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Education for Your Future.

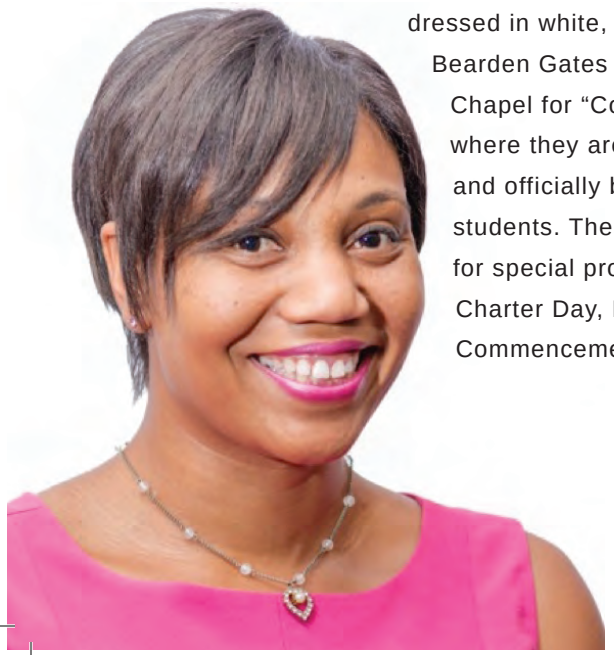
Sisterhood for Life.

At Bennett College, from the day you enter the campus until your departure a transformation takes place. You meet other women from all over the country and from places around the world. Our faculty and staff become mentors who advise and guide you so you'll be prepared for academic excellence and success in the world beyond.

You bond with your fellow classmates who become your sisters for life. When you graduate from Bennett College, the woman you see in the mirror will be competent, confident, cultured and committed—ready to help change and shape the world. Bennett College provides you with an "education for your future and sisterhood for life."

The Transformation…

Bennett is a place of strong traditions that remind us of the purposeful women who came before us. For example, it's a tradition on campus that freshwomen, dressed in white, make the walk through the Bearden Gates and across the campus to the Chapel for "Convocatum Est," the ceremony where they are presented to the college and officially become Bennett College students. These students enter the gates for special programs such as Senior Day, Charter Day, Baccalaureate and, finally, Commencement.



Almost all of our formal ceremonies take place in the Chapel, under the gentle gaze of a stained-glass image of Mary, who reminds us that Bennett was founded in the basement of St. Matthews Methodist Church and continues to be supported by the United Methodist Church.

It's not just the formal traditions that make Bennett such a special place. Each week the entire campus gathers during the Academic Cultural Enrichment Series (A.C.E.S.) to hear from dynamic speakers and discuss important issues of the day. Each election season, we march to the polls. There are "dorm storms" and movie nights and parties in the Student Union—traditions that evolve into treasured memories.

Traditions

"Bennett College taught me that we as women need to preserve the tradition of being bold, brilliant and innovative. Bennett College traditions are special and very critical as you develop into successful women. Bennett College traditions taught me to stand on integrity, passion and purpose. A.C.E.S. allowed me to renew my spirit twice a week by listening to thought leaders of today. Chapel also provided a consistent check in with myself during my matriculation at Bennett. ACES provided an opportunity to not just be a student, but be a part of a loving community and unbreakable sisterhood -- family."

--Marissa Jennings '03

Journalism and Media Studies Major
2015 White House Champion of Change

Our History

In 1873, Bennett College had its beginning in the basement of the Warnersville Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as St. Matthews United Methodist Church). Seventy young men and women started elementary and secondary level studies. In 1874, the Freedmen's Aid Society gained oversight of the school, which remained under its auspices for 50 years. In 1926, The Women's Home Missionary Society joined with the United Methodist Church Board of Education to make Bennett College a college for women.

Location

Bennett's fifty-five acre campus is located in Greensboro, North Carolina, just walking distance from a vibrant downtown with shops, restaurants, art spaces and museums. On weekends, you may find a local street festival, movies in the park, or free music events. Conveniently located near the Piedmont Triad International Airport, the campus is easily accessible from Interstates 40 and 85, so you're only a short drive to other major cities, the mountains or the beach.

Faculty

38 full-time faculty
Student/faculty ratio 9:1
71% of full-time faculty hold terminal degrees

Sisterhood

When you arrive as a new student, you'll be given a big sister from the junior class to help welcome you to the ways of Bennett. The next year, you'll participate in the robing ceremony when your "Big Sister" receives her cap and gown. The two of you will form a special bond. You'll also develop friendships with your dorm-mates and classmates. You'll connect as you study together, organize projects, engage in community service or participate in campus organizations — and soon you'll be calling lots of your Bennett classmates "sister." Bennett is a place that proves that women's friendships can last a lifetime and that sisterhood is powerful.

"I'm a math major. If I'm honest, I "accidentlyed" my way to Bennett. I'll be honest and say it wasn't my first choice school but I couldn't be happier to have ended up here. I love Bennett because it's a place filled with women of color and it feels safe. It is important to have a place like this that is dedicated to nurturing the intellect of women of color."

