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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:

- The Muhlenberg College Board of Trustees unanimously elected Kathleen E. Haring, Ph.D. as the 13th President of the College. Board Chair Richard Crist stated: “Kathy Haring is truly the right woman at the right time to lead our great institution. She has the wisdom, experience and energy to guide the College through these challenging times and into a bright future.”
- Muhlenberg College received accreditation approval from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education for its new graduate programs in applied analytics and organizational leadership, which will begin to be offered in the fall semester. The newly established [Muhlenberg College School of Graduate Studies](#) will begin in the fall of 2020.
- The Institute for Jewish Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College hosted a two-day conference that incorporated the College's annual Wallenberg Tribute with the observance of 25 years since the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's “Declaration to the Jewish Community” repudiating Martin Luther's anti-Jewish invective and expressing the church's desire to “live our faith with love and respect for the Jewish people.” The conference was designed to examine cultivation of agile leadership for the future in our multi-religious world.
- The Muhlenberg College football team completed its most successful season in school history. The team ended their season in the Division III semi-finals, one game short of playing for the national title.

- In December, the college hosted the first Muhlenberg “Las Posadas” and was open to the Allentown community. The Muhlenberg Posadas included a procession through campus which ended with a warm reception at the President’s home. Additionally, the College presented the 62nd annual Advent Candlelight Carols Service. Drawing on the tradition of Las Posadas, the program this year featured music from many Spanish speaking cultures as well as connected to the Center for Ethics theme of *Borders, Nationalities, Identities*.
- The Muhlenberg College Theatre & Dance Department presented Lorraine Hansberry’s “A Raisin in the Sun” directed by Emmy Award-nominated guest artist **Jeffrey Page**. Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the play’s premiere, the production headlined Muhlenberg’s 2020 Black History Month celebrations.

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 for the mission and ministry of the SEPA Synod.

On behalf of the college,

Rev. Kristen Glass Perez

Muhlenberg College Chaplain

UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY

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