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“I knew that a small school like Wesleyan would give me the chance to forge my own unique path. I also saw Wesleyan as a place of opportunity. I saw chances to become a better leader, student and person.”

Ashlee Day ’14  
Wesleyan College

This spread: Point University • On the cover: Students from Berry College, Wesleyan College, Point University and Piedmont College
LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

The Georgia Independent College Association (GICA) and our 26 member institutions are honored to provide high-quality, affordable education to more than 75,800 students. GICA members serve a diverse population: 35% of students are non-white; 22% are over the age of 25 and 46% receive the federal Pell grant for disadvantaged students. Whether students are just leaving high school or are in the workforce looking to retool, Georgia’s independent colleges provide access to traditional and online programs to address workforce needs. GICA member institutions work hard to provide significant scholarship assistance to make the dream of a liberal arts, professional or graduate degree a reality for any student. By providing superb educational choices for students, we save the State of Georgia tens of thousands of dollars for each Georgia resident student we educate.

GICA’s efforts to form and nurture alliances among members, other organizations and state agencies helped create further efficiencies, shared resources and expertise to better serve students. Highlights of 2014 include:

• More than $516,000 awarded in student scholarships.
• GICA and the University System of Georgia partnered to further campus safety efforts through joint training to ensure policies and practices comply with new federal Title IX regulations.
• Sixteen GICA members joined with the state to better educate students regarding the transfer process through the GA-TRACS program.
• Participated in GA-AWARDS, the new state longitudinal data system designed to assist education policy researchers to better evaluate and create educational policies across Georgia.

GICA and our member institutions are grateful to the Governor, legislators, donors and Corporate Ally Partners for their support of the not-for-profit higher education sector. The member institutions work hard to provide significant scholarship assistance to make the dream of a liberal arts, professional or graduate degree a reality for any student. By providing superb educational choices for students, we save the State of Georgia tens of thousands of dollars for each Georgia resident student we educate.

GICA supports private higher education in Georgia in the areas of public policy, fundraising for student financial aid, and collaborative projects, in partnership with institutions, businesses and community leaders.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Ed L. Schrader
Brenau University, President

Dr. Susanna L. Baxter
President, GICA

Dr. Ed L. Schrader
Brenau University, President
Agnes Scott College prepares all students to be leaders in a global society through its signature four-year program, Summit. Summit provides a liberal arts education within a framework of global perspectives and leadership development. Guided by a four-member curriculum and career board of advisors, each student customizes Summit to fulfill her individual educational goals.

Each student travels on a short-term faculty-led global study tour during her first year and may choose to study or intern abroad in later years. Students also immerse themselves in a progressive curriculum of courses, labs and internships with themes of leadership and global challenges. Students graduate from Agnes Scott with the skills necessary to succeed in the workforce or in graduate school.

The Summit program builds on the strengths of Agnes Scott, which for the past 125 years has educated women to think deeply, live honorably and engage the intellectual and social challenges of their times. The student-faculty ratio is 11:1, and each tenure-track faculty member holds a terminal degree in his or her field. More than 900 diverse students from 38 states and 32 countries study on a 100-acre campus in Decatur, Georgia, six miles from downtown Atlanta.

Founded in 1854, Andrew College has remained an innovative leader for more than 160 years. Today’s student body reflects a diverse community, with 62 percent minority enrollment and an emerging Hispanic population. Approximately 95 percent of students reside in campus residence halls.

Andrew’s 40-acre campus is located in the Southwest Georgia town of Cuthbert, where the Fighting Tigers compete in Region XVII of the NJCAA and the GCAA. Athletic teams include men’s baseball, golf and soccer, and women’s basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball. Students enjoy a broad selection of university-parallel liberal arts courses, and the college holds more than 20 direct transfer agreements with baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. Students engage with faculty members who encourage personal and spiritual growth on a campus dedicated to a love of learning. Other opportunities include an honors program, an active Phi Theta Kappa honor society, a robust servant leadership program and student-led religious organizations guided by a United Methodist chaplain.

