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Introduction to Adrian College

Educational Mission

Adrian College, a liberal arts College in the United Methodist tradition, is committed to the pursuit of truth and to the dignity of all people. Through active and creative learning in a supportive community, students are challenged to achieve excellence in their academic, personal, and professional lives, and to contribute to a more socially just society.

Statement of Principles

The Foundation of Adrian College

Adrian College was founded as a Methodist institution. It is affiliated with The United Methodist Church.

- **John Wesley**, the founder of Methodism, espoused a Christian faith that embraced a social consciousness. In the nineteenth century, American Methodists founded many liberal arts colleges.

- **Asa Mahan**, the first president of Oberlin College in Ohio, became the founding president of Adrian College in 1859. Like John Wesley, he opposed slavery and believed in what he called “the power of action.”

- Although its' students and faculty come from many religious backgrounds, the College encourages all members of the community to struggle with moral and spiritual value questions growing out of the College's United Methodist heritage of **commitment to Christian traditions and values**, concern for **peace and justice** and an **ecumenical understanding of human spiritual experience**.

- Because of its Methodist traditions, Adrian College has been open from its inception to men and women from all backgrounds. The College continues its commitment to creating a community that reflects human diversity. It is therefore actively inclusive, seeking to attract students, faculty and staff from segments of the population that have not been fully represented in higher education.

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The Adrian College Community

Adrian College is

- a **thinking** community where people challenge each other to develop morally and intellectually.
- a **caring** community where people are responsive to each other's needs.
- an **inclusive** community where men and women from varied backgrounds, religious beliefs and points of view seek common ground and appreciate differences.
- an **active** community where people enjoy the benefits of campus involvement and community service.

Principles of a Liberal Arts Education

To achieve the College's mission, the faculty and staff are committed to the following principles:

- Students develop through studying intensely focused disciplines and through exploring questions that transcend disciplinary boundaries.
- Students grow by studying and interpreting human experience and the natural environment.
- Students mature by exploring their own cultures and identities, by studying other cultures and by interacting with people whose backgrounds are different from their own.

Faculty and staff are committed to challenging students through teaching based on the following principles:

- Students learn through highly active collaboration with faculty members and with each other.
- Students learn by discussing and writing about their developing thoughts.
- Students learn by thinking critically and creatively about significant questions.
- Students learn by using appropriate technologies in a face-to-face environment.
- Students learn by putting ideas into practice.

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**President
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General Information

Accreditation

Adrian College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (Higher Learning Commission, 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504; (800) 621-7440; (312) 263-0456; Fax: (312) 263-7462) the University Senate of The United Methodist Church (Division of Higher Education, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, PO Box 340007, 1001 Nineteenth Ave., South, Nashville, TN 37203-0007). Teacher Education certification programs are approved by the Michigan Department of Education (Michigan Department of Education, 608 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933.)

Adrian's affiliations include membership in the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan; the Michigan Colleges Foundation; the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters; the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; The National Association of Schools and Colleges of The United Methodist Church; the American Council on Education and the Council for Independent Colleges.

The Campus

Adrian College is located in Adrian, Michigan, the county seat of Lenawee County in the southeastern part of the state. Adrian is a city of approximately 22,000 people, situated in the center of an agricultural, industrial and recreational area. State and U.S. highways and nearby expressways provide convenient access to the metropolitan areas of Detroit, Toledo, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Both the Detroit and Toledo airports are within an hour's drive.

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The Adrian campus is remarkably modern for a college which recently celebrated its 140th anniversary. The architecture of 19th-century Downs Hall, however, recalls the College's long educational tradition.

For nearly a century, the Adrian campus consisted of several brick buildings that fronted on Madison Street. In the mid-1950's, largely through the generosity of major benefactor Ray W. Herrick, development of a new and modern physical plant was begun.

Today the College extends over 100 acres in a west-side residential section of the Adrian community. The original "college promenade" with its carefully groomed lawns and stately old trees now forms the eastern boundary of the main campus. A carillon tower on the east and a contemporary chapel on the west are familiar landmarks of the central mall.

Madison Street, on the east edge of campus, connects the College with state highway M-34 to the south and business route U.S. 223 to the north. A 48-acre arboretum and natural science study station is located about 15 miles from the main campus on Round Lake.

System of Academic Governance

The governance system at Adrian is designed to ensure that issues related to effective operation of the College are based on consideration of all concerned points of view. Both strategic plans and immediate decisions and actions are weighed on the basis of academic soundness and fiscal responsibility, in accordance with the College's mission and purposes. In addition to the administration and Student Government, the five basic components of the system are the faculty, the collegia, the academic departments and a number of standing and ad hoc committees. Faculty meetings include both students and some administrators closely involved with the academic program.

