

MILLIGAN COLLEGE

Yes, there is a difference

NOTABLE QUALITY & REPUTATION

There are many college choices and on the surface, many may look a lot like Milligan. But few can claim (and prove) our outcomes with exceptional academic quality, student satisfaction, and graduate success.

- **Retention and graduation rates** are above other private colleges and state universities. That means students get a top-rate education and are more likely to finish on time, which is a *time and cost savings* over other institutions.
 - First-year student retention at Milligan averages 82%, which is 25% higher than the average for other 4-year regional colleges (2013)
 - Graduate rates are 15% higher at Milligan than the average for other 4-year colleges in our region (2013)
- 98% of graduates typically are **employed** or in **graduate school** within 6 months to 1 year after graduation (2012)
- Students consistently express greater **satisfaction** with their experience at Milligan than students from 300 peer institutions in all areas surveyed on the national *Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI)*. Milligan students are most satisfied with Academic Advising, Instructional Effectiveness, Student Centeredness, Campus Support Services, and the Concern for the Individual. Also ranking high are Campus Climate, Service Excellence, Registration Effectiveness, and Responsiveness to Diverse Populations.
- Both first-year students and seniors rated their Milligan **experience** higher than did 250,000 students at over 500 other U.S. colleges in the 2011 *National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)*, administered by the Carnegie Foundation

COMPETITIVELY AFFORDABLE

Milligan offers millions of dollars in renewable scholarships and a variety of financial aid opportunities that make the total cost of a Milligan education competitively affordable and attainable.

- **Total published cost** (total of tuition, fees, room and board) is \$7,400 below the national average
- **Average net cost** after scholarships and aid is \$1,000 lower than the average of other local private colleges—lower than King, Tusculum, and Emory & Henry—and only \$2,100 higher than ETSU in-state cost (2012-13)
- **Room and board** is \$2,300 lower than the average for other private colleges, \$1,500 less than ETSU, and \$5,000 less than the national average for private colleges
- Milligan provides students with more **institutional aid**—an average of \$1,500 more—than any other local private or public college
- 98% of full-time undergrad Milligan students receive some form of need and/or merit-based **financial aid**, compared nationally to 82% at public and 89% at private colleges
- Fewer Milligan students (60%) borrow federal student **loans** than the national average (65%) and local private college average (70%)
- The average **loan amount** for Milligan students is *less* than the average at all other local four-year institutions, including the public state university
- Milligan students' average federal **loan debt** at graduation is \$3,000 below the national average of \$28,400 (2013) and fewer Milligan students have debt at graduation than other local private colleges
- Milligan's student loan **default rate** is an incredibly low 3%, compared to 14% nationally and average of 9% locally (2011)

for the Advancement of Teaching. Milligan students gave higher marks to their experiences on each of five benchmarks of excellence: Level of Academic Challenge, Active and Collaborative Learning, Student-faculty Interaction, Enriching Educational Experiences, Supportive Campus Environment

- Students consistently score above the national mean in **general education** areas, including reading, writing, critical thinking, and mathematical data assessments, during their junior year
- Students consistently score above the national average in their **major** course of study assessment
- **Nursing** graduates consistently exceed the required pass rate required by the Tennessee Board of Nursing on their first-time
- **MSOT** graduates have maintained a 100% pass rate on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam

- For the past two years, Milligan has announced the lowest cost increase in over 20 years, below the national and local averages, as college leaders work to keep a Milligan education as affordable as possible

SOURCES FOR DATA:

Data presented is for full-time traditional undergraduate students. Unless indicated, data is for 2014-15, the most recent available from IPEDS. Comparisons are with other four-year institutions. Sources include College Board, IPEDS, U.S. Department of Education, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and Milligan's Office of Institutional Research.

- College Navigator (Government IPEDS data): <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- College Board: <http://trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing> and <http://trends.collegeboard.org/student-aid>
- College Insight (Institute for College Access & Success): <http://college-insight.org/#explore/go>
- Project on Student Debt (Inst. For College Access & Success): <http://projectonstudentdebt.org/>
- CCCU, TICUA documents

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Recognitions & Honors

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Ranking Organization</u>
2	Best College for Veterans	U.S. News and World Report (2014)
Top 1/3	Top College for Graduate Earning Power and Employability	Educate to Career College Rankings Index (2014)
4	Best Value Schools in the South	U.S. News and World Report (2014)
9	Best Regional Colleges in the South	U.S. News and World Report (2014)
11	50 Best Value Christian Colleges and Universities	Christian Universities Online (2014)
13	Christian colleges and universities in the U.S. with the lowest student debt burden	Christian Universities Online (2014)
20	Top 20 Baccalaureate Colleges	Washington Monthly (2014)
23	Top 50 Most Affordable Christian Colleges & Universities	Christian Universities Online (2014)
	President's National Honor Roll for Community Service with Distinction	Corporation for National and Community Service (2013)
5	Best Bang for the Buck – Baccalaureate Colleges	Washington Monthly (2013)
24	Top 25 Baccalaureate Colleges	Washington Monthly (2013)
92	Best Bang for the Buck – All Colleges and Universities (1,572)	Washington Monthly (2013)
	Top 15% Military Friendly School	Victory Media (2013)
	College of Distinction	CollegesofDistinction.com (2013-14)
10	Christian College Rankings – South	Faith on View (2014)
11	Best Values in Christian Colleges 2014	Faith on View (2014)
14	Christian College Rankings – Small Colleges	Faith on View (2014)
36	Christian College Rankings – Overall	Faith on View (2014)
3	Best Value Schools in the South	U.S. News and World Report (2012)
6	Best Regional Colleges in the South	U.S. News and World Report (2012)

See <http://www.milligan.edu/about/#nationally-recognized> for a complete and current list.

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