



111th Goshen College Commencement

April 26, 2009

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Welcome to the 111th commencement ceremony of Goshen College. We are delighted that you have joined us this weekend to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of our 2009 graduating class. The commencement ceremony signals both endings and beginnings in the lives of our graduates. We trust you will find opportunity to share cherished experiences, to greet friends and faculty, and to hear dreams of exciting possibilities yet to come.

On behalf of the Goshen College faculty and staff, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all students, parents and families for a journey well traveled. We are profoundly conscious of the hard work and strong dedication to college education that brought you to this important moment in your life and the life of the college. The door of welcome will always be open to each of you as we look forward to an ongoing relationship with past and future Goshen alumni and friends.

May God bless each one of you with grace and courage for the life that lies ahead. May all your dreams and service begin, continue and end in God's best intentions for you. May you always experience the abiding joy and deep meaning of a life sustained by those core values that also uphold and guide Goshen College: Christ-centeredness, passionate learning, global citizenship, compassionate peacemaking and servant leadership.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Brenneman". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline.

President James E. Brenneman

Schedule of commencement events

Saturday, April 25, 2009

- 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Senior Art Exhibit. Music Center, Hershberger Art Gallery
7-10 p.m.
- 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Bookstore open
- 10 a.m.-noon Commencement rehearsal. . . . Union Gym and Roman Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center

The following activities are planned for all who identify with a department through a major, minor or other special program. Graduates and their families are invited to join and meet faculty and fellow students.

- 1-2 p.m. Women's Studies. Newcomer Center Lounge
- 1-3 p.m. Art Music Center, Hershberger Art Gallery
- 1:30-4 p.m. Senior Nurses' Pinning Ceremony Church-Chapel
Reception to follow
- 2-3 p.m. Communication and Theater Yost Room, Umble Center
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. English and TESOL Newcomer Center, Room 14
- 2-3 p.m. Music Music Center Lobby
- 2-3:30 p.m. Accounting, Business, Economics and Information Systems Java Junction
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Bible, Religion, Philosophy, Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies Wyse Hall, Room 319
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. History and Political Science. Wyse Hall, Room 318
- 2:30-4 p.m. Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures College Cabin
- 2:30-4 p.m. Sociology, Social Work, Anthropology, Intercultural Studies. Wyse Hall, Rooms 122 & 123
- 3-4 p.m. Graduate Programs Church-Chapel, Koinonia Room 300
- 3-4 p.m. Teacher Education Church-Chapel, Rooms 141-144
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics,
Environmental Science, Physics and Psychology Science Building
- 4-5:30 p.m. International and Multicultural students. Kulp Hall, International Lounge
- 7:30 p.m. Senior Program (*see next page for more information*). Music Center
- 8:45-10:30 p.m. Reception with the President, honoring graduates and their families,
hosted by James E. and Terri J. Plank Brenneman. Music Center Lobby and Courtyard

Sunday, April 26, 2009

- 11 a.m. Baccalaureate Church-Chapel
- 3 p.m. Commencement. Roman Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center
- 4-6 p.m. Adult Programs reception Newcomer Center, Room 17

Goshen's Class of 2009: A Celebration

Saturday, April 25, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall

Senior Program

Come enjoy a wide array of performing arts talent from this year's graduating class. The Senior Program, hosted by Ben Noll and Gina Stutzman, includes music, dance, skits and more. All are welcome!

Immediately following the program

President's Reception

Join James E. and Terri J. Plank Brenneman in the lobby immediately following the Senior Program. Refreshments will be served.

Senior Art Exhibit

Visit the Hershberger Art Gallery, located off the lobby in the Music Center, where work by senior art majors is on display.

The lamp and the book



In 1904 "Culture for Service" was made the motto of Goshen College, after the term was used by then-president Noah E. Byers (1903-1913). At a traditional graduation week ceremony carried out at least by the early 1920s, the graduating senior class solemnly passed the actual book and lamp to the juniors. Found in the college seal, the book symbolizes the importance of the written word, especially holy Scripture. The lighted lamp represents the light of learning that, in a world of darkness, pushes back the darkness.

