



## **Students who are bright, engaged and a pleasure to teach**

- 65% of entering students graduated in the top 10% of their high school class.
- 70 first-year students (fall 2015) are National Merit Semifinalists, National Achievement Semifinalists, or National Hispanic Scholars.
- Macalester sponsors the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship program, preparing ten outstanding students of color every year for careers in academia.
- In the past ten years among our graduates were Fulbright-Hays award recipients, National Science Foundation Fellows, Watson Fellows, Rhodes Scholars, Goldwater Scholars, Truman Scholars, and Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows.
- 94% of Macalester students volunteer in the community before they graduate, and in any given year, half of the student body is engaged in community service through a community-based course, applied research, off-campus work-study, community service, or a civic leadership program. Preparing students for engaged citizenship and effective civic leadership is a critical part of Macalester's mission.
- Approximately 60% of Macalester students study abroad for academic credit in approximately 48-60 countries each year.
- The majority of Macalester students believe that promoting racial understanding is an essential or very important objective.
- 63% pursue advanced degrees within ten years of graduation.

## **A diverse student body**

- Student body: 2,172 enrollment: 2,138 full-time from 47 U.S. states and 88 countries.
- 20% are U.S.-born students of color.
- 22% are citizens of another country (including U.S. dual citizens).

## **A longstanding commitment to multiculturalism and social justice**

- Macalester strives to create a safe environment for all people regardless of sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, age, or ability.
- For over forty-six years, multiculturalism has been one of our core values along with internationalism and service to community.
- Macalester fosters spiritual growth amongst a campus community of many religions and provides a wide variety of religious offerings.
- The Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students recognized Macalester College as one of the 100 Best Campuses for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender students. The selection was based on institutional policies, commitment and support, academic life,

housing, student life, counseling and health services, campus safety, recruitment and retention.

- Students must fulfill graduation requirements in multiculturalism and internationalism, as well as in quantitative skills, writing, and foreign language proficiency.
- Macalester has a Dean for Faculty Diversity and Development who oversees curriculum development, faculty development, and campus-wide activities that expand the college's mission of multiculturalism.
- Staff positions supporting multiculturalism include the Dean of Multicultural Life, the Title IX Coordinator and Director of Equity, the Director of the Lealtad-Suzuki Center, and personnel in Admissions, the Macalester Academic Excellence Center (MAX), Center for Spiritual Life, and Campus Programs.

### **An engaging scholarly community**

- The Macalester faculty publishes over 400 scholarly works per year.
- Macalester offers support for faculty scholarship and teaching through internal funding and programs, and excellent support for grant-writing and grants administration.
- The college has a longstanding tradition of supporting interdisciplinary studies and team-teaching.
- Macalester received \$3.45 million in government and foundation grants in the past year.
- Percent of full-time faculty with doctorate or highest degree in their field: 94%.
- U.S. News and World Report ranked Macalester 23<sup>rd</sup> amongst National Liberal Arts Colleges.

### **An urban campus in a vital, growing, multicultural community**

- Macalester is centrally located in the Twin Cities, the 15<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan area in the country with more than 3.5 million residents.
- The Green Guide ranks Minnesota 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation as a sustainable state.
- The Twin Cities have a sizeable and growing African-American community, the country's largest urban population of Native Americans, a thriving Asian-American community (including the country's fastest-growing Hmong population), and a significant Chicano/Latino population.
- The Twin Cities rank 4<sup>th</sup> as a college destination; only Boston/Cambridge, D.C. and the San Francisco Bay area rank higher. It is home to more than 20 colleges and universities.
- National surveys consistently pick Minnesota as an ideal place to raise a family. The Twin Cities came out on top in many "Best" lists including Inc. Magazine's "Best Places to Start and Grow a Company," Money Magazine's "Best Places to Live" and author Sandra Gurvis' "30 Great Cities to Start Out In."
- The Twin Cities community has long been noted for its tremendous spirit of civic cooperation. Private corporations and foundations often join with government and community organizations to improve and expand the resources available to the community.
- Minneapolis is the third-most literate city in the nation, behind only Washington, D.C.

and Seattle, according to an annual study by Central Connecticut State University.

- The Twin Cities are home to over 58 professional and community live-performance theaters, including the Guthrie Theatre (the largest regional playhouse in the country), the Penumbra Theatre (one of the country's oldest African-American theater companies), and many other arts organizations that reflect the area's ethnic diversity, including 30 museums, 51 nightclubs and a nationally acclaimed music scene. Over 2,500 restaurants, 53 movie theaters, seven professional sports teams, and five botanical or zoological gardens.
- The seven county metropolitan area boasts one of the most extensive regional parks and trail systems in the country.
- The metro area hosts a number of professional sports teams including the Minnesota Twins baseball team, the Vikings football team, the Timberwolves and Lynx basketball teams, the Minnesota Wild hockey team, the Swarm Lacrosse team, and the Minnesota United FC soccer team.
- Minneapolis and Saint Paul have been ranked the top biking cities in America.

### **A state with excellent schools, health care and quality of life**

- Minnesota's educational system is a national model. The state's public school open enrollment program allows students to enroll in schools outside their district.
- Minneapolis/Saint Paul topped Forbes magazine's list of the Top 20 Cities for Working Mothers, ranking 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Minneapolis/Saint Paul region came in 10<sup>th</sup> among 100 U.S. metropolitan areas as a "Fun City." Porfolio.com/bizjournals based the fun factor report on U.S. Census Bureau's stats on availability of fun opportunities.
- Minnesota became the first state in the nation to authorize charter schools, and also offers neighborhood, specialty, year-round, language immersion, Montessori and private schools.
- Twin Cities residents are more attached to their city than folks in many other metropolitan areas, according to the "Soul of the Community" report by the Knight Foundation and Gallup. Residents of the Twin Cities care most about social offerings (such as arts and cultural events), openness (how welcoming the community is to different types of people), and aesthetics (such as physical beauty and access to parks).
- Minneapolis/Saint Paul is the fourth best market in the country for quality hospital care, according to a HealthGrades survey.
- Minneapolis/Saint Paul was ranked fourth by Parenting Magazine as the fourth best city for families based on great schools, affordable homes, low crime rates, plenty of jobs, and lots of parkland.