

## SECTION F – REPORTS OF COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

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### MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

Muhlenberg College develops students' full intellectual and personal potential, positioning them well for lifelong fulfillment and success. Firmly grounded in the liberal arts and featuring several strong pre-professional programs, a Muhlenberg education inspires our students to think critically about problems from a diversity of perspectives. As a College of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Muhlenberg helps students examine their context and their missions to be public witnesses and leaders in a pluralistic world.

Over the last year, several exciting developments have happened in the life of the college. Selected highlights are below:

- In 2018, Muhlenberg College joined the American Talent Initiative (ATI), partnering with 100 top-performing institutions to commit to the collective goal of enrolling 50,000 additional talented, low- and moderate-income students at colleges and universities with strong graduation rates by 2025. As part of ATI, Muhlenberg will develop strategies to attract, enroll and support more high-achieving, lower- and moderate-income students from before they arrive on campus to graduation and beyond.
- The Princeton Review featured Muhlenberg College in the new 2019 edition of its flagship college guide, "The Best 384 Colleges." The College garnered a #9 ranking for "Best College Theater," placing the program among the top 12 in the nation 10 of the last 11 years. In addition, Muhlenberg was included in the following lists: Best Northeastern Colleges, Green Colleges and the Colleges that Pay You Back, which was "based on a combination of institutional and student survey data, including academic rigor, affordability and career outcomes for graduates."
- The Muhlenberg College English department hosted the annual Living Writers course, which brings both up-and-coming and renowned authors to campus. Students read their recent works and then interact with the authors directly as they visit campus for a day. This year's authors included novelist Zadie Smith.

- Several Athletic teams and individual athletes had tremendous seasons. The Muhlenberg football achieved a school record with an 11-2 season. The team clinched a share of the Centennial Conference championship and played, for the first time, in the NCAA Division III quarterfinals.
- The Stabler Foundation granted the College \$720,000 toward the Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Fund assists students who might otherwise be unable to attend Muhlenberg due to financial constraints as well as students whose families experience an unforeseen financial crisis partway through their time at Muhlenberg.
- Beginning in fall 2019, Muhlenberg College will offer a new sustainability studies major, an interdisciplinary program with the goal of instilling understanding, appreciation and thoughtful problem-solving skills with regard to the relationships and interactions of humans and the environment.
- Muhlenberg announced a new 3+3 partnership with the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law that will provide qualified students with early access to one of the nation's top law schools. They will spend the first three years at Muhlenberg earning a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree and then enroll at Villanova Law to earn a Juris Doctor (JD) for the final three years, saving a year's worth of time and tuition.
- The college welcomed several new staff members including College Chaplain, Rev. Kristen Glass Perez, Vice President of Communications Brian Speer, Athletic Director Lynn Tubman and Associate Provost for Faculty and Diversity initiatives, Dr. Brooke Vick.

Since its founding, Muhlenberg College has encouraged discovery and exploration of a set of roles to be honored and lived out in one's daily life. We are proud of all of the opportunities we have for living and learning together in and outside of the classroom. We are also delighted that Bishop Davenport serves on our Board of Trustees and grateful to be a partner with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

On behalf of the college,

Rev. Kristen Glass Perez

Muhlenberg College Chaplain

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