

Why Geneva? Why Now?

Consider Geneva College

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At a church conference last summer, we enjoyed a meal with friends who are parents of a number of school-age children. As the meal was wrapping up, the dad said in a good-natured yet serious way, “Persuade me to send our children to Geneva College!”

What a good and pertinent request, I thought. Geneva is a Christian college with a reformed confessional heritage. Yet attending a Christian college is not a self-evident expectation, the way it might have been a century ago when most American students attended private, religiously-affiliated colleges and universities. Today, we believe that Geneva is a compelling option for people who believe in the truth of scripture from Genesis to Revelation. The terrain of higher education is shifting and uncertain, marked by confusion economically, politically, and spiritually. For those who understand faith in Christ and the fear of the Lord as the starting points of all wisdom and knowledge, both classroom content and campus life in American higher education reflect intellectual chaos and moral decline.

Meanwhile, at Geneva, the Westminster Confession of Faith and Reformed Presbyterian Testimony continue to anchor the

entire educational project in the scripture. The Board of Trustees recently approved Geneva’s core values as follows: “With Christ as King and under scripture, we: 1) serve with grace; 2) pursue Godly wisdom; 3) foster academic strength; 4) engage culture faithfully; 5) inspire vibrant hospitality; and 6) honor one another.” As core values, these have emerged from the biblical heritage of the college, active today and evident in the faculty, staff, and students who have preceded us. And they are also points of aspiration—like every institution, we have not “arrived” and seek greater faithfulness and growth.

STARTING POINTS

To present a case for Christians to attend, support, and serve Geneva College begins with important conditions that I routinely explain when

speaking to believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior:

1. If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, we want you at Geneva!

Your presence and participation in the life of the college advances our mission as a Reformed Christian ministry of education. We want you to come and serve with us. As Jesus came to serve, not to be served, we need people at Geneva who understand our work as a long-term mission commitment and come to join in the work of Christ’s church with a host of believers at the college.

Many people come to know Jesus Christ at Geneva College every year. People who already know Christ grow in their love for Him, their knowledge of God’s word, and their desire to build Christ’s church through their work at Geneva. The Lord accomplishes much of this ministry through relationships people develop working and living together at Geneva. We want Christian students to contribute to our college’s culture and engage through classroom work and studies; in athletics, music, and other campus activities; through faithful church participation and discipleship; and in the everyday paths of life on campus.



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2. We would like every follower of Jesus Christ to consider Geneva seriously.

We hope that Geneva will start out on your early list of possible destinations for college, and that you will keep Geneva on your list for serious consideration throughout the college search process. We do not believe that every college-bound Christian should attend Geneva, only that Geneva should be in the mix, because...



3. We want you to attend to God's call on your life with care as you make a final college decision.

Geneva continues to teach students that we all need to learn to respond to the call of Jesus Christ as the primary factor in guiding our life's work. We remain open to the reality that God may be calling some students to study at a different school according to His good plan and purposes.

PRIME CONSIDERATIONS

What makes Geneva a compelling option? We hold Christian education as a priority.

The Reformed Presbyterian commitments to Christian education provide the basis for the ministry of higher education at Geneva today. In the 1960s, the RPCNA church initiated a process that resulted in the approval and publication of the Foundational Concepts of Christian Education. At the college, we have been celebrating the 50th Anniversary (1967-2017) of its adoption throughout this year. Foundational Concepts announces the biblical presuppositions that undergird and inform all wisdom; explicates the coherence of all knowl-

edge in Christ; calls for the college to teach students to integrate faith in Christ throughout all learning and life; and expects students to attend to Christ's calling in pursuing their

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life's work—a coherent Christian vocation that involves life in the home, the church, and the community.

The basic foundation and purpose is central to good education; and so are the teachers. The apostle Paul calls Timothy to remember from whom he learned sound doctrine. For most

people college is a deeply formative, even transformational, season of life. Because the most potent learning comes from teachers, coaches, directors and other adult leaders of young people, "Who will I learn from?" becomes a crucial question.

Geneva faculty members and staff profess Christ publicly and affirm the absolute truth of His Word. Geneva's high-caliber faculty have earned solid academic

credentials and possess expertise in their respective fields of study. They maintain high expectations and provide strong support to help students meet rigorous standards of academic performance. And in a world of higher education dominated by liberal academics, Geneva's faculty is theologically conservative.

Because all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ, Geneva provides a coherent, core curriculum that gives students the opportunity to develop intellectual agility through Christian engagement with the liberal arts. The Geneva core begins with grounding in required Bible courses; walks students through a demanding humanities sequence that invites integrated knowledge of history, philosophy, literature, and human life; and presents the mediatorial Kingship of Christ as the fulcrum of political philosophy. The core serves to invite every Geneva student into practical Christian wisdom. Such value is scarcely available nationwide, either in public or Christian higher education. In public universities, general educa-

tion requirements reflect the confusion and incoherence of modern and postmodern curricula but house the most virulent forms of anti-Christian ideology found on college campuses today. And where Christian colleges are concerned, one needs to look carefully at where a school stands on questions of the absolute truth of scripture, the atoning work of Christ, marriage, human sexuality, and creation. Geneva offers students unmatched core agility in the practical wisdom only Christ can provide.

