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Hiram College traces its roots to 1850 when it was founded by the Disciples of Christ as a non-sectarian, co-educational “institution of high grade” initially operating under the name Western Reserve Eclectic Institute. It has always focused on the liberal arts.

Hiram College is one of only three institutions of higher learning to be led by someone who would go on to become President of the United States (James A. Garfield). The others are Princeton University (Woodrow Wilson) and Columbia University (Dwight Eisenhower).

Today

More than 1,200 students (55% women, 45% men) attend Hiram College. They come from 26 states and 23 nations. A high number are in the top 10% of their high school class. More than 60% will go on to earn an advanced degree after their Hiram years.

Based on the college’s on-going commitment to diversity, 15% are minority students and that number is growing. According to Washington Monthly, Hiram College has one of the highest success rates in the nation with respect to graduating African-American students.

The college has an equally strong commitment to serving first-generation college students. Year-after-year, more than 40% of new students are the first in their families to attend college.

Unlike many other schools where it is difficult to gain entry into courses of interest, Hiram College has an unwavering commitment to inter-disciplinary education in small classes that encourage students to explore their interests in an environment that offers a high level of student-faculty interaction. The student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1 and the average class size is 16.

There are no enormous lecture classes taught by graduate assistants. Rather, students are taught by 79 full-time faculty members (54% women and 46% men). More than 90% have a terminal degree. Included in their ranks are many new, younger scholars who have already distinguished themselves before arriving at Hiram. They are accomplished and excited to be part of the Hiram community.

The emphasis is on great teaching for highly motivated students.

The mission is to foster intellectual excellence and social responsibility, enabling our students to thrive in their chosen careers, flourish in life, and face the urgent challenges of the times.

Those 30 words and five interrelated goals are the foundation upon which Hiram College has been built over many years.

- Intellectual excellence
- Social responsibility
- Preparing students to thrive in their chosen careers
- Flourish in life
- Face the urgent challenges of the times



We believe in the interrelationship of knowledge exemplified in the liberal arts.
(A core Hiram value)