Andrew continues to be a celebrated institution that provides an academically challenging liberal arts curriculum within a nurturing community. Students depart with invaluable skills and memories, and they spread the Andrew Difference throughout Georgia and beyond.

www.agnesscott.edu | 404-471-6000 | 141 E. College Avenue | Decatur, GA 30030

www.andrewcollege.edu | 229-732-2171 | 501 College Street | Cuthbert, GA 39840
Berry College provides students with a firsthand educational experience that unites challenging academic programs with meaningful work experience, opportunities for spiritual and moral growth, and service to others. This mission remains as relevant today as it was when the institution was founded in 1902.

Berry is an independent, coeducational college that offers exceptional undergraduate degree programs in the sciences, humanities, arts and social sciences as well as undergraduate and master’s degree programs in business and teacher education. Berry’s campus, located in Rome, Georgia, is the the world’s largest at more than 27,000 acres, and offers opportunities for recreation, study and research in a setting of natural beauty.

Berry’s growing reputation as a national leader has been affirmed by the Annapolis Group, an organization of leading independent liberal arts colleges, which welcomed Berry as a member in 2008. And college leaders from across the country chose Berry as the nation’s number one “Up-And-Coming” liberal arts college, according to the 2014 U.S. News Best Colleges rankings.

Students are encouraged to work to enrich their education experience, and more than 90 percent participate. Work opportunities include jobs in research, information technology, business, facilities and land resources, the equine and dairy centers, and outdoor adventure.
BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE

Brewton-Parker College offers an undergraduate education that is committed to academic excellence, grounded in the liberal arts tradition and informed by the Christian faith. Founded in 1904, the College’s heritage as a Georgia Baptist institution produces a concern for individuals that motivates our community to nurture and develop the whole student in a caring, Christian environment.

Some of the finest students throughout the country, along with many from foreign countries, continue to make Brewton-Parker College their choice for academic study. Minority students make up 25 percent of the enrollment, including a growing Hispanic population. The College offers programs of study ranging from English and Christian ministry to biology and business. Thirty percent of graduates earn the bachelor’s degree in business administration with concentrations in one of five different sub-specialties.

All students enjoy the support of a highly qualified faculty who are engaged in their academic disciplines and dedicated to teaching. All academic areas emphasize both facts and critical thinking, and all prepare students to live a life of Christian service while making a living in positions related to their academic programs.

Brewton-Parker is located in Mount Vernon and Newnan. The Barons compete in 12 intercollegiate sports in the SSAC and NAIA, including baseball, basketball, cross country/track and field, golf, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling. The College also has many active clubs, a developing Greek program and a re-emerging music program.

www.bpc.edu | www.gobaronsgo.com | 800-342-1087 | 201 David-Eliza Fountain Circle | Mount Vernon, GA 30445

CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

Clark Atlanta University (CAU), formed in 1988 as a result of the consolidation of two independent historically black institutions – Atlanta University (1865) and Clark College (1869) – is a United Methodist Church-related, private, coeducational, residential, comprehensive urban research university. Among the largest of the 17-member UNCF colleges, CAU is also the largest member institution of the Atlanta University Center, the world’s largest and most prestigious consortium of African-American private institutions of higher education. CAU is classified as a Doctoral Research University and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The University’s mission is to prepare a diverse community of learners to excel in their chosen endeavors and to become responsible, productive, and innovative citizen leaders, locally and globally. CAU enrolls undergraduate and graduate students from more than 42 states and 10 international countries and offers 38 fields of study in undergraduate, graduate and professional, and non-degree certificate programs through the schools of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education and Social Work. The 39-building main campus, spanning over 26 acres of prime real estate, is located about 1.5 miles southwest of downtown Atlanta and is accessible from all major roadways into the city.

www.cau.edu | 404-880-8000 | 223 James P. Brawley Drive, SW | Atlanta, GA 30314

PRESIDENT
Dr. Carlton E. Brown
YEAR FOUNDED 1988
FALL 2014 ENROLLMENT 3,407
STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO 17:1
DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION
United Methodist Church
2014-2015 TUITION AND FEES
Tuition: $21,334
Room and Board: $9,006
% OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID FROM ANY SOURCE 96%
DEGREES OFFERED

OTHER LOCATIONS
Newnan
The mission of Covenant College is to explore and express the preeminence of Jesus Christ in all things. Covenant educates Christians to engage culture and cultures, to examine and unfold creation, and to pursue biblical justice and mercy in community. With the student-faculty relationship and strong teaching and scholarship at the foundation, Covenant’s Christ-centered community seeks to help students mature in three primary areas: identity in Christ, a biblical frame of reference and service that is Christ-like.

