

ABOUT ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY

ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY IS AUSTIN'S premier private university.

A vibrant and diverse community of learners, St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, provides higher education opportunities to students of all ages and of varied cultural, religious, educational and economic backgrounds. The university offers a liberal arts education emphasizing critical thinking and ethical reasoning. Students enjoy the advantages of small classes and personal attention coupled with cutting-edge technology, excellent internships and service-learning opportunities. St. Edward's encourages service and an international perspective; it also encourages students to clarify their personal values and recognize their responsibility to the world community. Through creative and convenient programs, students build a foundation for lifelong learning and achievement.



THE UNIVERSITY'S VISION: to be recognized as one of the nation's best small universities.

In 1999, St. Edward's University, under the leadership of President George E. Martin and the Board of Trustees, identified seven strategic priorities to achieve its vision. These include objectives for enrollment growth, faculty and staff recruitment and retention, curricular and co-curricular program development, facility and technology development, financial management, endowment growth, and marketing.

Progress on the priorities began immediately. Enrollment has grown from 3,669 in Fall 1999 to nearly 5,300 in Fall 2009, yet St. Edward's still offers a low 14:1 student-faculty ratio. New academic programs have been added, including undergraduate majors in Bioinformatics, Entrepreneurship, Forensic Chemistry, Graphic Design, and Digital Media, as well as graduate programs in Computer Information Systems, Project Management, Teaching, and Organizational Leadership and Ethics.

The university's master plan, which details how St. Edward's will construct new facilities while maintaining the overall architectural character of campus, supports the strategic priorities for academic excellence, enrollment growth, and recruiting and retaining the best students, faculty, and staff.

- Trustee Hall, a 33,000-square-foot academic facility, was the first building completed under the plan. It opened in Fall 2002.
- The completion of Basil Moreau Residence Hall in 2003 and Jacques Dujarié Hall in 2005 further enhanced residence life.
- In Fall 2006, the university opened the 65,000-square-foot John Brooks Williams Natural Sciences Center–North Building, the first phase of a two-building science complex.
- In 2007, the University opened a 756-car parking garage, which offers convenient access to the center of campus.
- A new residential village, which opened in January 2009, evokes a sense of urban living in the heart of campus.

Included in the university's master plan is the future construction of a new chapel designed by architect Rick Joy, winner of the 2004 National Design Award from the Smithsonian Institution's Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum.

St. Edward's maintains a balanced operating budget — currently more than \$115 million — and the university's endowment stands at more than \$40 million. Total university assets exceed more than \$249 million. Fundraising has grown each year as well, and 83% of faculty and staff contributed to the annual fund last year — more than triple the giving levels of benchmark universities.

The university's accomplishments toward its vision have drawn growing national recognition.

Since 2003, the university has consistently been recognized in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking of "America's Best Colleges." Currently, St. Edward's is 21st among master's-granting institutions in the Western Region. And in the *U.S. News* 2010 report, St. Edward's is named one of the top five "Up-and-Coming Universities" in the Western Region by our peer schools.

In the National Survey of Student Engagement, St. Edward's exceeded the national average in all five areas: academic challenge, active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, educational experiences, and supportive campus environment.

Additionally, St. Edward's has been recognized as one of "Americas Best Colleges" by *Forbes* and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity (CCAP). In their 2009 joint report, *Forbes* and the CCAP ranked 600 undergraduate institutions based on the quality of the education they provide and the experience and achievements of their students. St. Edward's was ranked in the top 10 among Texas universities.

In 2004, St. Edward's was included in two new guidebooks, *Colleges of Distinction* and *Colleges with a Conscience*. And in 2006, *The New York Times* included St. Edward's in its "Colleges of Many Colors" list.



ST. EDWARD'S AT A GLANCE

Enrollment

Nearly 5,300 students attend St. Edward's, with undergraduates coming from 43 states and 37 countries. The average SAT score for the 2009 incoming freshman class is 1128. More than 50% of incoming freshmen ranked in the top 25% of their high school class.

Faculty

The student-to-faculty ratio is 14:1, and the average class size is 19. Since 1999, the ranked faculty headcount has grown 65%, including the addition of 91 full-time, tenure-track teaching positions. The total ranked faculty headcount for Fall 2009 is 227.

