



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

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It is hard to put a price tag on a life of worth and purpose

But you can choose a college that delivers educational and vocational value in accordance with your personal convictions. That's why every year students choose colleges and universities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for their opportunities in leadership, volunteer service, off-campus study, athletics, music and academic research-and when they arrive at college in the fall, they find friends with similar priorities.

The colleges and universities of the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities are uniquely positioned to provide results-based career preparation, well-connected networks, and challenging academic environments, while recognizing the role of faith and spirituality in your life.

The Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA) is a pan-Lutheran higher-education association. It has conducted several major research initiatives, providing data to support the exceptional value of Lutheran higher education. Some of those findings are highlighted here. You can learn more by visiting lutherancolleges.org/resources.

College was effective in helping you develop moral principles that guide your actions: **77%** vs. **35%**

College helped you integrate your faith into other aspects of your life: **54%** vs. **12%**

You learned more about your faith during your college years: **58%** vs. **18%**

(Percent Lutheran college and university graduates vs. flagship public graduates)



Love your daily life:

Lutheran colleges and universities excel at inspiring student engagement.

Students at Lutheran colleges and universities are more likely to be involved in varsity athletics, music, volunteer activities and off-campus study than students at public institutions.

Students at Lutheran colleges and universities are involved in more activities on campus, and also involved to a greater degree, than their counterparts at public universities.



We asked graduates, “Were you involved in any of the following?”

Volunteer/service activities

64%

44%

Varsity athletics

25%

8%

Music or theater performances

36%

15%

■ Lutheran college and university graduates

■ Flagship public graduates

What do Lutheran colleges and universities mean when they talk about “vocation”?

Lutheran colleges and universities are known for successfully helping students find a meaningful life and career path by utilizing their natural talents while also serving the common good. “Vocation” is the word that labels this Lutheran emphasis. It guides career-center programming and undergraduate curriculum at ELCA campuses.



Make strong connections:

Lutheran college and university students and parents have meaningful connections within the college community.

Lutheran college and university students are more likely to meet a mentor or role model during their freshman year and to develop supportive relationships with faculty and staff during their education.

Parents of Lutheran college and university students are more likely to meet the college president and hear him or her speak on multiple occasions than parents of students at public institutions, which parents say leads to a stronger relationship with their student's education.



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Role models and faculty-student connections

Professor was a mentor

65%

43%

Conversations with professors outside of class

61%

29%

Small classes with fewer than 20 students

90%

33%

■ Lutheran college and university graduates

■ Flagship public graduates



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Find what you're looking for:

Lutheran colleges and universities specialize in helping students find a sense of purpose in their lives and careers.

Lutheran institutions out-perform traditional institutions in the integration of faith and ethics in academics and daily life.

Students at Lutheran colleges and universities benefit from one-on-one attention from professors, which can be crucial for references and letters of recommendation upon graduation.

We talked to graduates and they said...

It is really important in current and career life to integrate faith

53%

30%

College was effective in helping them develop a sense of purpose in life

74%

55%

- Lutheran college and university graduates
- Flagship public graduates

Challenge yourself:

Lutheran college and university graduates are leaders in national organizations, corporations and congregations.

The quality of curriculum and breadth of study at Lutheran colleges and universities naturally incorporate discussions of ethical leadership, service and hands-on experience through classes and internships.

Lutheran college and university graduates are far more likely to be servant-leaders within their churches in both staff and volunteer positions.

Graduates of Lutheran colleges and universities have continued their studies as Rhodes Scholars at Oxford University, law students at Yale and Harvard, and at business schools like Wharton and Berkeley, as well as graduate schools within Lutheran universities.

Involved in the past five years with a church or religious organization: 81% vs. 57 % (Lutheran college and university graduates vs. flagship public graduates).

Of those, 50% of Lutheran college and university graduates had leadership roles vs. 26% of flagship public university graduates.

Realize your potential:

Lutheran higher education pays off in career success.

Small classes, strong relationships with professors, and opportunities for research and off-campus study are commonly listed as strong factors in post-graduate success and integral to the Lutheran college and university tradition.

Lutheran college and university alumni are more likely to say they are able to balance a career and family life while still being involved in their community and church.

Do you have to be Lutheran to attend an ELCA college or university? No. In fact, more than half of the students attending ELCA colleges and universities practice other faiths. We welcome students from all backgrounds and believe that diversity enhances any educational experience.

Know the value of your education:

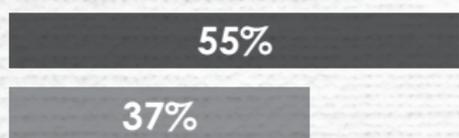
Financial aid and scholarships are available to help you finance the education you deserve.