Covenant’s beautiful 400-acre campus stretches atop Lookout Mountain, Georgia, and is nestled amid the charming small town of the same name. Lookout Mountain boasts incredible vistas of the Smoky Mountains and views that span across seven states. Just 10 minutes from its campus is Chattanooga, Tennessee, a vibrant city with a rich history, naturally beautiful surroundings, and an optimistic modern spirit.

Emmanuel College is a four-year, fully-accredited, Christ-centered, liberal arts institution which strives to prepare students to become Christ-like disciples who integrate faith, learning, and living for effective careers, scholarship and service. Founded in 1919 in the Pentecostal tradition, Emmanuel College has grown into a thriving, multidenominational college with more than 30 majors. It’s student-faculty ratio provides a personalized educational experience with faculty mentors who know students by name and genuinely care about them, their well-being and their futures. Our classes are taught, not by teacher’s assistants or graduate students, but by seasoned faculty members, 65 percent of whom hold a Ph.D.

Emmanuel College is one of the most affordable private colleges in the Southeast, though you would never know it by visiting our beautiful campus. Situated on 150 acres in northeast Georgia, it features a contemporary new residence hall and a brand new $10 million athletic center with stadium seating, basketball and volleyball courts, an indoor track, a fully-equipped fitness center, a competition swimming pool, a bowling alley, and a food court. With a diverse residential community and vibrant spiritual life, Emmanuel College is truly a place where students learn to integrate faith, learning, and living.
GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE

Georgia Military College (GMC) is an accredited two-year liberal arts junior college recently ranked by CNN Money as the best community college in Georgia and the ninth best community college in the nation. Many GMC students transfer to Georgia’s four-year public and private colleges and universities where they continue to pursue their educational goals and aspirations. GMC charges no out-of-state tuition and is an open admissions college. GMC offers affordable and easily accessible higher education opportunities to students who seek small class sizes, readily available faculty members and convenient course schedules. The College has a record of success for students who desire a second chance for a successful college experience.

As has been the case since its founding in 1879, GMC is committed to the concurrent development of intellect and character in all its students. Ninety-seven percent of the students enrolled at GMC are typical college students with no military obligation attending classes at one of the 11 locations throughout the State. GMC also has a growing online presence and offers all its degrees both in the classroom and online. The remaining three percent are enrolled in a highly respected junior college military program preparing young men and women for national service, the nation’s service academies and a two-year Early Commissioning Program (ECP). The ECP prepares selected cadets for commissioning as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army while earning an associate’s degree.

www.gmc.cc.ga.us | 478-387-4900 | 201 E. Greene Street | Milledgeville, GA 31061

LAGRANGE COLLEGE

Since 1831, LaGrange College has been challenging minds, inspiring souls—and transforming lives. Today, LaGrange is a four-year liberal arts and sciences college offering 60 academic and pre-professional programs, including graduate degrees in education, philanthropy and development.

The institution is dedicated to preparing global leaders who have a commitment to service. Students who enroll as freshmen receive $2,500 to study abroad their junior or senior year. A Servant Scholars Program offers selected upperclassmen the opportunity to work with community nonprofits to identify areas of need and strategies to address those needs. Affiliated with the United Methodist Church, the college is consistently ranked in the top 10 among Southern regional colleges and as a “best value” by U.S. News & World Report.

Part of NCAA Division III, the LaGrange Panthers compete in 16 sports. In 2014, the men’s basketball squad and golf team advanced to the NCAA Division III National Tournaments, with LaGrange golfers finishing in the top 10 at the national championship.

The oldest private institution of higher learning in Georgia, LaGrange College covers more than 120 acres and is home to approximately 1,000 students.

www.lagrange.edu | 706-880-8000 | 601 Broad Street | LaGrange, GA 30240

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MERCER UNIVERSITY

Mercer University is one of America’s oldest and most distinctive institutions of higher learning, offering rigorous programs that span the undergraduate liberal arts to doctoral-level degrees. Founded by Baptists in 1833, Mercer is grounded in a free-church tradition that embraces intellectual freedom, cherishes the sacred worth of every individual and commits to serving the needs of humankind.