Goshen College is a place of light and of enlightenment. Signing the Goshen College book is a tradition that links generations of alumni in the spirit of "Culture for Service" and extends the light of learning to future students.

The 2009 Commencement Planning Committee consisted of seniors Bryce Bow, Abri Houser, Amy Showalter and Greg Yoder; faculty advisers Jan Bender Shetler and Merrill Krabill, and Stan Miller, executive secretary.

Baccalaureate

Sunday, April 26, 2009, 11 a.m.

Church-Chapel

Instrumental Prelude

Peter Miller, Leslee Smucker, Leah Roth, and Elizabeth Beachy

Welcome

Morgan Kraybill, worship leader

Congregational Singing

Nathan Swartzentruber, song leader

Sing the Journey, No. 2, "Come walk with us"

Hymnal: A Worship Book, No. 343, "My hope is built on nothing less"

Sing the Story, No. 16, "Peace before us"

Senior Reflections

Brooke Blough, Brent Handfield

Hymnal: A Worship Book, No. 589, "My shepherd will supply my need"

Drama

Tyler Yoder and Ben Jacobs

Scripture

Selections from Genesis 12

Emily Iehle

Message

"Leaping in Faith, Landing in Hope"

President James E. Brenneman

Special Music

Seeds: The Kingdom of Heaven

Composed by Jesse Landis-Eigsti

Vocalists: Emily Swora, Ellen McCrae, Melissa Plucinski, Allison Landis, Meghan Hoover, Alyson Dyck, Dara Joy Jaworowicz, Joanna Landis, Grace Eidmann, Caitlin Helmuth, Nathan Swartzentruber, Nathan Graber, Andrew Landis, Ben Noll, Greg Yoder, Jesse Shaver, Lane Miller, Ben Jacobs

Instrumentalists: Paul Boers, David Kempf, Josh Tyson, Leslee Smucker, Leah Roth, Peter Miller, Nathan Grieser

Litany of Response

Written by Hillary Watson

Readers: Lydie Assefa and Phil Schmidt

Benediction and Sending

Sing the Journey, No. 76, "The Lord bless you and keep you"

Hymnal: A Worship Book, No. 118, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

111th Annual Commencement

Sunday, April 26, 2009, 3 p.m.

Roman Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center

James E. Brenneman, President, presiding
Brenda Srof, Processional Marshal, Chair of Faculty
American Sign Language translation provided by Wendy Nice, N.I.C.

**Processional*

Brass Ensemble
Gregg Thaller, Associate Professor of Music, conductor

Invocation

Dagne Assefa, father of Lydette Assefa, Class of 2009

Congregational Hymn

"Come, thou fount" (see page 8)
Scott Hochstetler, Assistant Professor of Music

Commencement Address

"A Pilgrim's Mind" – Stephen Charles Ainlay, President, Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.

Recognition of Retirees

Retirees presented by Anita K. Stalter, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean
Fern Brunner, Associate Professor of Nursing
Carl Helrich, Professor of Physics
Victor R. Koop, Professor of Psychology
Sally Jo Milne, Associate Librarian
Ronald J. Milne, Professor of Mathematics
Judy M. Wenig-Horswell, Associate Professor of Art

Conferring of Degrees

James E. Brenneman
Candidates presented by Anita K. Stalter
Assisted by Stanley Miller, Registrar and David Ostergren, Director of Graduate Program in Environmental Education

Congregational Hymn

"Teach me thy truth" (see page 9)

Benediction

Rachel Miller Jacobs, mother of Benjamin Miller Jacobs, Class of 2009

**Recessional*

Brass Ensemble

**Please remain seated for the processional so that everyone can see the graduates in procession.*

Please remain standing during the recessional.

