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Thomas Watson, president of IBM, 1943

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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 independent 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 better serve 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. Their graduates are prepared to be strong members of the workforce, to be responsible family members, and good citizens.

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 80 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.
Providing Diverse Opportunities

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 to high school students **early postsecondary opportunities** including dual credit and dual enrollment courses.
- Participate in **Tennessee Promise**, a last dollar scholarship for recent high school students pursuing Associate’s degrees.
- Embrace the Tennessee Transfer Pathway and Reverse Transfer programs **easing the transition for community college transfer students**.
- Assist working adults in completing a college degree in a timely manner through **Tennessee Reconnect** and **adult degree completion programs**.
- Grant students **credit for prior learning experiences** through **Timewise TN** and campus academic policies.

**TICUA Fall Transfer Students**

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

**SOURCE:** Data are based on fall enrollment figures, TICUA, Fall 2017

**TICUA Enrollment**

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<td>81,231</td>
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<td>81,221</td>
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Total undergraduate and graduate headcount for TICUA membership.

**SOURCE:** Data are based on fall enrollment figures, TICUA, Fall 2017

**Percent of Enrollment by Sector**

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**SOURCE:** Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2017

**TICUA Undergraduates**

**Pell students**
- 39% of In-State undergraduates at TICUA Member Institutions Receive the Federal Pell Grant

**Adult students**
- 31% of TICUA undergraduate degrees were awarded to Adult students aged 25 and over
- 17% of TICUA undergraduates were aged 25 and over

In 2016-17, TICUA member institutions awarded 3,616 undergraduate degrees to adult students (277 Associate’s and 3,339 Bachelor’s).

**SOURCE:** TICUA, Fall 2017

**Undergraduate Percent by Ethnicitiy**

- 64% - White
- 16% - Black or African American
- 5% - Hispanic
- 15% - Other

**SOURCE:** TICUA, Fall 2017
Student Aid

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.

92% of first-time freshmen receive financial aid

Private, non-profit institutions provide the majority of grant aid to their students. In 2015-2016, 92% of first-time freshmen at TICUA member institutions received some form of aid.

TICUA Distribution of Grant Aid

(First-time, Full-time Freshmen Students)

10% - State Grant Aid
80% - Independent College Grant Aid
10% - Federal Grant Aid


Average Tuition and Fee Charges for 2017-18

According to the College Board report Trends in College Pricing 2017, the national average published tuition and fees at private, non-profit 4-year institutions was $34,740, 35% higher than the average tuition at a TICUA member institution.

Average Debt for Graduate Students, 2015-16

The national average debt for 2014-15 (the last year data were available) was $30,100.

SOURCE: The Institute for College Access & Success.

The Share of Graduates Not Making Payments on Their Federal Student Loans, 2014 Three-Year Cohort Default Rates

18.6% - Community Colleges
18.3% - TN For-profit
10.3% - Public Locally Governed Institutions
7.4% - TICUA
5.5% - UT System

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Analysis performed by TICUA
Ensuring Success

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<th>TICUA</th>
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<th>TICUA % of Total</th>
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<td>Associate</td>
<td>584</td>
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<td>10,688</td>
<td>430</td>
<td>11,702</td>
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<td>Bachelor</td>
<td>12,788</td>
<td>8,032</td>
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<td>14,309</td>
<td>35,129</td>
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<td>Master</td>
<td>5,835</td>
<td>2,166</td>
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<td>3,646</td>
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<td>First Professional</td>
<td>1173</td>
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<td>256</td>
<td>2,019</td>
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<td>Doctoral</td>
<td>697</td>
<td>639</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>478</td>
<td>1,814</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
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<td>11,427</td>
<td>10,688</td>
<td>478</td>
<td>62,311</td>
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SOURCE: Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2016
NOTE: Does not include certificates or Education Specialist (Ed.S) degrees.
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

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<td>47% - 4-Year</td>
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Total Degrees Awarded by TICUA Member Institutions

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<td>18,887</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>19,477</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>19,804</td>
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<td>20,261</td>
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The number of degrees awarded by TICUA member institutions has increased by 17% in the last five years. SOURCE: TICUA, 2017

Percent of Degrees Awarded by Sector, 2016-17

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SOURCE: Tennessee Higher Education Commission and TICUA, Fall 2017
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 Advancing Leadership Summit** 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 independent higher education environment.

**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 the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Tennessee Highway Safety Office.
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.

**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.
TICUA plays an important role in the State's strong higher education system, which is a driving force behind economic development and job growth. 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 independent, 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 Watkins College of Art, Design & Film

Photo courtesy of Bethel University

Photo courtesy of Bethel University

Photo courtesy of Cumberland University

Photo courtesy of Baptist College of Health Sciences
TICUA member institutions actively recruit transfer students from the State’s community colleges. In fall 2017 more than 1,100 students transferred to TICUA member institutions from the State’s community colleges. To enhance transfer many independent colleges and universities offer financial aid specifically for non-traditional and transfer students.