With more than 8,500 students enrolled in 12 schools and colleges on campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah, and at four Regional Academic Centers around the state, Mercer is consistently ranked among the nation’s leading institutions by such publications as U.S. News & World Report and the Princeton Review.

Our more than 71,000 alumni are making important contributions to their professions and communities throughout Georgia, the Southeast and the world.

While offering a breadth of programs found at much larger universities, Mercer maintains an intimate, student-focused culture more characteristic of smaller liberal arts colleges. Mercer’s uniqueness is found in the way the University integrates five defining components of its mission: liberal learning, professional knowledge, discovery, service to humanity and community.

PRESIDENT
William D. Underwood, J.D.
YEAR FOUNDED
1833
FALL 2014 ENROLLMENT
8,557
STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO
13.5:1

2014-2015 TUITION AND FEES
Tuition: $33,780
Room and Board: $10,678

% OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID FROM ANY SOURCE
98%

DEGREES OFFERED

OTHER LOCATIONS
Atlanta, Savannah, Columbus, Eastman, Newnan, Henry County, Douglas County

LIFE UNIVERSITY

Life University is a health sciences institution best known for its chiropractic degree, the largest program of its kind in the world. In addition, LIFE offers master’s degrees in clinical nutrition and sport health science, and bachelor’s degrees through its undergraduate programs in biology, biopsychology, business administration, computer information management, dietetics, exercise science, general studies, health coaching, nutrition and psychology.

All academic programs focus on a positive, wellness-centered approach to health, human performance and life success, based on a philosophy of vitalism. Life University also incorporates Eight Core Proficiencies into its academic curriculum. These proficiencies are designed to advance personal integrity and provide the foundation for professional success, social contribution and cultural change.


Life University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), and the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

PRESIDENT
Dr. Guy F. Reikeman
YEAR FOUNDED
1974
FALL 2014 ENROLLMENT
2,754
STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO
17:1

2014-2015 TUITION AND FEES
Undergraduate - $210 per credit hour + $350 quarterly fee
Graduate - $238 per credit hour + $350 quarterly fee
Chiropractic - $316 per credit hour + $350 quarterly fee

% OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID FROM ANY SOURCE
98%

DEGREES OFFERED
A.S., B.B.A., B.S., D.C., M.A.T., M.S.

OTHER LOCATIONS
Atlanta, Savannah, Columbus, Eastman, Newnan, Henry County, Douglas County

www.LIFE.edu | 770-426-2884 | 1269 Barclay Circle | Marietta, GA 30060

www.mercer.edu | 800-MERCERU | 1501 Mercer University Drive | Macon, GA 31207
Morehouse College is the nation’s largest, private liberal arts college for men. The college offers 26 majors in three academic divisions, as well as programs through the Leadership Center at Morehouse College, the Morehouse Research Institute, Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership, the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel and the Journalism and Sports Program, among others.

Morehouse College was named the No. 1 HBCU by BestColleges.com; the No. 3 HBCU in the nation for 2015 by U.S. News & World Report; one of America’s Best Colleges by Forbes magazine; one of the Top 100 Social Media Colleges in the Country by studentadvisor.com; and a top liberal arts college in the nation by Washington Monthly.

Prominent alumni include Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel Peace Prize winner and civil and Human rights non-violent leader; Jeh Johnson, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security; Dr. David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General and director of the National Center for Primary Care of Morehouse School of Medicine; Shelton “Spike” Lee, filmmaker and president of 40 Acres & A Mule Productions; Samuel L. Jackson, Academy Award-nominated actor; and Maynard H. Jackson, the first African American mayor of a major Southern city.

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

PRESIDENT
Dr. John Silvanus Wilson Jr.
YEAR FOUNDED 1867
FALL 2014 ENROLLMENT 2,106
STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO 12:1
2014-2015 TUITION AND FEES
Tuition: $23,966
Room & Board: $13,322
% OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID FROM ANY SOURCE 92%
DEGREES OFFERED B.A., B.S.

Total Institutional Grant Aid Distributed in 2012-2013: $93.7 million

The average cost of tuition and fees at GICA member institutions is less than the national private college average.

1 in 6 undergraduate baccalaureate students in Georgia attend an independent, not-for-profit college

www.morehouse.edu | 404-681-2800 | 830 Westview Drive, SW | Atlanta, GA 30314
Nearly 5 in 10 undergraduates at GICA member colleges who apply for aid receive Pell Grants.