*Please turn off cell phones and pagers during the commencement ceremony.
A live video feed is available for viewing in the Recreation-Fitness Center lobby.*

Stephen Charles Ainlay



Stephen Charles Ainlay became the 18th president of Union College (Schenectady, N.Y.) in 2006. He is a sociologist by training and has a distinguished record as a scholar, teacher and administrator. In addition to his role as president of Union College, he also serves as a professor of sociology for Union and chancellor of Union University, a united entity composed of Union College, Union Graduate College, Albany Medical College, Albany Law School, Albany College of Pharmacy and the Dudley Observatory of the City of Albany. A native of Goshen, Ainlay earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Goshen College, and both his master's and Ph.D. from Rutgers University. Before joining Union, he was vice president for academic affairs at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass, which he joined in 1982 as a professor of sociology and then served as dean.

Ainlay's research projects have focused on investigations of blindness, aging, spirituality and various aspects of Mennonite life, all aimed at better understanding the ways in which people find meaning in their lives. His books, which he co-authored or edited, include *Day Brought Back My Night: Aging and Vision Loss*; *Mennonite Entrepreneurs*; *The Dilemma of Difference: A Multidisciplinary View of Stigma*; and *Making Sense of Modern Times: Peter L. Berger and the Vision of Interpretive Sociology*. He has also published a number of articles and book reviews related to his research areas and is a frequent presenter at conferences of scholars and academic administrators.

Among his fellowships, Ainlay was a visiting scholar at St. Edmund's College in Cambridge University and summer fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto, Calif. He also held a post-doctoral fellowship at Princeton University's Mental Health Training Program.

In 2007, Ainlay was appointed to the Governor's Commission on Higher Education for New York, which studied the state's higher education system and made recommendations.

Ainlay is married to Judith Gardner Ainlay, also a graduate of Goshen College, and they have two young adult sons, Jesse and Jonathan.

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Come, thou fount

NETLETON 87, 87D

1 Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer, hith-er by thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-

sing thy grace Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for
 help I'm come, and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly
 strained to be! Let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my

songs of loud-est praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious
 to ar-rive at home. Je-sus sought me when a
 wan-d'ring heart to thee. Prone to wan-der, Lord, I

son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove. Praise the
 stran-ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God. He, to
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my

mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1759, *A Collection of Hymns*, 1759
 Music: American folk melody, *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

Teach me thy truth

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1 Teach me thy truth, O might-y One, from sin, O make me free.
 2 Ac-cept my tal-ents, great or small, choose thou the path for me,
 3 Help me to show thy glo-rious way that leads in hope to thee,
 4 Grant me thy grace for ev-'ry task un-til thy face I see,

Pre- pare my life to fill its place
 where I shall la- bor joy-ous-ly in ser-vice, Lord, for thee.
 till oth-er souls their joy shall find,
 then ev-er new shall be that joy

Text: Faith Wilmer, 1947, *Life Songs 2*, 1948
 Music: Walter J. Yoder, *Life Songs 2*, 1948
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Goshen College Brass Ensemble

Greg Thaller, director

Trumpet

Ben Baumgartner
*Steve Shantz
Simon Smucker

Horn

*Kim Blaha
Allen Shenk

Trombone

*David Cunningham
*Glenn Gilbert
Aaron Kaufmann

Tuba

Isaac Yoder-Schrock

Euphonium

Krista Nussbaum

* staff or community member

The Class of 2009

The following list of degree candidates includes all members of the 2009 graduating class whether participating in the exercises or being graduated in absentia. Some December 2009 graduates have chosen to participate in these exercises. Inclusion in this publication may not be construed as documentation of completion of degree requirements. Certification of the conferral of a degree is by receipt of a diploma or official transcript noting degree completion.

Goshen College celebrates a new initiative in graduate education with the conferral of three Master of Arts degrees in Environmental Education.

Two baccalaureate degrees are conferred. Those with majors in Nursing or Organizational Leadership receive the Bachelor of Science degree. All others receive the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Following each name is the field of study being completed by the student. Use of the diagonal (/) indicates that the two fields are a double major program with two equal areas of concentration. Areas in which a minor will be completed are indicated by *italics*.

Graduation Honors

Graduation honors are awarded to students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or above with no grade lower than a "C" at Goshen College. Students in the traditional baccalaureate degree program must have completed a minimum of 48 graded hours at Goshen College. Students in the Adult Degree Completion Program must have completed at least 40 graded hours at Goshen College. Honors are reflective of grade point averages as of December 2008 and are subject to change with the addition of grades in later terms. The specific honor is indicated with an asterisk after the name.