Five standing committees and several related committees report to the faculty: Academic Policy and Assessment, Curriculum, Campus Environment, College Planning and Faculty Life. Faculty decisions on the curriculum and academic programs are presented as recommendations to the President.

The 21 academic departments are organized according to traditional academic disciplines and are responsible for curriculum development, planning, academic standards and student relations within their areas of concern and expertise.

Collegia are interdisciplinary groups of the faculty organized according to four broad fields of interest: arts, letters and the humanities; social science and comparative cultures; applied arts; and the sciences and mathematics. The collegia coordinate the efforts of academic departments and faculty members with similar interests and concerns.

Various informal opportunities exist for faculty and student involvement in decision making. These include regular meetings of the President with interested constituents and a continuing discussion of campus issues.

History of the College

Adrian College evolved from a theological institute founded by the Wesleyan Methodist denomination at Leoni in 1845. This was united with the Leoni Seminary, a Methodist Protestant institution, establishing Michigan Union College in 1855.

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Local circumstances made it advisable either to relocate or to close Michigan Union College in 1859. In that same year, Dr. Asa Mahan — pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Adrian — was encouraged by citizens of the community to establish a college there. Mahan was a veteran educator, having served as the first president of Oberlin College and, previously, as an officer of Lane Theological Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Mahan and his colleagues invited officials and supporters of the closing Michigan Union College to join in establishing the new college at Adrian. The invitation was accepted and the library holdings and a number of students and faculty members of the former institution joined the enterprise at Adrian.

On March 28, 1859, Adrian College was chartered by the Michigan legislature as a degree-granting institution with Dr. Mahan as its first president.

In 1868, Adrian College trustees transferred sole ownership and control of the College to the Methodist Protestant denomination. For over seventy years, Adrian College was identified with the academic egalitarianism of the Methodist Protestant movement. In 1916, a Methodist Protestant college at West Lafayette, Ohio, was consolidated with Adrian by action of the General Conference. The Methodist Protestant Church united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1939, and Adrian College became affiliated with The Methodist Church.

The unification of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1968 resulted in the affiliation of Adrian College with The United Methodist Church. In 1970, the College's Articles of Association were revised and Adrian became "a non-profit education corporation, operating under the provisions of the Michigan General Corporation Act (Act No. 327, P.A. 1931 as amended)."

The Articles of Association provide that the Board of Trustees shall consist of not more than 38 members, including 12 who are nominated by the Detroit and West Michigan Conferences of The United Methodist Church. Six trustees are elected by the Adrian College Alumni Association, and the remaining 20 are elected by the board itself. Two faculty and two student representatives serve as non-voting associate trustees.

College Facilities

The **Admissions House** (2005) welcomes prospective students and their families to campus. Its reception center includes a fireplace built of bricks from the original South Hall.

The **Adrian College Chapel** (1964) was a gift of Ray W. Herrick, a prominent benefactor of the College, in memory of his mother, Katherine Elizabeth Herrick. Used for weekly chapel services, seasonal services and other campus and community activities, the chapel seats a congregation of 1,000 and a choir of 110. It is also open daily for private worship. Notable features of the chapel include a 2,100-pipe organ and 16 custom-designed stained glass windows which depict the story of Christianity and the history of Methodism; the windows were created by the Willet Stained Glass Studios in Philadelphia.

The **Campus Services Building** (1965) houses the College print shop, the purchasing department, central stores and the maintenance department.

The **Dawson Auditorium** (1962, renovated 2004) is the campus center for theatre, arts, music and lectures. Named in honor of John Harper Dawson, alumnus and fourteenth president of Adrian College (1955-1978), the auditorium seats 1,000 persons. The Spencer Music Hall adjoins the facility.

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Downs Hall (1860) houses the Stubnitz Art Gallery, named for Dorothy and Maurice Stubnitz, and the Downs Studio Theatre. The only building remaining from Adrian's original campus, Downs is a Michigan historic site. The building, which formerly served as the College chapel, is named for Jordan Downs of Ohio, who contributed to its renovation.

The **Goldsmith Center** (1965) serves as the location for the Health Center and includes the offices of the director of health services and the nursing staff. The center also houses the Sage Personal Counseling Center, developed through a major contribution from the Sage Foundation; it includes the offices of the director of counseling and the counseling staff. The center was a gift of the family and friends of Allen L. Goldsmith, a distinguished industrialist and College trustee.

Herrick Tower (1966) is a signature landmark of Adrian College. The 60-foot tower honors Ray W. Herrick, the generous benefactor whose gifts and commitment made possible much of the contemporary campus of Adrian College. The tower marks the location occupied for more than 100 years by South Hall, the first building erected on the campus (1859).