Students enrolled in GICA member institutions graduate in a more timely manner. 44% of students at Georgia independent colleges graduate in four years, compared to 24% of students attending Georgia public colleges.

Average Institutional Grant Aid: $12,134
GICA MEMBER SERVICES

GICA’s members collaborate in a variety of ways to enhance the educational experience and operational efficiency of each campus. GICA also raises funds to provide scholarships for the students of our member institutions and to help defray the costs associated with launching collaborative initiatives.

Procurement

GICA’s members collaborate to save money and increase efficiency. Twenty-four companies participate in the GICA Procurement Portfolio, which provides cost-savings for GICA members in key areas. GICA’s members save money and time utilizing GICA’s growing portfolio of contracts. These pricing agreements include savings on a diverse range of products and services that include, but are not limited to, software, furniture, office supplies, financial literacy programs, purchasing cards and the leasing of equipment. To increase access to discounts offered through national contracts, GICA is a member of The Coalition for College Cost Savings, E&I and Provista.

GICA member campuses spent over $13 million through the GICA Procurement Program during 2014.

Scholarships

GICA administers twelve named scholarship programs, totaling over $135,000, in scholarship assistance to students who attend a GICA college or university. Together with endowment funds for scholarships, more than $516,000 in scholarship aid was distributed to GICA schools in 2014. With the assistance of these scholarships, students are able to attend the GICA member institution that best fits their academic preferences and needs. These scholarships award financial assistance to deserving students and assist them in achieving their career goals. Many GICA scholarships are awarded to financially needy students who might otherwise be unable to attend college.

In 2014, GICA held meetings for 328 participants from 25 member institutions, including chief financial officers, information technology directors, human resources directors, library directors and chief student affairs officers. These meetings allow participants to remain current in their fields of practice and to discuss potential solutions to issues that often face all campuses. In addition, GICA hosts state-wide meetings to address timely topics of interest, such as infectious disease management and SACSCOC accreditation issues. These meetings are held in a variety of formats, including webinars, conference calls and in-person meetings.

GICA is committed to providing nationally-recognized speakers for these events, and to reduce training costs for member institutions by leveraging economies of scale and minimizing travel costs.

Professional Development Opportunities

GICA hosts professional development programs for key campus groups to provide inexpensive, high-quality opportunities for professional growth and development. In 2014, GICA held meetings for 328 participants from 25 member institutions, including chief financial officers, information technology directors, human resources directors, library directors and chief student affairs officers. These meetings allow participants to remain current in their fields of practice and to discuss potential solutions to issues that often face all campuses. In addition, GICA hosts state-wide meetings to address timely topics of interest, such as infectious disease management and SACSCOC accreditation issues. These meetings are held in a variety of formats, including webinars, conference calls and in-person meetings.

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Collaborative Work Group Projects

GICA’s member institutions often collaborate to increase efficiency of their operations and to reduce their operating costs. In 2014, a compliance work group was formed by its member institutions to address the most pressing compliance issues on its campuses. A two-day GICA Title IX intensive training event was held in October as a collaborative effort with Georgia’s public institutions of higher education. The event featured two nationally-recognized speakers who presented material focused on assisting Georgia colleges and universities in utilizing best practices when responding to sexual harassment and sexual assault cases on their campuses. A peer audit system is under development to assist campuses in supporting one another with compliance issues, and the work group is initiating creative ways to reduce the costs associated with compliance.

GICA launched a new Resources section of its website in 2014 to provide members with a convenient starting point to begin research for a variety of issues pertaining to higher education. The website now includes links to relevant and reliable websites, professional development slide shows and original material from speakers. Initial topics include student retention, pandemic preparedness, sexual assault prevention and response, and transfer student resources. A number of other collaborative projects have been initiated through work groups and will come to fruition in 2015.

OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY

Oglethorpe University has entered an era of innovation, renovation and growth with the opening of the $10 million Turner Lynch Campus Center in 2013 and the launch of a $50 million comprehensive campaign. Founded in 1835, Oglethorpe is Atlanta’s leading liberal arts and sciences university, of 1,100 students representing 34 states and 28 countries. Renowned for its groundbreaking Core program, Oglethorpe is a member of the Annapolis Group, comprised of America’s most selective liberal arts institutions, and has been named among U.S. News & World Report’s Best Liberal Arts Colleges, Forbes’ America’s Best Colleges and Princeton Review’s Best Southeastern Colleges.

