



Why a Christ-centered Education?

It can be hard to choose a college. With so many different colleges out there, choosing the right one can be overwhelming. Below are some reasons college students have given for why they chose a Christ-centered education. Perhaps these will help you in your college search.

“People who share my faith.” Your college years will be an important time in your life where you establish how you see the world, choose a career, determine how you want to live, and often who you want to spend your life with a husband or wife. A Christ-centered college provides a safe place for you to explore who you are and what you believe. At a Christ-centered college, you’ll find the kind of faculty mentors and friends who share your beliefs and can strengthen and support you as you make those big life decisions. You’ll have a built-in network of Christian friends to build deep and life-long friendships with, and you won’t have to worry about being ridiculed for your faith.

“A place to prepare for God’s call on my life.” There is no better place than a Christ-centered college to help you develop into the man or woman God has called you to be. Even if you do not plan to enter the ministry, a Christ-centered college prepares you to live out your faith in any vocation. You’ll learn what it means to be a Christian businessman or woman, a Christian accountant, or a Christian educator. It’s the perfect place to get an excellent education while preparing for the plans God has for you. (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

“Professors who care about me and know my name.” Since Christ-centered colleges are typically smaller, there are more opportunities to get to know your professors. Don’t be surprised if you become good friends with some of them if you attend a Christ-centered college. Faculty at a Christ-centered college tend to focus on teaching and are not preoccupied with their own research endeavors, so they have more time to invest in the lives of their students. The shared beliefs between faculty and students provide opportunities for faculty members to pray with their students and serve as spiritual mentors.

“A chance to grow deeper in my Christian walk.” As a high school student, you may feel strong in your faith, and want to share your faith with a campus full of lost students. But as one college junior put it, “When you’re in high school, you think you know everything. Then you get to college and you realize that you don’t—that there are people who know a lot more than you do. You want to be careful who you allow to feed you.” College challenges you to think critically about what you believe. Your freshman and sophomore years in college will be crucial in establishing your faith as your own. At a Christ-centered college, you’ll be surrounded by those things that build up your faith rather than tear it down.

“An opportunity to impact the world for Christ.” At a Christ-centered college, you’ll have numerous opportunities to engage in mission trips and community service projects that touch the lives of others. Trips to places like China, Africa, South America, and India give students at Christ-centered colleges the chance to travel the world while they serve others and become witnesses for Christ. Many Christ-centered colleges, like Dallas Baptist University, incorporate serving others into class requirements. For example, all DBU freshmen participate in at least six hours of community service per month. Serving others is the norm at a Christ-centered college, and its goal is glorifying God.

As you consider the type of college you should attend, pray diligently about your decision. Another great benefit to a Christ-centered college is that they honestly want you to go where God leads you. If you’re seeking someone to help you pray through your college decision, feel free to contact Jonny Cantwell, a DBU student admissions counselor, at 1-800-460-1328 or jcantwell@dbu.edu.