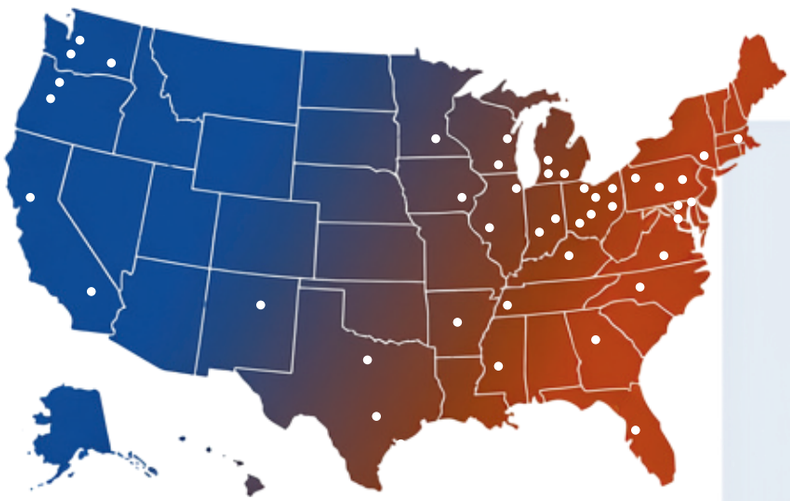
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COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES



> ***Every one of these catalytic places will push and stretch you beyond what you think possible.***
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> — Loren Pope
> Author, *Colleges That Change Lives*

Colleges That Change Lives is a non-profit organization of more than 40 liberal arts colleges that puts the student at the center of the college search process. We help students identify what matters to them so they can find the college that supports their growth and goals. The CTCL member institutions–some of the best colleges in the country–offer a transformative undergraduate education that cultivates a love of learning leading to a fulfilling life in college and beyond.

MEMBER INSTITUTION HIGHLIGHTS

- 40+ Student-Centered Liberal Arts Colleges
- 10:1 Average Student-to-Faculty Ratio
- NCAA Division I, II, III Athletics, Club Sports, and Intramural Sports
- 64% of Students Receive Need-Based Financial Aid
- Highly individualized 1:1 Admissions and Financial Aid Counseling
- Diverse College Experiences Across Faiths, Gender-Specific Education, Academic Disciplines, and Institution Types

CTCL MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

NORTHWEST

- The Evergreen State College (Washington)
- University of Puget Sound (Washington)
- Reed College (Oregon)
- Whitman College (Washington)
- Willamette University (Oregon)

WEST

- University of Redlands (California)
- Saint Mary's College of California (California)

SOUTHWEST

- Austin College (Texas)
- Southwestern University (Texas)
- St. John's College (New Mexico)

MIDWEST

- Antioch College (Ohio)
- Beloit College (Wisconsin)
- Cornell College (Iowa)
- Denison University (Ohio)
- DePauw University (Indiana)
- Earlham College (Indiana)
- Hillsdale College (Michigan)
- Hiram College (Ohio)
- Hope College (Michigan)
- Kalamazoo College (Michigan)
- Knox College (Illinois)
- Lawrence University (Wisconsin)
- Oberlin College (Ohio)
- Ohio Wesleyan University (Ohio)
- St. Olaf College (Minnesota)
- Wabash College (Indiana)
- Wheaton College (Illinois)
- The College of Wooster (Ohio)

NORTHEAST

- Allegheny College (Pennsylvania)
- Bard College (New York)
- Clark University (Massachusetts)
- Goucher College (Maryland)
- Juniata College (Pennsylvania)
- McDaniel College (Maryland)
- St. John's College (Maryland)
- Ursinus College (Pennsylvania)

SOUTH

- Agnes Scott College (Georgia)
- Centre College (Kentucky)
- Eckerd College (Florida)
- Guilford College (North Carolina)
- Hendrix College (Arkansas)
- University of Lynchburg (Virginia)
- Millsaps College (Mississippi)
- Rhodes College (Tennessee)

Choosing A College That GETS YOU

Your college search should be about finding a place where you will thrive. It's easy to get caught up in rankings or big-name schools, but what really matters is knowing your goals, strengths, and what kind of environment helps you grow. A great college list starts with reflecting on what each of these things means to you. You are in charge of this process! Jumpstart your research with these questions and identify what you value and want from your college experience. CTCL member institutions keep it student-centered and so should you!

Questions to Ask Colleges

General Questions

- What makes your college unique?
- What is the campus culture like?
- What kind of student is really successful and happy at the college?

Academic Programs

- Can I pursue multiple areas of interest?
- Do I need to know what I want to study when I apply?
- What hands-on learning experiences are offered?

Admission Process

- What will make me a strong candidate for admission?
- What information is reviewed during the application process?

Financial Aid

- Does the college offer need-based and merit-based grants and scholarships?
- Are all students considered for aid?

Campus Life & Support

- What kinds of support services are available for students?
- What is on-campus housing like? Do most students live on campus?
- Will I have a chance to study abroad, conduct research, complete an internship?
- What traditions, clubs, organizations or spaces create community among students?

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Questions to Ask YOURSELF

- What kind of student am I?
- What is my learning style?
- What kind of community do I want to join?
- How do I want to be challenged and supported? What do I need in order to be successful?
- Who do I want to live and learn with?
- What experiences do I hope to have in and out of the classroom?

Notes

> **The college chooses you, but YOU ultimately choose the college. Don't get so caught up in the status game that you forget to do your research, so that when the time comes, you can find the right fit.**
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