* *Summa Cum Laude*: 3.90-4.00 GPA (with highest honor)

** *Magna Cum Laude*: 3.80-3.89 GPA (with great honor)

*** *Cum Laude*: 3.60-3.79 GPA (with honor)

Master of Arts Degrees

Nayla Jiménez Cabezas
Environmental Education
San Ramon de 3 Rios,
Cartago, Costa Rica

Mallory C. Kuhn
Environmental Education
Spencerville, Ohio

Todd A. Weston
Environmental Education
Lee's Summit, Mo.

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees

Brittany R. Albrecht
Art
Goshen, Ind.

Natasha A. Alhagananthan
Psychology
Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan,
Malaysia

Abdiwali M. Ali
Business
St. Paul, Minn.

Heather L. Andrews
Organizational Leadership
Goshen, Ind.

Lydette S. Assefa*
English/History
Indianapolis, Ind.

Ramadhan Onyango Audy
MolecularBiology/Biochemistry,
Theater
Nairobi, Kenya

Elizabeth F. Beachy***
English, *Secondary Education*
Wellman, Iowa

Lindsey Ann Beck
Interdisciplinary (Sociology, Social
Work, Women's Studies)
Archbold, Ohio

Sara Becker-Hoover
Social Work
Goshen, Ind.

Kathryn Elizabeth Veenema Birky*
Journalism, *Environmental Science*
Glenn, Mich.

Angélique S. Birky-Hartmann
Accounting, *Entrepreneurship*
Goshen, Ind.

Simon Birky-Hartmann
Art
Goshen, Ind.

Brooke Natalie Blough
Bible and Religion
Denver, Colo.

Paul Edward McDougall Boers*
Communication, *Music*
Elkhart, Ind.

Kaitlin M. Boss***
Social Work, *American Sign Language*
Elkhart, Ind.

Lorie Ann Bounds
Nursing
Niles, Mich.

Bryce E. Bow
Physical Education, *Psychology*,
Secondary Education
Muncie, Ind.

Danielle M. Bowen*
Organizational Leadership
New Paris, Ind.

Jenna M. Buller***
Nursing
Bluffton, Ohio

Terra Lynn Bullis
Environmental Studies
Goshen, Ind.

Nathan A. Burmester**
Biology/Environmental Science
Burnsville, Minn.

Meaghan Tierney Ketcham Bylsma***
Psychology, *Women's Studies*
Goshen, Ind.

Amanda E. Callbeck***
American Sign Language Interpreting
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Rigoberto Carvajal Jr.
TESOL, *Secondary Education*
Goshen, Ind.

Jonathon Casselberry-Scott*
Nursing
Marcellus, Mich.

Diana Nathali Castillo Hidalgo
Social Work
Quito, Pichincha, Ecuador

Monica S. Cender
Social Work
Goshen, Ind.

Julia D. Chairez
Nursing
Goshen, Ind.

Rafael Chavez
Music
Goshen, Ind.

Mark Richard Christiansen
Organizational Leadership
University Park, Fla.

Audra Jo Christophel*
Peace, Justice & Conflict Studies,
Spanish
Hesston, Kan.

Rachel A. Clasen
Nursing
West Liberty, Ohio

Amy Marie Clem**
Elementary Education
Logansport, Ind.

Joni Richardson Coney
Nursing
Three Rivers, Mich.

Kristina N. Crouse
Nursing
Warsaw, Ind.

Rebecca Joann Davidhizar*
Nursing, *Psychology*
Goshen, Ind.

Diana R. de la Reza
Nursing
Elkhart, Ind.

Rebekah Elizabeth De Pry
Peace, Justice & Conflict Studies
Palmer Lake, Colo.

Katharine Elaine Derstine*
Business
Blooming Glen, Pa.

Philip H. DeShield*
Chemistry/Molecular Biology
Belize City, Belize

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Communication/Art
Goshen, Ind.

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Communication
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Biology
Bluffton, Ohio

Mark Stephen Dilworth**
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Communication, *Art*
Fishers, Ind.