Most students are as likely to earn their degree in four years at a private college or university as they are in six years at a state institution, thereby avoiding additional tuition and beginning their careers earlier.

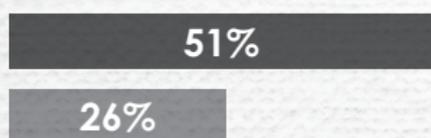
Lutheran colleges and universities are committed to affordability for all students and at the same time are praised for the quality of education and leadership development they provide.

Education in action...

Completed an internship



Off-campus study



- Lutheran college and university graduates
- Flagship public graduates



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You know the why. Here's the how:

Attending an ELCA college or university is more affordable than you may think.

Most students pay less than the published tuition at private colleges because our member institutions set aside hundreds of thousands of dollars each year for financial aid, based on a variety of factors, including academic ability, financial need, and other qualities such as leadership, artistic styles and athletic talents.

Many students work to pay for college and are successful in balancing coursework with a job and social interests or athletics.

Graduates of Lutheran schools who had student loans say they were a worth-while investment.



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Discover a group of colleges that has faith in your future

At [ELCA.org/colleges](https://www.elca.org/colleges) you will find the list of schools in the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities. Links to the websites of all ELCA colleges and universities are available, allowing you to explore the schools that interest you. Admission counselors and financial aid counselors are ready to assist you.

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Connect with an ELCA college or university

CALIFORNIA

California Lutheran University

Thousand Oaks, CA,
91360-9136
callutheran.edu/
admission/
805-493-3135

ILLINOIS

Augustana College

Rock Island, IL,
61201-2210
augustana.edu/
admissions
309-794-7000

IOWA

Grand View University

Des Moines, IA,
50316-1599
admissions.grandview.
edu/asp/home/
explore.aspx
515-263-2810

Luther College

Decorah, IA, 52101-1041
luther.edu/admissions/
563-387-1287

Wartburg College

Waverly, IA, 50677-0903
wartburg.edu/
admissions/
800-772-2085

KANSAS

Bethany College

Lindsborg, KS,
67456-1895
bethanylb.edu/
admissions/
785-227-3311

MICHIGAN

Finlandia University

Hancock, MI,
49930-1832
finlandia.edu/
admissions.html
877-202-5491

MINNESOTA

Augsburg College

Minneapolis, MN,
55454-1350
augsburg.edu/
admissions/
612-330-1000

Concordia College

Moorhead, MN,
56562-0000
concordiacollege.edu/
admission-aid/
218-299-4720

Gustavus Adolphus College

St. Peter, MN,
56082-1485
gustavus.edu/
admission/
507-933-7474

St. Olaf College

Northfield, MN,
55057-1098
wp.stolaf.edu/
admissions/
507-786-3025

NEBRASKA

Midland University

Fremont, NE,
68025-4254
midlandu.edu/
admissions
402-941-6501

NEW YORK

Wagner College

Staten Island, NY,
10301-4479
wagner.edu/
admissions/
800-221-1010

NORTH CAROLINA

Lenoir-Rhyne University

Hickory, NC, 28601-3984
lr.edu/admissions
828-328-7300

Connect with an ELCA college or university

OHIO

Capital University

Columbus, OH,
43209-7812
capital.edu/Admission/
614-236-6101

Wittenberg University

Springfield, OH,
45501-0720
wittenberg.edu/
admission
877-206-0332

PENNSYLVANIA

Gettysburg College

Gettysburg, PA,
17325-1484
gettysburg.edu/
admissions/
717-337-6100

Muhlenberg College

Allentown, PA, 18104-5586
muhlenberg.edu/main/
admissions/
484-664-3200

Susquehanna University

Selinsgrove, PA,
17870-1001
susqu.edu/
admission-and-aid
570-372-4260

Thiel College

Greenville, PA,
16125-2186
thiel.edu/admissions
800-248-4435

SOUTH CAROLINA

Newberry College

Newberry, SC, 29108-2126
newberry.edu/admission
803-321-5127

SOUTH DAKOTA

Augustana University

Sioux Falls, SD, 57197-0002
augie.edu/admission
605-274-0770

TEXAS

Texas Lutheran University

Seguin, TX, 78155-5978
tlu.edu/admissions/
830-372-8050

VIRGINIA

Roanoke College

Salem, VA, 24153-3794
roanoke.edu/admissions
540-375-2500

WASHINGTON

Pacific Lutheran University

Tacoma, WA, 98447-0003
plu.edu/admission/
800-274-6758

WISCONSIN

Carthage College

Kenosha, WI, 53140-1994
carthage.edu/
admissions/
262-551-6000

CANADA

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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada

Luther College, University of Regina

Regina, Saskatoon
luthercollege.edu/
university
306-585-5333

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