A strength of Tennessee’s independent colleges and universities is their preparation of health care professionals and teachers. In the past 3 years, Tennessee’s independent colleges and universities have awarded over 20,000 degrees in these fields.
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 Tennessee College Association, Tennessee Student Aid Alliance, Tennessee Service-Learning Consortium, 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.
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.
PILOT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

TICUA administers a scholarship program sponsored by the Pilot Corporation. This scholarship provides **financial assistance to deserving students**, who might otherwise be unable to attend college. This community scholarship assists students to attend the college or university that best fits their academic needs and career goals. In 2017, Pilot Corporation funded five $1,000 scholarships for students in the greater Knoxville area.

2017 GRANTS RECEIVED BY TICUA

In 2017, the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services awarded TICUA a grant totaling $147,992 and the Tennessee Highway Safety Office awarded TICUA a grant totaling $20,102.
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, Gallatin
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 University, Athens
- 28 - Maryville College, Maryville
- 29 - Johnson University, Knoxville
- 30 - Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate
- 31 - Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City
- 32 - Tusculum College, Greenville
- 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 38,000 students from outside Tennessee enroll at TICUA member campuses.
Alumni/Student Spotlight

Marissa Cornist
BELMONT UNIVERSITY
Belmont is special to me because of the welcoming, warm environment and encouraging professors who genuinely believe in me, care about me, and give me an extra boost of confidence. I know I will succeed here.

Allie Haskew
MARYVILLE COLLEGE
Maryville College provided me with numerous opportunities for internships and practical experiences to help me narrow down the population I wanted to work with and the context in which I wanted to work.

Erric Fox
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY
Classes at Christian Brothers University are about more than getting a grade. They’re about the process of learning the material to bridge one concept to another. And in my case, my professors often serve as a vital resource in constructing that bridge.

Kiana McClintick
FISK UNIVERSITY
I am eternally grateful for the quality of my education and the professors and friends who have challenged me to reach beyond my level of comfort. Fisk University not only prepares you academically, but fosters a true sense of confidence through leadership opportunities.

Tim Amerine
WATKINS COLLEGE OF ART
I'm 38 years old and an Army veteran, so I'm older than most of the students at Watkins, but the atmosphere here - there's a drive. The students have a deep desire to create, and the faculty at Watkins instead of - for a lack of a better way to put it - herding students through a system, are always focused on facilitating a better education and in the process making it fun, which is brilliant.
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 profession of education. 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 28 - Undergraduate 52
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 30%
Tuition and Fees: $22,500
Room and Board: n/a
Founded: 1961
Levels of Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 115
Student to Faculty Ratio: 5 to 1

Baptist College of Health Sciences

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Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences prepares graduates for careers of service and leadership by providing a comprehensive health sciences education within an integrated environment of learning and Christian principles. Building on the legacy of education since 1912, Baptist College is a private institution which seeks to attract a diverse student population who shares commitments to Christian values and ethics, academic excellence, and lifelong professional development. In response to the trust expected of institutions preparing future health care professionals, the academically rigorous environment requires students' active engagement in learning through a variety of instructional modes. In partnership with Baptist Memorial Health Care, Baptist College extends the learning environment beyond the classroom to include experiences found in health care settings throughout the Mid-South.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2017 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,075
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 95%
Tuition and Fees: $423/credit hour
Room: $1,400
Founded: 1912; 1994
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 259
Student to Faculty Ratio: 15 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 1,515 - Undergraduate 6,497
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 91%
Tuition and Fees: $32,820
Room and Board: $11,680
Founded: 1890
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 1,857
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’s, Bachelor’s, and Master’s degrees. Bethel’s online Master’s in Criminal Justice program was ranked 7th in the nation by Affordable Colleges Online for the Best Online Master’s in Criminal Justice Degrees 2016 list. Also, Bethel’s May 2017 nursing graduates achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX – the licensure examination that determines nurse readiness. Four out of the last five years, Bethel nursing students have achieved a perfect pass rate. Bethel’s Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies 2017 graduates also achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the PANCE – their licensure examination – showing the high level of commitment by Bethel faculty and staff to best prepare students for their chosen career paths.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 792 - Undergraduate 4,283
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 87%
Tuition and Fees: $16,552
Room and Board: $8,974
Founded: 1842
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 1,222
Student to Faculty Ratio: 16 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 'Best Value Schools' and 'Best Regional University in the South' by U.S. News & World Report. Bryan graduates leaders—making a difference in today’s world.