Pellowe Hall (1966) serves as a conference and retreat center for groups on and off campus, and provides guest housing for up to 145 visitors; parents and alumni may stay at Pellowe during special weekends. It houses the Office of Conferences. The building honors Edward G. Pellowe, Adrian alumnus and director of financial development from 1955-1966.

Caine Student Center (Renovated 2004), named for Stanley P. Caine, sixteenth president of Adrian College (1989-2005) is the campus center and is open 24 hours a day. It provides information, services, and an activity center for students, staff, alumni and other guests of the College. It houses a 24-hour **Margaret Valade Computer Lab**, Jazzman's Coffee, 155 Grille, **Arrington Auditorium**, and the **Hickman Board Room**. Student Government Association, Campus Activities Network, Greek Life, Safety, the *College World*, and most Student Affairs offices are located in Caine. The Caine Student Center staff schedules activities in Caine, approves any on-campus posters or flyers and is the campus "lost and found." The Ridge Center Court memorializes Caine's history as Ridge Gymnasium.

Ritchie Marketplace (1957, renovated 2006) is the College dining center. The facility includes many stations: a grill, a community Mongolian wok, a salad bar/deli, a pizza oven, a pasta bar, and an old fashioned ice cream parlor. Food is prepared in front of students. The facility includes a lounge area, a fireplace, and a private dining room. French doors open to a patio with outdoor seating. Named for Corley S. Ritchie, alumnus, teacher and business manager of the College, the center was doubled in size in 1963 and underwent major renovations in 1976 and 2006.

Rush Hall (1957, renovated 1995) houses the bookstore, the Adrian Symphony Orchestra, and the office of Publications and Information. It also contains the Fireside Dining Room. The building bears the name of Dr. W. Albert Rush, alumnus and former dean of the College.

The **Stanton Administration Building** (1960) honors Donald S. Stanton, fifteenth president of Adrian College (1978-1988), and his wife, Barbara. It houses the offices of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Business Affairs, and Vice President for Institutional Advancement. The Business Office, Office of the Registrar, Financial Services Office, and Alumni Office are also located in the building.

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Cornelius House (1948) provides faculty offices, classrooms, individual practice rooms and a gracious lounge for the music department. The building is named for Dr. James D. H. Cornelius, who taught classics at Adrian from 1881 to 1925. The Adrian Symphony Orchestra offices are located on the second floor of Cornelius.

The **Peter W. and Sophia Piel Dawson Arboretum** is a 48-acre wooded area overlooking the southeast shoreline of Round Lake, about 15 miles from campus. This natural science study station was given to the College in 1975 by Peter W. Dawson of Manitou Beach, in memory of his wife, Sophia.

The **Holley Solar Greenhouse** (1980) was made possible by the Earl-Beth Foundation and its former president, Danforth Holley, an advocate of alternative energy sources. The greenhouse is used by classes in botany and biology, providing research opportunities in biology and solar technology for students and faculty members.

Jones Hall (1965) houses a computer science laboratory and the departments of history, political science, accountancy/business administration, earth science and economics. Named in honor and memory of Dr. Elmer M. Jones, a distinguished teacher of chemistry from 1907-1940, the facility includes a 206-seat amphitheater and the Bonner Center for Academic and Career Services.

Mahan Hall (1965) houses most of the humanities departments, including art, English, foreign languages, theatre and communication arts and sciences. A computer classroom/lab is located in the building, as well as a television studio, radio station, student newspaper offices and a language laboratory. Mahan Hall is named in honor of Asa Mahan, first president of Adrian College, who served from 1859-65 and again from 1867-71.

The **Merillat Sport and Fitness Center** (1990) provides educational, recreation and fitness facilities for all Adrian College students, faculty members and staff. The 80,000-square-foot complex includes a multi-sport forum for general recreational use with courts for basketball, volleyball and tennis, surrounded by a one-tenth mile indoor track. The center also contains two racquetball courts, an athletic training room, a weight training and conditioning room, classrooms, a physiology laboratory and a dance studio, as well as a performance gymnasium which seats 1,300 persons and serves as home to the Bulldog basketball and volleyball teams. Offices of the exercise science/physical education department faculty and athletic department coaches and administrators are also contained in the building. The Merillat Center is named for Orville and Ruth Merillat, civic and business leaders in the community of Adrian for many years, whose leadership gift to the project provided the impetus for construction.

The **Jack and Elaine Vivian Wellness Center** (2005), located in the Merillat Sport and Fitness Center, provides students and staff state-of-the-art exercise facilities for conditioning and cardiovascular health. Jack Vivian, a graduate and trustee of the College, has been involved in sports management and sports facility management for much of his life.

