Honoring Our Leadership Mission

The Campaign for CMC: Responsible Leadership honors our leadership mission by endowing CMC's distinctive model for undergraduate education for future generations, including: small class size, deep relationships with faculty, undergraduate research opportunities through our centers and institutes, our residence program focused on personal growth and well-being, and our signature programs, like the Open Academy, at the heart of the CMC experience.

- REINFORCE our applied approach to the liberal arts and deepen and broaden our intellectual rigor through support of faculty recruitment and retention, the development of powerful curricula, and multidisciplinary education through co-teaching across differences in both perspective and expertise.
- STRENGTHEN our 11 institutes and centers, expand support for faculty-student research, and allocate greater resources to develop advanced literary and quantitative capabilities.
- **DEEPEN** the value that we place on diversity through the Open Academy, which derives from our mission; to instill a respect for differences that will prepare our students to lead in increasingly diverse and globally oriented social, political, and economic environments by building on signature programs, including: the Athenaeum, the CARE Center, and the Presidential Initiative on Anti-Racism and the Black Experience in America.



93% Undergraduates who live on campus

75% Students who worked on research with faculty

Research Institutes and Centers

80% of CMC classes have fewer

of CMC classes have fewer than 20 students

18 Average class size







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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout its history, the College's unwavering commitment to its founding vision and focused mission has provided the foundation for its success. As a result, CMC has emerged as one of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges, widely recognized for its distinctive approach to undergraduate education.

INTELLECTUAL RIGOR

Reinforcing its hands-on approach to the liberal arts, CMC will deepen and broaden the intellectual rigor of our academic departments and programs. The Campaign will provide resources to ensure each academic department and program will maintain its leadership position in its respective field, with priority to recruitment and retention of world-class teacher-scholars, the development of powerful, focused curricula, and multidisciplinary education through co-teaching across differences in both perspective and expertise.

THE OPEN ACADEMY

Respect and civility are at the core of our institutional values. The Open Academy mission is rooted in the interconnected and dynamic values we call the CMC Commitments:

Freedom of Expression: We provide students with the historical, social, and academic frameworks for understanding the principles of free expression and open inquiry, thus building the foundations necessary for later mastery.

Viewpoint Diversity: We provide students with persistent opportunities to expand their capabilities in the challenging work of engaging diverse viewpoints and people, encouraging free expression and open inquiry as they do so.

Constructive Dialogue: These habits of heart and mind are difficult to learn, and even more difficult to master. Doing so requires authentic opportunities to practice and apply constructive dialogue and creative problem solving in tackling real world concerns.

CMC will reaffirm its commitment by building on signature programs including: the Athenaeum, the CARE Center, the Open Academy, and the Presidential Initiative on Anti-Racism and the Black Experience in America. The value that we place on diversity derives directly from our mission; we must instill a respect for differences that will prepare our students to lead in increasingly diverse and globally oriented social, political, and economic environments.



CMC received the 2019 Open Inquiry Institutional Excellence award from Heterodox Academy for its work to advance open inquiry, viewpoint diversity, and constructive disagreement.



CMC is ranked first in the nation for free expression in the 2021 Campus Free Speech Rankings of the nonpartisan Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.