Academics

St. Edward's offers five bachelor's degrees in more than 50 areas of study through the schools of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Education, Humanities, Management and Business, and Natural Sciences. New College, called one of the "Top 30" adult education programs in the country by William Maehl in his book *Lifelong Learning at Its Best*, offers similar bachelor's degrees for adults 24 years of age and older. St. Edward's also offers 11 master's degrees.

Student Life & Athletics

Nearly 1,400 students live on campus in seven residence halls and two apartment communities. Students at St. Edward's are also involved in more than 90 campus organizations, including:

- Student government
- Service organizations
- Academic honor societies
- Cultural clubs
- Intramural sports

NCAA Division II athletic teams include men's and women's baseball/softball, basketball, golf, soccer and tennis. Women also compete in Division II volleyball.

The Campus & Austin

The university's 160-acre hilltop campus includes:

- Award-winning facilities
- 24-hour computer labs
- An indoor-outdoor wireless network
- A fitness center and exercise trail
- A theater and auditorium
- Two dining halls and a late-night eatery
- Two coffeehouses
- Two convenience stores, one located inside the new residential village

Austin has been named the best-read, most computer-literate and most fit city in America. Called the "Live Music Capital of the World," it offers more than 100 live music venues, from intimate coffeehouses to giant concert halls. It also features more restaurants per capita than any other American city, 200 parks and three lakes.



Recent Newsmakers

- In January 2009, St. Edward's received extensive press coverage in France announcing the university's new St. Edward's University in France program.
- In 2009, St. Edward's received the Best Investment in Europe Award from the World Investment Conference for the university's new academic programs in Angers, France, which provide study abroad and professional education opportunities for American and European students.
- In 2009, the university's residential village, designed by Chilean architect Alejandro Avarena, received coverage in four architectural magazines, three of which are published internationally. In addition to appearing in *Texas Architect*, the village was featured in *UK Architectural Review*, and *Icon Magazine* (published in the United Kingdom), and *The Plan* (published in Italy).
- In 2009, the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) received a five-year grant totaling \$2,124,980 to assist migratory or seasonal farm workers (or children of such workers) enrolled in their first year of undergraduate studies.
- Over the past three years, Hilltopper varsity athletic teams have won 19 Heartland Conference championships. In 2008–2009, five St. Edward's athletes were named All-American and 56 individuals were named to the All-Heartland Conference Team.
- In 2008–2009, faculty scholarly activity included 21 books/book chapters, 45 articles and 97 papers. Faculty members across disciplines have had research accepted for publications in a variety of journals and periodicals including *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, *The Journal of Experimental Zoology* and *Notices of the American Mathematical Society*.
- Assistant Professor of Creative Writing Doug Dorst received honorable mention for the 2009 Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for his first novel, *Alive in Necropolis* (Riverhead Hardcover). The novel was also named an Editor's Choice by *The New York Times Book Review* in 2008.

- Professor of Chemistry Eamonn F. Healy, Assistant Professor of Biology Peter King, Associate Professor of Bioinformatics Charles Hauser, and Professor of Mathematics Jean McKemie received a \$50,000 grant from the Educational Advancement Foundation to expand research opportunities for undergraduate students in Mathematical Biology.
- In 2008, St. Edward's won the "Innovation Award" presented by the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. Twenty-four Austin-area businesses were recognized for outstanding business accomplishments. The St. Edward's nomination focused on our success in expanding the range of educational opportunities for St. Edward's students.
- *The New York Times* recognized St. Edward's University as one of the most ethnically and economically diverse private universities in the country in its "Colleges of Many Colors" list. Featured in the Nov. 5, 2006 edition of the paper's Education Life section, the list includes 57 private schools, including Harvard, M.I.T., Carnegie Mellon, Stanford and Duke and 81 public schools. St. Edward's and Rice University are the only two private universities in Texas to make the list.
- In late 2006, *Texas Architect Magazine* featured new construction projects on campus in the article, "St. Edward's Strategy for Expansion Sets High Standards for Architects' Selection."
- *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* named St. Edward's a "Top 100" institution for "recruiting, retaining, educating and graduating" Hispanic students in 2005.
- St. Edward's University was featured on the front page of the *Austin American-Statesman* in late 2006. The article, "St. Ed's Aims for Best in the West," is a look at how the university has increased enrollment, faculty, fundraising and infrastructure, outpacing other Texas private schools.