The **Multisport Performance Stadium** (2006) adjoining the Merillat Center, provides facilities for students playing football, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse, and women's field hockey and for musicians in the marching band. It also includes classrooms and lab space for the Exercise Science department.

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North Hall (1971) is home to the departments of philosophy/religion, psychology, sociology/criminal justice/human services and teacher education. It also includes the Richards Meditation Chapel, the Chaplain's Office, the Education Curriculum Center, the Alumni Office and the Frank W. Stephenson Alumni Center, as well as the 118-seat Knight Auditorium. The third floor is named MacNaughton Floor, honoring psychology professor Dr. Norman MacNaughton and Dr. Douglas MacNaughton, his son, alumnus and professor emeritus in philosophy and religion. The facility was built on the site of Old North Hall and the North Hall Annex, which housed Union troops during the Civil War and occupied the location for more than 100 years.

Peelle Hall (1960) contains laboratories, classrooms, scientific equipment and a greenhouse. Many of the College's computer terminals also are located in Peelle. Named for Dr. Miles L. Peelle, an esteemed biological scientist and Adrian professor emeritus, the building houses most of the science departments, including biology, chemistry, computer science, environmental science, mathematics and physics.

Robinson Observatory (1962) in Peelle Hall contains a six-inch telescope for the study of astronomy. It is named in honor of Herbert Robinson, a local industrialist and benefactor of the College.

Robinson Planetarium (1966) in Peelle Hall is equipped with an SLI projector and seating for 66 persons. It also was a gift of Herbert Robinson.

Shipman Library (1963, renovated and expanded 2000) includes a complete line of academic information services. The renovated building is a large, attractive space with accommodations for individual and group study as well as leisure reading. It is named in memory of Dorothy Middlebrook Shipman, a distinguished library director and friend to Adrian College students. The collection numbers more than 145,000 volumes, including substantial holdings of microforms and audiovisual materials. A reciprocal borrowing arrangement with nearby Siena Heights University provides access to an additional 100,000 volumes. The library web page (www.adrian.edu/library) provides on-site and remote access to the collection. In addition, over 70 research databases, many including full-text sources, are accessible campus-wide through the web page. The library reference area contains 12 computers that are available for research, and the building also houses the **Gary and Margaret Valade Technology Center**, which includes 37 computers along with other computer equipment and facilities. Shipman's interlibrary loan service allows students to borrow books, articles and other materials from college and university libraries nationwide. Two notable special collections are held at Shipman Library: the Piotrowski-Lemke Lincoln Collection and the Detroit Conference Methodist Historical Collection. The library is open to students, staff and the greater community 87 hours per week.

Spencer Music Hall (1974) honors Dr. James H. Spencer, composer and director of music at the College for 44 years. The building adjoins Dawson Auditorium and includes a large rehearsal hall, music libraries and instrument storage areas.

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Student Housing

Residence Halls

Each residence hall at Adrian is a purposefully designed environment to foster community living at its best. Each hall has its own television lounge, laundry facilities, kitchen, comfortably furnished lounge and recreation areas. A variety of living options are available. All residence halls are tobacco free. Contact the Office of Residence Life for details on living options.

Cargo Hall (1964) This hall was named in honor of Dr. Ruth Cargo, professor emeritus of American history and political science.

Davis Hall (1963) is named for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Deans Hall (1968) honors the distinguished deans of women who have served the College since 1868.

Estes Hall (1958) is named for Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Estes of Lansing.

Feeman Hall (1956) honors Dr. Harlan L. Feeman, who was president of the College from 1917 to 1940.

Jarvis Hall (1961) was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clement Jarvis of Dimondale.

Powell Hall (1962) honors the memory of Dr. Homer K. Powell, professor emeritus of mathematics, astronomy, geology and physics. He taught at both Adrian and West Lafayette College before it merged with Adrian.

Stevens Hall (1960) is named for Claude H. Stevens, an alumnus, former chairman of the Board of Trustees and trustee emeritus.

The **College View Apartments** (2006) provide four-person suites with private bedrooms as well as kitchen and laundry facilities.

Sorority and Fraternity Housing

Herrick Hall (1965), which houses the women of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Chi Omega, is named for Hazel M. Herrick, wife of Ray W. Herrick, and generous friend to Adrian students.

Lowry Hall (1965), which houses Alpha Phi sorority and other students, is named in honor of Dr. Hope Lowry, a distinguished professor of modern languages from 1920 to 1963.

The **Alpha Tau Omega** house is located at 1215 West Michigan Avenue.

The **Phi Kappa Sigma** fraternity house is located at 1234 Williams Street.

The **Sigma Alpha Epsilon** house is located at 1108 Michigan Avenue.

The **Theta Chi** house is located at 315 South Madison Street.

All the above College-owned Greek housing serves the residence, meeting and social needs of the chapters.