In fall 2013, Oglethorpe opened the A-LAB (Atlanta Laboratory for Learning), an incubator for experiential learning through civic engagement, global education, professional development and undergraduate research. In 2012, Oglethorpe launched two strategic partnerships with study abroad provider Global LEAD and EF (Education First), the world leader in international education. Oglethorpe is home to the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art and Georgia Shakespeare, a professional theatre-in-residence.

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PIEDMONT COLLEGE

Founded in 1897, Piedmont College is a comprehensive liberal arts institution with an enrollment of 2,120 students at campuses in Demorest and Athens. Graduate programs in education also are offered at off-campus locations across Georgia.

The Demorest campus includes nine residence halls housing more than 600 students, while the Athens campus is designed for commuting students and is located in the heart of Georgia’s Classic City. Piedmont offers more than 50 undergraduate majors in the arts and sciences, business, education, and nursing and health sciences. Graduate programs are offered in business, education and nursing.

With a long history of producing many of Georgia’s top educators, Piedmont was recently selected by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation in Princeton, New Jersey, as one of five Georgia universities to participate in a program designed to help attract the nation’s very best science, technology, engineering and math candidates to the teaching profession.

Piedmont is a member of the NCAA Division III USA South Athletic Conference and fields teams for men and women in 17 sports. Last year, more than half of the Piedmont student-athletes earned Academic All-Conference awards in the USA South.

www.piedmont.edu | 800-277-7020 | P.O. Box 10 | 1021 Central Avenue | Demorest, GA 30535

PAINÉ COLLEGE

Paine College, founded in 1882, is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The beautiful 64-acre campus is located in the heart of Augusta, Georgia. This four-year, private, co-educational institution provides a liberal arts education of the highest quality that emphasizes academic excellence, ethical and spiritual values, social responsibility, and personal development to prepare men and women for positions of leadership and service in the African-American community, the nation and the world. Students can earn a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree in majors through the School of Arts & Sciences, and the School of Professional Studies.

Paine College students learn the process of learning to “love truth and to seek it above material things.” Paine College aims to produce an enriched environment where students can create a path to success in their chosen profession. Our students have the opportunity to pursue internships, engage in global experiences, and conduct meaningful research in their respective fields of study. Upon graduating, our students are prepared for enhanced opportunities in employment, graduate education and global mobility.

www.paine.edu | 706-821-8200 | 1235 Fifteenth Street | Augusta, GA 30901

PRESIDENT
Dr. Samuel Sullivan, Interim

YEAR FOUNDED
1897

FALL 2014 ENROLLMENT
841

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO
12:1

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and United Methodist Church

2014-2015 TUITION AND FEES
Tuition and Fees: $12,832
Room and Board: $6,674

% OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID FROM ANY SOURCE
95%

DEGREES OFFERED
B.A., B.S.
Point University is a private, four-year liberal arts institution preparing students to influence the culture for Christ in all spheres of life—through business, church, government, arts and entertainment, education, media and family. Founded in 1937 as Atlanta Christian College, Point University offers degree programs in areas of study ranging from biblical studies to business. The Access Program offers associate and bachelor's degrees for adult learners, as well as online courses.

The university provides a broad, comprehensive curriculum designed to prepare students for their chosen professions. Just as importantly, the university equips students to take their faith into the marketplace in new and culturally relevant ways—to erase the lines between who they are and what they do so that they see life and mission as one and the same.

At Point University, we are committed to doing big things together—not just in the future, but now. The university was named to the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its commitment to volunteering and service to the community. Our Christian values are at the heart of everything we do, both in the classroom and in the local community. Every class in our curriculum is taught from a Christian worldview by professors who know their students by name. Point professors serve as mentors to their students, helping them discover what they were put on this earth to do and then equipping them with the tools to do just that.

Reinhardt is now a comprehensive university grounded in the liberal arts. Students attend classes on a scenic residential campus 95 minutes northwest of Atlanta, at a bustling adult education center in Alpharetta, at sites in Marietta, Cartersville and Canton, and online.

