

History of Manchester College

Manchester College traces its origin to the Roanoke Classical Seminary found by the United Brethren Church in Roanoke, Ind., in 1860. The seminary became Manchester College when, in 1889, it was moved to North Manchester, Ind. In 1895, the campus was purchased by representatives of the Church of the Brethren who deeded it to four State Districts of the Church in 1902. The number of supporting districts increased until, by 1932, Manchester served the five-state area of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Rapid growth of the public high school and increasing interest in higher education resulted in a gradual shift of emphasis from an academy and Bible school to a college of liberal arts. The academy was discontinued in 1923.

Mount Morris College in Mount Morris, Ill., merged with Manchester College in 1932. Founded as a Methodist seminary in 1839, Mount Morris had been purchased by representatives of the Church of the Brethren in 1879 and operated under the name of the Rock River Seminary and College Institute until 1844 when the name was changed to Mount Morris College. The merger of Mount Morris College and Manchester College came about when the Church of the Brethren decided that its educational program would be strengthened by pooling its resources in a smaller number of colleges.

The relationship of Manchester College with the Church of the Brethren continues to this day. The College ascesnts this relationship and welcomes students of all faiths to its campus.

Manchester College has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (159 N. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60601, 312-263-0456) since 1932. The teacher education program is accredited by the Indiana Professional Standards Board and by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education at the baccalaureate level. The baccalaureate level social work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Manchester College holds membership in many organizations related to higher education.

Manchester College Mission Statement

Manchester College is an independent, co-educational college in the liberal arts tradition, affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. It is committed to being a community of faith and learning. Manchester affirms the relevance of values to the search for knowledge and has a dual commitment to intellectual integrity and Christian faith, believing that sound scholarship and learning can strengthen both.

The College welcomes students of diverse interests and ages, as well as those of different ethnic, religious, and racial backgrounds. Within the constraints of financial responsibility, the educational program combines liberal education, career preparation, and education for service, while fostering a desire to improve the quality of life. Manchester College seeks to graduate people who possess ability and conviction and who understand truth, as it is perceived from scientific, moral, philosophical and historical perspectives.

Within a long tradition of concern for peace and justice, Manchester College intends to develop an international consciousness, a respect for ethnic and cultural pluralism, and an appreciation for the infinite worth of every person. A central goal of the College community is to create an environment, which nurtures a sense of self-

identity, a strong personal faith, a dedication to the service of others, and an acceptance of the demands of responsible citizenship.

Affiliation: Church of the Brethren

Manchester College, a college of the Church of the Brethren, is one of six colleges across the nation grounded in the values and traditions of the Church of the Brethren. Manchester maintains an important relationship with the church, a Christian denomination recognized as a historic peace church, and one that actively lives out faith in reconciliation, service, simple living, community, and love as taught and modeled by Jesus Christ. Acknowledging religious diversity, Manchester College welcomes persons of all faith traditions and provides opportunities to explore, develop and nurture faith in an environment that respects the infinite worth of every person.

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Cost of Attending Manchester:

The total cost of tuition, fees, room, and board for 2003-04 is \$23,390. Tuition and fees for full time students is \$17,050. The College offers generous financial aid and scholarships, so most students pay much less than the "sticker price." Financial aid estimates are available for interested families.

ENROLLMENT:

Finding the right college is about finding a great fit. We're a small liberal arts college in Northern Indiana with exceptional academic programs and all the benefits that come with an enrollment of about 1,150 students:

- Small classes averaging 21 students
- A full time teaching faculty - 94% of our classes are taught by regular faculty
- 92% of our faculty have earned their Ph.D. or the highest degree offered in their field - and they're in the classrooms teaching
- Over 45 areas of study to choose from
- Advising by the same faculty who teach in the classroom
- Lots of opportunities to get involved in clubs, organizations, and activities - over 55 student run clubs and organizations
- A competitive NCAA Division III athletics program with 17 varsity sports
- Successful graduates - a placement rate of 96% in the first six months of graduation for the past eight years (1994-2001). The 2001 placement rate was 98.2% in the first six months.