--Carmen Acosta, '20

Mathematics Major

Admissions

The step you take today can be the first step on your path to becoming the kind of woman you want to be. Bennett can be an important part of that journey. Why wait until tomorrow? Start your application and admission process right now.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

First Time Applicants

- Official Bennett College Application (non-refundable application fee of $35)
- Official High School Transcript with High School Weighted GPA of a 2.5 or better or GED
  (If student attended more than one high school, all transcripts are needed.)
- Official Standardized Test Scores (SAT/ACT)
- Optional Personal Essay

First Time Applicants must also have the following high school course requirements:

- English, four (4) course units emphasizing grammar, composition and literature;
- Mathematics, four (4) course units including algebra I, algebra II, geometry and fourth math higher than algebra I or algebra II
- Science three (3) course units, including at least one science lab
- Foreign Language two (2) course units (of the same language)
- Social Studies two (2) course units one must include US History
- Academic Electives three (3) Physical Education, Health Education, Music, Computer Science, etc.
- Applicants who have taken the IB (International Baccalaureate) Exam must have a score of 5, 6 or 7 to receive credit.
- Applicants who take the AP (Advance Placement) exam and score a 3 or better may receive advance placement credit in the following subjects: Art, Biology, Computer Science, Economics, French, Government and Politics. To receive credit in chemistry, history or music, a student needs to score a 4. The College Registrar will determine how much credit you are eligible to receive based on your score.

First time applicants with a grade point average not meeting or exceeding minimum requirements will be considered for admissions using a holistic review process. Therefore, all applicants are welcomed and are subjected to gaining admissions through the Emerging Scholars Program.

Faculty Engagement

With small classes, students at Bennett College receive more face-to-face interaction with their professors. Our faculty and staff enjoy serving as mentors and as an inspiration to our students. With a nine-to-one student-faculty ratio, our professors encourage and motivate students to reach their potential.

"I believe when students and faculty engage and interact with each other it creates an inviting atmosphere for learning and the creation of new ideas to take place."

--Willietta Gibson

Assistant Professor of Biology

Leadership Opportunities

With a small student body, Bennett offers you a chance to take on leadership positions whenever you're ready. And there is plenty to do here! You can participate in Student Government, the College magazine, College choir, Greek letter sororities, civic organizations, professional groups, residence life and more than 30 other clubs and organizations. You'll be able to use your voice in music and theater performances, presentations and publications, too. If there are areas of interest you and your friends would like to promote, you can gather support to organize a club of your own.

Financial Aid

College tuition can look like a big number, but think of it as a major investment in your future for which you don't have to foot the bill alone. We offer financial assistance to qualified students in the form of low-interest loans, employment, grant programs, and scholarships. These four types of aid are based on your need and eligibility, and we'll help you determine what best meets your needs. To find out how much aid you are qualified to receive, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can do it online at www.fafsa.ed.gov starting October 1.

Bennett College is a UNCF affiliated institution where students who qualify are eligible to receive scholarships. Complete an application and create a profile by accessing www.uncf.org/scholarships.

Cost

Tuition and Fees $20,181
Room and Board $8,389
(double occupancy)

"My leadership experiences at Bennett College have transformed me from a girl into a woman. Through student involvement, I have been given the tools to become a transformative leader in professional and academic settings. I feel equipped to handle any situation given because I have been trained through the Bennett experience by the very best-- my Bennett sisters. I have learned how to delegate, organize, enhance my communication skills, and engage in networking. I have been given hands-on experience through my leadership positions which have helped enhance my overall Bennett College experience."

--Shemiah Curry, '16

B.S. in Elementary Education, minor in Sociology

Bennett College provides the kind of academic education that makes it students well-rounded world citizens.

Through the College's Center for Global Studies, students are offered opportunities to study abroad in places such as Cyprus, Austria, and Costa Rica. Through the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program and the Alliance for language Learning and Educational Exchange Foundation, the College has offered courses in Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese and Kiswahili.

The college also offers Africana Women's Studies and Honors programs. The Africana Women's Studies Program focuses on the experiences, socio-cultural conditions and histories of women in the African Diaspora as well as issues generally important in the field of women's studies. The Honors Program is rich in scholarly programs that challenge and strengthen higher-level critical thinking. Through the Office of Career Services, students are prepared for job and internship opportunities.

The program offerings are enhanced through the Greater Greensboro Consortium, through which Bennett students can pursue courses at N.C. A&T State University, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Elon University, High Point University, Guilford Technology Community College and Guilford College. In addition, the Academic Cultural Enrichment Series (A.C.E.S.) enriches the students' academic journey by enhancing their cultural and intellectual experiences. This program is scheduled every Thursday and gives students an opportunity to learn how to appreciate and accept different ideas and beliefs.