Academic programs include graduate degrees in business, education, music and public administration, and 37 undergraduate degrees ranging from business, education and biology to theater, political science and math. With the only School of Performing Arts in Georgia, Reinhardt has the largest private college music program in the state. Reinhardt’s Police Academy offers POST Basic Peace Officer Certification.

Because how alumni live their lives is even more important than what they do for a living, “the Reinhardt experience” starts in the classroom and may extend to intramural sports, clubs, events, leadership opportunities, service projects and internships. A vibrant spiritual environment, grounded in the United Methodist tradition, encourages personal growth and is welcoming to people of all faiths.

Community visitors are drawn to Reinhardt for concerts and plays in the Falany Performing Arts Center and to attend events and tours at the Funk Heritage Center—Georgia’s official frontier and Southeastern Indian interpretive center.
The University for Creative Careers

The Savannah College of Art and Design is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution conferring bachelor’s and master’s degrees at distinctive locations to prepare talented students for professional careers. SCAD offers degrees in more than 40 majors, as well as minors in more than 60 disciplines. With over 29,000 alumni worldwide, SCAD demonstrates an exceptional education and unparalleled career preparation.

At locations in Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia; in Hong Kong; in Lacoste, France; and online through SCAD eLearning, the diverse student body consists of nearly 12,000 students from across the United States and more than 100 countries. Each student is nurtured and motivated by a faculty of more than 650 professors who have extraordinary academic credentials and valuable professional experience. SCAD’s innovative curriculum is enhanced by advanced, professional-level technology, equipment and learning resources. The university and its students, faculty and alumni have garnered acclaim from respected organizations and publications, including TIME, Vogue Magazine and U.S. News & World Report.

Fuller University offers excellent educational opportunities within a Christ-centered environment. Our students receive individualized attention from caring faculty members who want to help the students become all that God designed them to be. At Shorter, classes are taught by professors who are well-trained academically with experience in their respective fields. More importantly, they have a deep commitment to Christ and view their work as a ministry in which they prepare students for various career paths who will have a global impact for the cause of the Kingdom.

The Princeton Review annually includes Shorter on its list of best Southeastern colleges. Shorter’s 150-acre hilltop campus in Rome, Georgia, is home to the university’s traditional programs. In addition, Shorter operates campuses in Duluth, Marietta and Riverdale offering undergraduate degree programs for working adults. Online courses and degree programs are also available. The recent purchase of Tharntwood, the historic home of university namesake Colonel Alfred Shorter, has expanded Shorter’s footprint in Rome, offering newly renovated facilities for Shorter’s Ben and Ollie Brady School of Nursing and the university’s School of Education.

Shorter is a member of Division II of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), and its well-rounded athletic program is part of a vibrant campus life. The university is also affiliated with the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCAA).
Spelman College is a prestigious, highly selective, liberal arts college that prepares women to change the world. Located in Atlanta, this historically Black college boasts a 76 percent graduation rate, and outstanding alumnae such as Children’s Defense Fund Founder Marian Wright Edelman, Sam’s Club CEO Rosalind Brewer, Broadway producer Alia Jones-Harvey, former acting Surgeon General and Spelman’s first alumna president Audrey Forbes Manley, author Pearl Cleage and actress LaTanya Richardson Jackson.

More than 88 percent of the full-time faculty members have Ph.D.s or other terminal degrees. Spelman awards bachelor’s degrees in 26 areas of study. Popular undergraduate majors include biology, chemistry, English, political science and psychology. STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) majors comprised more than 40 percent of the College’s first-time, first-year enrollment for the 2013-2014 academic year. Spelman College is one of only six colleges in the country designated by the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as a Model Institution for Excellence in undergraduate science and mathematics education.

The College is dedicated to academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and the intellectual, creative, ethical and leadership development of its students.

Thomas University is an independent, not-for-profit, regionally-accredited institution offering associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees. TU has 23 degree programs with a variety of concentrations. Established in 1950 in Thomasville, Georgia, Thomas University provides quality education through a dynamic learning environment. Its mission is to provide an educational experience that explores and develops each student’s full potential. Thomas University offers undergraduate business and nursing programs in China with Chinese Central government approval at Chinese partner universities. It offers online degree programs and operates satellite programs in Tallahassee, Florida (R.N.-B.S.N., Bachelor of Social Work); Moultrie, Georgia (R.N.-B.S.N.); Bainbridge, Georgia (Teacher Certification Programs); and six sites throughout the state of Georgia (M.Ed.).