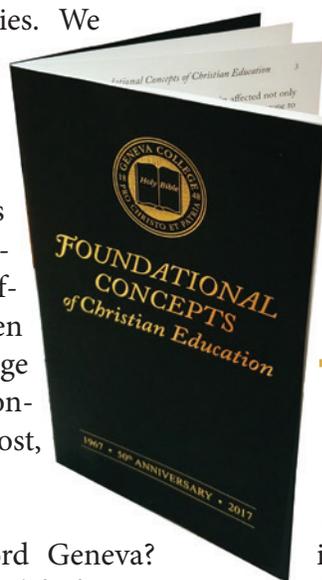
Geneva offers a private, Christian college education at a cost within reach for many families. We understand that private college education is not cheap. And families must make decisions with real budgets and long-term commitments in mind, often with many children headed into the college years. We are rightly concerned about price, cost, value and debt.

How do students afford Geneva? First, many students qualify for significant scholarship aid based on academic performance in high school. Second, through early college, dual enrollment courses, advanced placement courses, and community college transfer credits, students often lower costs by reducing the credits necessary to complete a Geneva degree. Third, by working in the college community, many both contribute to the college mission and reduce their college expense directly through earnings.

Many students who initially thought Geneva was out-of-reach financially have been able to attend and gradu-

ate without burdens of debt. To make a final cost determination demands going through the financial aid process once you have been admitted. Geneva can actually be a very competitive cost option.

Our mission is to equip students for lives of faithful and fruitful service to God and neighbor. We encourage students to come prepared to gain the maximum benefit from a Geneva education. Geneva graduates fulfill the college mission, leaving campus prepared to excel pro Christo et patria (for Christ and country). Our alumni are engaged in fruitful professional work and excel as students in quality



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graduate programs at major research universities. More important, Geneva alumni faithfully engage in the work of building Christ's church, establishing solid Christian households and serving their communities.

Geneva offers remarkable opportunities for students to become deeply equipped for their life's work. From the biblical foundation to a curriculum and campus life that profess Jesus Christ as the center of all wisdom and knowledge in practice, the unique aspects of a Geneva education enable students to excel in post-collegiate work.

CONNECTING WITH GENEVA

Discerning whether the Lord might be calling you to Geneva as a student

involves more than simply making contact with Geneva's admissions office. To give Geneva full consideration, I offer a few recommendations for students and their parents:

1. Visit with 5-10 Geneva students and alumni. Talk with people who have studied at Geneva in different eras and programs. Make sure to talk with a number of current students.

2. Identify 2-3 Geneva degree programs in proximity to areas of study in which you might be interested. For example, a number of Geneva students have gone into veterinary science having completed a biology degree at Geneva.

3. Plan a campus visit. If possible, visit when you can spend the night with a current student and attend some classes, campus activities, etc. Meet with a professor in your area of interest and talk with faculty or staff that lead activities in which you might participate. Make sure you stop by the President's office when you come!

Geneva is for all students. As our charter states, Geneva is "open to men and women of every race and faith." We welcome people to study with us at Geneva. We have important work to do with all of our students preparing for a good life's work. Consider Geneva? Please do.

LEARN MORE
Foundational Concepts 50th Anniversary video and website:
geneva.edu/foundational-concepts

Geneva Admissions Counselors:
geneva.edu/admissions/counselors



The Value & Quality of a Geneva Education



Geneva: for Christ and Neighbor

96%

of students are employed or in grad school within 12 months of graduation



► Employers Like:

Ernst & Young, Northwestern Mutual, Michael Baker Int'l., IBM, Pgh Pirates, Westinghouse, Metropolitan Opera

► Grad Schools Like:

Princeton, Harvard, Carnegie Mellon, Case Western Reserve, Cornell, Purdue, Duquesne



Geneva: Practical Christian Wisdom

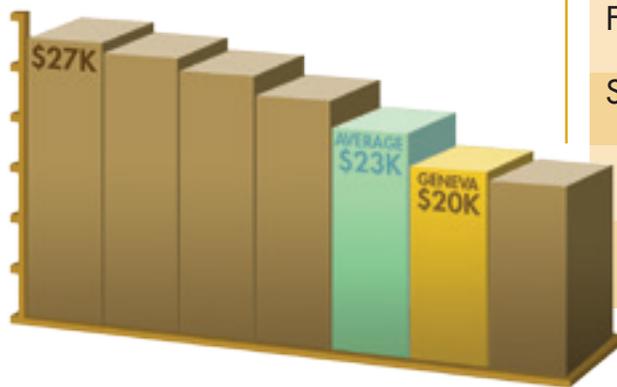
- **SCRIPTURE** is the foundation of all learning
- All faculty are **COMMITTED CHRISTIANS** who are experts in their fields
- **LIBERAL ARTS CORE** fosters intellectual agility
- Learned **VIRTUE ETHICS** prepare for a life of faithful and fruitful service



Geneva: Strong Support

- Provides a **MENTORING MODEL** for students
- Improves **PERSISTENCE TO GRADUATION**
- **IMPROVES POTENTIAL** in career and life
- Offers network of **27,000 ALUMNI**

Geneva vs. PA Private Schools 2015-2016 Average Cost of Attendance (Total Cost of Attendance minus Financial Aid)



Here's How Your Bill is Calculated:



Tuition, Room & Board, Fees



Geneva Scholarships, Grants



Federal & PA State Aid



Funding the Balance:

Family Contributions

by Semester or Payment Plan

Student Earnings/Savings

from Summer or Work Study

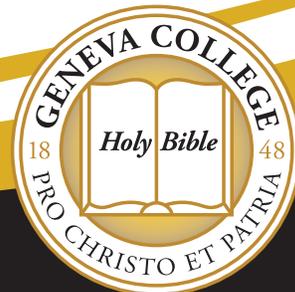
Private Scholarships

like Church Match

Federal + Private Loans

from Student or Parent

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Geneva College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, disability and national or ethnic origin.

Sources: U.S. News & World Report, Geneva College Statistics