Famous Graduates:

Andrew Cordier, a 1922 graduate, helped to draft the founding charter of the United Nations. The Manchester College-United Nations tie is evident to this day as the College's Peace Studies Institute holds membership in the United Nations as a Non-Governmental Organization, the only college with such status.

Dr. Paul Flory, a 1931 graduate, earned the Nobel Prize in polymer chemistry.

Dr. Roy Plunkett, a 1932 graduate, discovered Teflon.

Dr. Max Bechtold, a 1935 graduate, designed scratch-resistant plastics and held more than 41 patents.

Dr. Gene Likens, a 1957 graduate, discovered the existence of acid rain in North America.

Dr. Jane Henney, a 1969 graduate, was the first woman commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. She served under the Clinton administration from 1998 to 2001.

Marcia Sowles, a 1972 graduate, serves as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Stan Hooley, a 1980 graduate, is the executive director of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Randy Dormans, a 1992 graduate, is an animator at DreamWorks SKG.

Facts about MC:

Facts & Figures

First, a few basic statistics. Manchester College offers more than 45 areas of study to 1,100 students from 29 states and 34 countries. The independent, liberal arts college is located in North Manchester, Ind. About 74 percent of the students live on the 120-acre campus. Manchester is a Church of the Brethren college; about 12 percent of the students are members of the church.

We have a U.S. Professor of the Year! Art Professor James R.C. Adams, a member of the Manchester College faculty for more than 40 years, was the *2002 U.S. Professor of the Year* for baccalaureate colleges. More than 400 colleges and universities nationwide compete for the honor. Adams chairs the Department of Art and is co-director of curriculum.

MC professors rock! *The Princeton Review's* 2004 and 2005 editions of "The Best Midwestern Colleges" includes Manchester College. Here's what one student told *The Review*: "Our professors just rock. They teach brilliantly without being stuffy and keep office doors wide open."

Once again, a Best Value, Best College. Manchester College receives acclaim for its exceptional academic program and its affordability in the "2005 America's Best Colleges" guide of *U.S. News & World Report*. The magazine ranks Manchester College seventh as a "Great School/Great Price" and as a "Best College" among Midwestern liberal arts colleges. Manchester, which has received a

"Best College" ranking for 10 consecutive years, is fourth on the magazine's list of Midwestern liberal arts colleges with the lowest graduate college debt.

Fulbrights galore. The U.S. government has selected 17 Fulbright Scholars from Manchester College since 1996. That's more Fulbrights per student than at any other Indiana college or university. The program is funded by Congress for faculty and students.

We're wired. *Yahoo! Internet Life* ranked Manchester College the 35th "Most Wired" baccalaureate campus in May 2000.

Service: It's in our Mission. Involvement of Manchester College students in volunteer activities continues to rise. In 2003-04, more than 700 students contributed more than 11,100 hours of service to their college and communities. Big recipients were the Indiana Reading Corps (more than 5,000 hours), campus orientation and Habitat for Humanity.

You'll find a job; it's a promise. Year after year – within six months of their commencement – at least 95 percent of Manchester College graduates enter the work force, are continuing their education full-time or are in full-time voluntary service. MC offers its students an "employment guarantee" – if they have taken advantage of the college's services and opportunities and still don't have a job within six months of graduation, they get a full year of classes tuition free. Only one student has exercised the guarantee since 1995.

We grow CPAs. An accounting degree from Manchester College really adds up. Four-year students pass the CPA exam at twice the national rate and 50 percent pass on the first try. Nationally, only 15 percent pass the exam at the first sitting. There's more: MC graduates posted five of the top 10 scores on the May 2002 Indiana CPA exam.