"Bennett College is a perfect fit for me. The small class sizes allow for direct and personal access to my instructors. They are tough, but honest and genuinely concerned for my overall well-being."

-- Brooke Kane '19

Political Science Major

Academics

Academics

You are considering college because you want to expand your mind and position yourself for a bright future. Bennett College is committed to developing women who have sharp minds and stellar abilities—no matter what field they want to enter.

The Division of Art and Sciences houses the Department of Humanities; Department of Biological and Chemical Sciences; Department of Political Science and Sociology; and the Department of Psychology. The Division offers a number of world languages courses that will help you take your education with you no matter where you go. Courses in disciplines such as history, philosophy, and women's studies help you put your education in context. Additionally, our graduates go on to become researchers or providers in health professions. Students in political science examine how they can engage in the political forces that influence and impact our world.

The Division of Professional Studies houses the Department of Business, Economics and Entrepreneurship; Department of Curriculum and Instruction; Department of Journalism & Media Studies; and the Department of Social Work. Students learn how to become professionals in business and entrepreneurship, social work and media communications.

Attending a college with a rigorous liberal arts focus means you will have a well-rounded educational foundation and develop keen critical and analytical thinking skills. That kind of academic background is relevant no matter what field you enter and key to success in life and in your profession. No matter what class you take, you'll work with faculty members who are experts in their fields and committed to ensuring you learn relevant knowledge.

THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Majors:
Business Administration, B.S.
Elementary Education (K–6), B.S.
Journalism & Media Studies, B.A.
Special Education, B.A.
Social Work, B.S.W.

Minors:
Economics
Journalism & Media Studies
Special Education

THE DIVISION OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Majors:
Biology, B.S.
Chemistry, B.S.
Computer Science, B.S.
English
Interdisciplinary Studies (3 tracks: Africana Women's Studies, History and Honors-Self-Design), B.A. & B.S.
Mathematics, B.S.
Music (Performance Track), B.A.
Political Science, B.A.
Psychology, B.A.
Theatre (Performance Track), B.F.A.
Theatre, B.A.

Minors:
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
English
Global Studies
History
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy and Religion
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Women's Studies

DUAL DEGREE

Chemistry/Chemical Engineering (NC A&T)
Mathematics/Mechanical Engineering (NC A&T)
Mathematics/Electrical Engineering (NC A&T)
Mathematics/Industrial Engineering (NC A&T)

Cooperative Programs:
Cooperative Doctor of Chiropractic Program – Life University
Direct Entry Nursing Program – Simmons College
The Early Assurance Program – East Carolina University, Brody School of Medicine
Healthcare – Winston Salem State
Graduate Programs – Alabama A&M University
Tuition Discount Program – Pfeiffer University
English Language Instruction Programs – American Language Academy

Campus Life

The Office of Student Affairs provides a program of educational development for the Bennett College students, including activities and services to meet the cultural, social, spiritual and recreational needs and interests -- all designed to enhance and support their academic experience. The campus has 39 clubs and organizations from academic clubs, to sororities to honor societies. As a United Methodist Church related institution, Bennett College promotes interaction with the local faith communities through a campus ministries program to ensure a safe and supportive environment where students can express and develop their faith. Students can also take advantage of the Greensboro area's newest gallery, the Wilbur Steele Gallery, at Bennett College, which showcases the College's valuable art collections and local, regional and national talent. The campus has four residence halls, an Olympic-size swimming pool, tennis courts, gymnasium, an exercise facility, a lighted soccer field and a walking/running track.

Accreditations

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)

Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Affiliations

United Methodist Church

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

Women's College Coalition

North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU)

Notable Alumnae

Neda Brown ’01
Acting Deputy Chief of Mission and Public Affairs Officer at the US Embassy in Nassau, the Bahamas

Dr. Hattie Carwell ’70
Noted research scientist and radiation expert who served as a program manager for high energy and nuclear programs for the U.S. Department of Energy

Barbara Hamm ’78
First Black Woman to serve as a TV News Director at WTKR-TV from 1994-1997

Michelle Huff ’95
Founder of Huff Entertainment, a full-service public relations firm promoting campaigns for DKNY Jeans, BET, NYC Fashion Week and more

Marissa Jennings ’03
Creator and Founder of SOCIALgrlyz, the company creating the first mobile app magazine for young women

Yvonne J. Johnson ’64
First African-American Mayor of Greensboro from 2007-2009

Dr. Talia McCray ’90
Assistant Professor in community and regional planning program at the University of Texas at Austin, specializing in transportation planning for disadvantage populations

Dr. Glendora Putnam ’45
First Black Female President of the National YWCA – elected in 1985

Tammi McCall ’94
Actress and radio personality “TammiMac” in Los Angeles

Faye Robinson ’64
Internationally Acclaimed Opera Singer who has performed at opera houses in Paris, Berlin, Vienna and Argentina

Sen. Gladys Robinson ’71
Serving her third term as N.C. Senator representing Greensboro in the North Carolina General Assembly

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