**Vital Statistics**

**Fall 2017 Enrollment:** Graduate 151 - Undergraduate 1,246

**Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source:** 95%

**Tuition and Fees:** $25,600

**Room and Board:** $7,300

**Founded:** 1930

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

**Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017:** 294

**Student to Faculty Ratio:** 14 to 1

Carson-Newman University students experience what higher education can be at this nationally recognized university. This liberal arts-based institution integrates faith and learning in a nurturing and rigorous teaching environment where students come first. Carson-Newman’s faculty are scholar-mentors who imbue their students with faith and knowledge and who instill critical thinking that helps students reach their full potential as educated citizens and worldwide servant-leaders. The University’s student-to-faculty ratio ensures a nurturing academic community in and out of the classroom, whether students are studying on campus or online. The University offers vast study-abroad and mission opportunities and a robust honors program. A thriving Eagles Scholars program honors student-athletes who bring the same competitive spirit from the playing field into the classroom. The University offers 50 undergraduate majors as well as associate’s, bachelor’s, masters, and doctoral degrees. The University is cited as a “College of Distinction” and “Christian College of Distinction,” by the College of Distinction organization. It is also routinely named to the President’s Honor Roll for Service by the US Department of Education. Carson-Newman is a diverse campus community with students from 35 countries and most states. It offers students 70 campus organizations, 40 intramural sports, and 19 NCAA Division II sports.

**Vital Statistics**

**Fall 2017 Enrollment:** Graduate 824 - Undergraduate 1,690

**Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source:** 90%

**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 2016 to Spring 2017:** 764

**Student to Faculty Ratio:** 13 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 366 - Undergraduate 1,526
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $31,000
Room and Board: $7,200 - $11,600
Founded: 1871
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 548
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 to 1

Cumberland University

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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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 343 - Undergraduate 1,971
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 94%
Tuition and Fees: $21,810
Room and Board: $8,350
Founded: 1842
Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 505
Student to Faculty Ratio: 17 to 1
Fisk University

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Founded in 1866, Fisk University is a private, liberal arts university located in Nashville, Tennessee. Consistently recognized for its brand of academic excellence, Fisk ranks in the 2017 U.S. News & World Report’s prestigious Tier One of Liberal Arts institutions and the Top 10 rankings of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Fisk was also ranked #4 for most awarded research expenditures in the 2017 rankings of National Liberal Arts Institutions by The Washington Monthly.

Vital Statistics
Fall 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 37 - Undergraduate 664
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 2016 to Spring 2017: 132
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11 to 1

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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 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 501 - Undergraduate 1,471
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $21,950
Room and Board: $7,950
Founded: 1869
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 411
Student to Faculty Ratio: 13 to 1
Johnson University

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This year, Johnson University celebrates its 125th anniversary! Johnson is a Christian community with a rich history in service and academics. The university offers programs that center on God’s word, God’s world, and God’s work: each undergraduate degree includes a Bible & Theology Core, an Arts & Sciences curriculum, and a Professional Studies Major. Areas of study include church leadership, business administration, nonprofit administration, communications, education, intercultural studies, humanities, public health, and sport & fitness leadership. At the Tennessee campus, a majority of full-time faculty, staff, and students live on campus, creating a vibrant and deeply connected community.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 348  -  Undergraduate 829
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 88%
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 2016 to Spring 2017: 290
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 to 1

King University

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King University is a private Presbyterian-affiliated, doctoral-level comprehensive Liberal Arts 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 Studies Programs, which are offered at 13 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 28th 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 14th consecutive year. King has been selected by G.I. Jobs for the eighth straight year as a Military Friendly School.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 363  -  Undergraduate 1,799
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $28,572
Room and Board: $8,424
Founded: 1867
 Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 1,245
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 Associate degrees in media strategies, religion, sociology, and business administration; and 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 2017 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,420
- Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 91%
- Tuition and Fees: $10,690
- Room and Board: $7,270
- Founded: 1882
- Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s
- Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 164
- Student to Faculty Ratio: 20 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 319 - Undergraduate 5,302
- Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 89%
- Tuition and Fees: $16,730
- Room and Board: $8,300
- Founded: 1918
- Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
- Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 1,021
- 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 2017 Enrollment: Undergraduate 863
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 86%
Tuition and Fees: $11,196
Room and Board: $6,100
Founded: 1862
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 144
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 eight extended learning sites.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 2,851 - Undergraduate 1,919
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $20,885
Room and Board: $7,770
Founded: 1897
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 1,307
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. 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 1,655 - Undergraduate 2,987
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees (per semester): Tuition and Fees: $15,466
Room and Board (per semester): $5,844
Founded: 1891
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 1,479
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 11 - Undergraduate 998
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 99%
Tuition and Fees: $23,800
Room and Board: $8,200
Founded: 1870
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 226
Student to Faculty Ratio: 14 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 2017 Enrollment: Undergraduate 1,181
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 97%
Tuition and Fees: $34,880
Room and Board: $11,424
Founded: 1819
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 233
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 826
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 87%
Tuition and Fees for Dental Program: $64,620 (average)
Tuition and Fees for Medical Program: $57,449 (average)
Tuition and Fees for Graduate Programs: $23,330 - $38,885
Founded: 1876
Degrees Offered: Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 218
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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 25 - Undergraduate 303
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 85%
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 2016 to Spring 2017: 80
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. It is one of the largest schools of nurse anesthesia in the United States. MTSA provides Master of Science and Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice programs with 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 to those holding a MS degree in anesthesia. The School 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, and the Tennessee Board of Nursing. The motto is: "Reflecting Christ in Anesthesia Education."