Our pre-med students aren't average. Biology and chemistry students leave Manchester College well-prepared for medical school. Over the last four years, 100 percent of MC graduates who applied to med school were accepted. The national average is about 40 percent.

Train here for law school. Each of the last five years, 100 percent of applicants from Manchester College have gained admission to law school.

MC grads love to study. Five percent of all Manchester College baccalaureate graduates in the 1980s earned a doctoral degree within 10 years of graduating. The college ranked in the top 10 percent of all schools nationally for baccalaureate origin of doctorates.

We love to teach. The Manchester College faculty is dedicated to teaching, with enthusiasm far above the national average of college and university faculties, according to the 2001-02 National Faculty Survey of the Higher Education Research Institute. About 98 percent of MC faculty indicated a campus priority of promoting intellectual development, compared to 77 percent nationally.

And our faculty really cares. In the same extensive national study, more

than 93 percent of Manchester College faculty indicated a campus priority of developing community among students and helping them understand personal values, double the national rate.

Peace: We have some ideas about that. Manchester College is home to the nation's first peace studies program and to one of the earliest environmental studies programs. It's also the headquarters of the 100-college Graduation Pledge Alliance. Annually, about half of Manchester College's graduating students sport green ribbons on their gowns, signifying they have joined the Alliance. Their pledge:

"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 organization for which I work."

Learn how to make a difference. Manchester College was one of the Top 20 campuses for peace activism in the nation, according to *Mother Jones* magazine, which called MC "a small school with a big impact" in 1996.

We build character. The John Templeton Foundation praised Manchester College in its 1998 and 1999 Templeton Guides as a character-building campus that inspires students to lead ethical and civic-minded lives.

Diversity at Manchester

Manchester College welcomes diversity in its various forms and definitions. The [mission statement](#) for Manchester College boldly affirms this by stating, in part that:

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Manchester College demonstrates this commitment to diversity through:

- The aggressive recruitment of a diverse student body
- Strong retention efforts for students of color and international students
- Concerted and intentional efforts to diversify faculty and staff

- A comprehensive [Human Diversity Committee](#), comprised of faculty, staff and students
- Diversity training for all employees conducted through [Human Resources](#) and the [Office of Multicultural Affairs](#)
- Ongoing celebrating human diversity workshops conducted by Dr. Gary Zimmerman
- Diversity across the curriculum through [Academic Affairs](#)
- An [Intercultural Center](#) that serves as a resource center for the different cultural groups on campus
- And much more...



What others are saying about Manchester College

Here are just some of the things that outside evaluators say about Manchester:

U.S. News and World Report Guide to America's Best Colleges

- Number 7 on the [best value list](#) among "comprehensive colleges - bachelor's" in the Midwest (2002) - "Great schools at great prices." Manchester is the only Indiana school to make the list in 2001 and 2002.
- 7th consecutive year ranked among the [top 25%](#) of "comprehensive colleges - bachelor's" in the Midwest.

Yahoo! Most Wired Campuses

- Manchester is ranked 35th among Baccalaureate II colleges in Yahoo!'s ["America's Most Wired Colleges 2000"](#) rankings.

APBnews.com and CAP Index, Inc.

- In the first ever APBnews.com/CAP Index College Community Crime Risk Assessment, Manchester College ranked among the top 5% [safest campuses](#) in the United States.

Barron's Best Buys in College Education

- One of 300 colleges selected on the basis of curricula, facilities, student preparation, and affordability. Also named a "Best Buy" in 1994 and 1996.

The Templeton Guide to Colleges that Encourage Character Development

- One of only 100 colleges and universities in the U.S. cited for

its commitment to inspiring students to lead ethical and civic-minded lives.

Making a Difference College Guide: Outstanding Colleges to Help You Make a Better World

- "Use this book," the author says, "to find a college where you're not strange because you want to make the world a better community..." Manchester is cited as one of those colleges.

Kiplinger's *Financing College*

- Manchester's [Employment Guarantee](#) is called the "ultimate guarantee."