In 2012, just one mile from its Main Campus, the University opened its West Campus where students have access to a brand new gymnasium and Student Life Center. The focal point of the Main Campus is Smith-Bonvillian Hall, a 19,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art academic building that opened in the fall of 2013. Thomas University is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Sun Conference. For the past four years, it has been reaccredited by the NAIA as a Five State Champions of Character Institution – a program that instills and embraces good character and values in sports.
Toccoa Falls College

Toccoa Falls College (TFC) is a Christ-centered educational institution nestled in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. Students experience a college environment that is intentionally designed to encourage their spiritual growth. The College motto is, “Where character is developed with intellect.” TFC currently offers 29 majors and 39 minors through which students are challenged to understand faith, life and work from a biblical worldview. In addition to robust residential programs, TFC offers online classes and degrees. Men’s and women’s intercollegiate sports are a strong component of campus life, and TFC boasts of several national championships in its division.

The campus is in the center of 1,100 acres of forest, mountains and streams, and on the edge of the Chattahoochee National Forest. Its famous landmark and namesake is a breathtaking 186-foot waterfall.

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Truett-McConnell College

Truett-McConnell College (TMC) equips students to fulfill the Great Commission by fostering a Christian worldview through a biblically-centered education. TMC offers 10 undergraduate degree programs, one master’s level degree program, and has 17 programs of study, including business, Christian studies, education, English, history, interdisciplinary studies, music, psychology, science and world missions. In 2013, TMC added to its curricular offerings a B.S.N. (nursing) degree and in the fall of 2014, launched its first ever master’s program – a Master of Arts in Theology degree.

The faculty at TMC are professing Christians whose pedagogical foundation is the Holy Bible. More than 70 percent of the faculty holds terminal degrees from some of the nation’s most prestigious universities, including Harvard and William & Mary. A liberal arts college, TMC embraces its divine mandate to prepare students to find their calling and to live with a steadfast commitment to biblical principles.

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Wesleyan College was founded in 1836 as the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women. Today it is regarded as one of the nation’s finest liberal arts colleges and is consistently recognized for academic excellence. According to the ninth annual report of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Wesleyan outperformed the top 10 percent of colleges and universities nationally in all categories studied. Wesleyan offers a strong merit scholarship program and is one of the nation’s most affordable selective colleges. A close-knit community of students from all across the United States and more than 20 foreign countries values Wesleyan’s rigorous academic program renowned for its quality.

The school offers undergraduate degrees in 31 majors and 28 minors, plus the option to self-design an interdisciplinary major, as well as pre-professional programs in seminary, medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, allied health sciences, dentistry and law. A new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will graduate the first cohort of students in spring of 2015. The Master of Education in Early Childhood Education program and an accelerated executive Master of Business Administration program enroll both men and women, and were designed to accommodate working professionals. Beyond academics, Wesleyan offers a thriving residence life program, NCAA Division III athletics, a championship IHSA equestrian program and meaningful opportunities for spiritual development and community leadership.

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YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE

Young Harris College (YHC) educates, inspires and empowers students to be strong, capable, well-rounded leaders who dare to aspire to goals that others may think unattainable. Founded more than 125 years ago, YHC has been transformed into a progressive model of liberal arts education, featuring innovative academic programs, state-of-the-art facilities and competitive NCAA Division II athletics – which means more learning opportunities, better teaching, a smarter curriculum, greener living, a stronger community and happier students.

Nestled in the southern Appalachian mountains of northeastern Georgia, YHC provides an intimate setting that allows students and faculty to work closely, forging nurturing relationships and strong bonds that endure well past graduation. YHC currently has more than 1,200 students across five divisions – Education, Fine Arts, Humanities, Mathematics and Science, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The historic campus in Young Harris, Georgia, is currently undergoing major improvements to accommodate the College’s growth. Recent LEED-certified campus improvements include a 226-bed residence hall for freshmen, a 57,000-square-foot recreation and fitness center, a 248-bed apartment-style residential village and the 121,000-square-foot Rollins Campus Center – the new social and intellectual heart of campus.

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