Vital Statistics

Fall 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 249
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $74,507 (28-month MS program)
Tuition and Fees: $90,000 (36-month DNAP Program)
Room and Board: n/a
Founded: 1950
Degrees Offered: Master's, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 78
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 graduation 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. Consistently recognized for quality and value, Milligan was ranked in 2017 by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 25 regional universities in the South for quality and value, as well as named one of Washington Monthly’s top master’s universities in the nation.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 336 - Undergraduate 881
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $32,500
Room and Board: $6,950
Founded: 1866
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 317
Student to Faculty Ratio: 12 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 22 - Undergraduate 1,988
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 94%
Tuition and Fees: $46,504
Room and Board: $11,290
Founded: 1848
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 484
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. Civic 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 76 - Undergraduate 1,793
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 87%
Tuition and Fees: $45,120
Room and Board: $12,880
Founded: 1857

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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 435 - Undergraduate 2,600
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 91%
Tuition and Fees: $21,550
Room and Board: $6,700
Founded: 1892

Degrees Offered: Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 733
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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 536
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $35,919 (non-regional rate)
$33,125 (Tennessee regional rate)
Room and Board: n/a
Founded: 1932
Degrees Offered: Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 123
Student to Faculty Ratio: 9 to 1

Tennessee Wesleyan University

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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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 17 - Undergraduate 936
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 86%
Tuition and Fees: $23,800
Room and Board: $7,750
Founded: 1857
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 246
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, journalism, film and media arts, 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 1,401 - Undergraduate 2,197
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98% (traditional undergraduates)
Tuition and Fees: $24,200
Room and Board: $8,808
Founded: 1901

Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 819
Student to Faculty Ratio: 19 to 1

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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 279 - Undergraduate 1,488
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 99%
Tuition and Fees: $24,860
Room and Board: $9,190
Founded: 1794

Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 578
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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 1,193  -  Undergraduate 2,149
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 98%
Tuition and Fees: $31,145
Room and Board: $10,400
Founded: 1823
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Ed.S., Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 1,062
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, 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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 5,707  -  Undergraduate 6,885
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 66%
Tuition and Fees: $46,500
Room and Board: $15,584
Founded: 1873
Degrees Offered: Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 3,886
Student to Faculty Ratio: 8 to 1
Watkins College of Art

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Watkins College of Art is a four-year baccalaureate college offering a Bachelor of Fine Arts in film, fine art, graphic design, illustration, interior design, and photography; a Bachelor of Arts in art; and a Master of Fine Arts in film and visual arts. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, as well as the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, Watkins challenges individuals to deepen their talent, refine their creative practice, and dedicate their lives to advancing culture through the illuminating power of art. Since its establishment in 1885, Watkins has aimed to continually shape the creative economy and cultural commons through rigorous academic programs, as well as through community education for youth and adults. Watkins offers a 73,000-square-foot academic, community, and art-making facility, including two contemporary silo studios designated for seniors; two state-of-the-art residence halls; and 13 acres of lakeside property in the heart of Nashville, one of the most vibrant cultural capitals in the United States.

Vital Statistics

Fall 2017 Enrollment: Undergraduate 300
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $21,750
Room and Board: $6,600
Founded: 1885
Degrees Offered: Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 46
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1 in studio-based classes
9 to 1 in liberal arts classes

Welch College

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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 2017 Enrollment: Graduate 17 - Undergraduate 385
Percent of Students Receiving Financial Aid From Any Source: 90%
Tuition and Fees: $18,458
Room and Board: $7,478
Founded: 1942
Degrees Offered: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's
Number of Degrees Awarded Summer 2016 to Spring 2017: 58
Student to Faculty Ratio: 10 to 1
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Jarrod Shilts
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
I didn’t just work on a research project under the direction of a graduate student; I got to work independently and even direct a laboratory space. I had far more opportunities to be creative and inventive than I ever expected.

Jubilee Lofgren
BRYAN COLLEGE
My favorite part is how I have been challenged in and outside of the classroom to grow spiritually, relationally, and mentally.

Aaron Hitefiled
KING UNIVERSITY
The thing I liked best about King University is unquestionably the professors. Having professors who were invested in me and in my success, was an attribute of King I cannot over stress.