

# 2023 Report to Central District Conference

## MISSION

Goshen College transforms local and global communities through courageous, creative and compassionate leaders. Shaped by Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition, we integrate academic excellence and real-world experience with active love for God and neighbor.

## VISION

Goshen College will cultivate joy, growth and purpose, preparing students to thrive in life, leadership and service. Rooted in the way of Jesus, we will seek inclusive community and transformative justice in all that we do.



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[goshen.edu/podcasts](https://goshen.edu/podcasts)

## CAMPUS NEWS

### Mennonite Writers Conference

The ninth Mennonite/s Writing Conference was hosted on Goshen College's campus in the Fall of 2022. The theme, "Celebrating 30 Years: Looking Back, Looking Forward," celebrated both reflection and passing the torch to the next generation. Originally scheduled for 2020 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first Mennonite/s Writing in 1990, and twice postponed by COVID concerns, the conference drew Mennonite- and Anabaptist-related writers, readers and scholars from all over North America.

### New MSW

Beginning in 2023, Goshen College will offer a highly interactive and online Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program, conducted in partnership with Bluffton University. With plenty of opportunity for application to real-world settings, students will gain advanced clinical skills and complete their master's degree in as few as 12 months.

Learn more about this program at:  
[goshen.edu/msw](https://goshen.edu/msw)

### Top 10 Nationally Ranked

Goshen College appeared in the number eight spot – the top in Indiana – on Academic Influence's ranking of the best colleges and universities in the country by "Academic Stewardship," a challenge to traditional college rankings that ranks schools based on how effectively they use their financial and human resources toward academic impact. Taking their cue from Malcolm Gladwell's podcast series "The Myths of Meritocracy," Academic Influence created the Academic Stewardship metric to reward schools for making the most of what they have.

## CONFERENCE CONNECTIONS

**39**

**Students enrolled** from 14 Central District Conference congregations this academic year

**\$68,434**

**Amount churches pledged** in congregational student aid for the academic year

**The Goshen College Church Aid Matching Grant program provides a dollar-for-dollar match** of the first \$1,000 per student and a 1:4 match after that, up to full tuition.

## GLOBAL EDUCATION

Students from the conference are involved on- and off-campus in many edifying ways, but we specifically recognize students who have studied and served through GC's Global Education program. **Luisa Dutchersmith** from Faith Mennonite (Goshen) is spending the semester studying and serving in Ecuador. **Annalise Nisly** from Grace Mennonite Church (Pandora, OH) is studying and serving in Tanzania.

## FEATURED LINKS

**Campus News**  
[goshen.edu/news](https://goshen.edu/news)

**Campus Events**  
[goshen.edu/calendar](https://goshen.edu/calendar)

**Music Center Events**  
[gcmusiccenter.org/events](https://gcmusiccenter.org/events)

**Athletics Events**  
[goleafs.net/calendar](https://goleafs.net/calendar)

**Study-Service Term blogs**  
[goshen.edu/sst](https://goshen.edu/sst)