 493
Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 1,179 - Undergraduate 2,285
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $30,330
Room and Board: $9,950
Founded: 1823
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 1,162
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1

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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, 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 5,748 - Undergraduate 6,871
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 66%
Tuition and Fees: $46,372
Room and Board: $14,962
Founded: 1873
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 3,812
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 an Master of Fine Arts in film. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, as well as the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, Watkins is 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 a year-round community education program for youth and adults, free gallery exhibitions, artist lectures, and film screenings. Watkins’s 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 2016 Enrollment: Undergraduate 300
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 58%
Tuition and Fees: $23,700
Room and Board: $6,500
Founded: 1885
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 43
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1 in studio-based classes
19 to 1 in lecture-based classes

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Welch College 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 2016 Enrollment: Graduate 19 - Undergraduate 348
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $17,920
Room and Board: $7,260
Founded: 1942
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2015 to Spring 2016: 50
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
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Sewanee: The University of the South
As a freshman I admired the seniors who inspired me with their maturity and self-assurance. I see now that this place brings out the extraordinary in everyone who encounters it.

Mitchell Keen, Class of 2015
Freed-Hardeman University
Besides academically, Freed-Hardeman also gave me the skills to communicate and empathize with patients from different backgrounds.

Kory Martinez, Class of 2017
Maryville College
Maryville College has done an amazing job at improving my ability to think on my feet and deal with new people, both of which are essential to what I want to do in life. Courses have taught me how to have intelligent discourse surrounding some of life’s and society’s more difficult questions.

Abby King, Class of 2020
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