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Biology
Osceola, Ind.

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Social Work
Thomasboro, Ill.

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Organizational Leadership
Edwardsburg, Mich.

Grace Mattie Eidmann
Theater, *Social Policy*
Antioch, Ill.

Brad R. Elam
Accounting
Elkhart, Ind.

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Art
Abington, Pa.

Ashley Michael Ervin
Bible and Religion
Frazer, Pa.

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Interdisciplinary (Sociology, Social
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English, *Writing*
Champaign, Ill.

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Elementary Education
Boulder, Colo.

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American Sign Language
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Business
Quakertown, Pa.

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Nursing
Marcellus, Mich.

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Art, *American Sign Language*
Antwerp, Ohio

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Social Work
Elkhart, Ind.

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Physics, *Mathematics*
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Kathmandu, Bagmati Zone, Nepal

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Three Rivers, Mich.

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Music
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Environmental Studies
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Lancaster, Pa.

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Bottle Creek, North Caicos, Turks and
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Akron, Ind.

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Nursing
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Nancy E. Rodriguez
Nursing
Elkhart, Ind.

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Goshen, Ind.

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Education
Jamestown, Kan.

Sopiato Sarone Sena
Nursing
Olepolos, Narok South, Kenya

Calvin L. Schlabach
Physical Education
Sturgis, Mich.

Philip Benjamin Schmidt*
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Bloomington, Ill.

Emily Elizabeth Shantz
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The academic procession

The history of academic dress reaches back into the earliest days of the oldest universities. The costumes and colors, trimmings and patterns you will see are all traditional and interpret both the degree and field of learning. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves; the master's gown has an oblong sleeve. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves decorated with chevrons of velvet.

The colors you will see in the hoods and gowns of GC faculty represent the various fields in which the degrees were taken: apricot – nursing; brown – fine arts; citron – social work; crimson – journalism; dark blue – philosophy; yellow – science; green – medicine; lemon yellow – library science; blue – education; pink – music; purple – law; sage green – physical education; salmon pink – public health; scarlet – theology; brown – business; white – arts and humanities; and orange – engineering.

The hoods, differing in length for the three degrees, are lined with the official colors of the university or college conferring the degree. Hoods are edged and bound with velvet of the color appropriate for the degree.

Some graduates are wearing a green ribbon on their gowns today signifying that they have signed a pledge that reads, "I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organizations for which I work." This pledge is being taken on over 100 campuses across the country this spring and encourages graduates to be intentional and responsible about their employment.

We Remember...

Deanne Elizabeth Binde

Lake Park, Minn.

Sept. 4, 1986-May 22, 2008

Class of 2009



A note about photography:

Arrangements have been made for a professional photographer to take a picture of each graduate as he or she receives a diploma. Color proofs of these photos will be mailed one week after graduation. Details have been given to the graduates. This will ensure that all families will have a picture of their graduate receiving a diploma.

Goshen College

History: Founded in 1894. A private residential Christian college rooted in Mennonite Church USA and committed to Christ-centered passionate learning, global citizenship, compassionate peacemaking and servant leadership.

Location: Goshen, Indiana (pop. 30,000); 120 miles east of Chicago

Enrollment: Approximately 1,000 students from 34 states and 27 countries

Campus: 135 acres with 18 major buildings, with nearby Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center and a marine biology facility in the Florida Keys

Student-faculty interaction: 12:1 student-faculty ratio

Retention rate (fall 2007 to fall 2008): 84.2 percent

International education: Goshen's Study-Service Term (SST) is among the nation's top innovative study abroad programs. With eight host countries, 82 percent of the graduating class of 2008 studied abroad.

Campus life: Many student clubs and co-curricular opportunities

Campus ministries: Weekly chapels and worship services, Bible study and small groups, worship team, voluntary service and spiritual direction

Athletics: 14 intercollegiate sports in a competitive NAIA conference

Financial aid: For 2007-08, 99 percent of full-time students received financial assistance; average package of scholarships, grants and loans was more than \$18,036. Recognized as a "least debt" college by *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges."

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