

ABOUT ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY

ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY IS ONE OF THE NATION'S **up-and-coming schools.**

St. Edward's University offers an extraordinary educational environment that challenges, inspires and empowers students to make a difference in their world. Founded in 1885 by the Congregation of Holy Cross, St. Edward's is located in Austin, Texas, with a network of partner universities around the world. The university's liberal arts education emphasizes critical thinking, ethical reasoning and multicultural understanding. Students enjoy the advantages of small classes and personal attention coupled with cutting-edge technology, excellent internships and service-learning opportunities. St. Edward's is dedicated to offering undergraduate and graduate programs that provide a global perspective and opportunities for personal, professional and spiritual growth.



THE UNIVERSITY'S VISION: **Educate students for the opportunities and challenges of a 21st century world.**

In 1999, St. Edward's University, under the leadership of President George E. Martin and the Board of Trustees, developed a 10-year strategic plan to bring the university recognition as one of the best small universities in the country. By 2010, significant and lasting change was implemented across the campus in support of the vision.

- Enrollment of traditional undergraduates almost doubled.
- The size of the faculty increased, maintaining our personalized approach to education.
- New graduate and undergraduate academic programs were added.
- Local and global partnerships were formed to expand opportunities for students.
- A campus master plan guided the development of \$150 million in new and renovated facilities.
- More than \$84 million was contributed by donors in support of the mission.
- The university was recognized as one of America's best colleges by a host of rankings and publications, and *U.S. News & World Report* called St. Edward's an "Up-and-Coming University" in the Western region, as selected by leaders at peer institutions.

In Fall 2010, the university unveiled Strategic Plan 2015 and a new vision: to educate students for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century world. To achieve this vision, the plan focuses all the efforts of the university on four elements: academic challenge, global engagement, resource development and Holy Cross, Catholic heritage.

In this era of interdependent global economies, emerging economic powers, and environmental and social justice issues with worldwide implications, St. Edward's University believes it must educate students in a different way to prepare them to lead in the future. Students at St. Edward's have the opportunity to benefit from multiple international experiences, which prepare them to navigate different cultures and to succeed in the world after graduation.

Since the launch of Strategic Plan 2015, donors have given more than \$26 million to sustain the university's goals. Overall contributions since 1999 exceed \$110 million.

The university's accomplishments have drawn 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 universities in the Western Region. And in the *U.S. News* 2011 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 "America's Best Colleges" by *Forbes* and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity (CCAP). In their 2010 joint report, *Forbes* and the CCAP ranked more than 600 undergraduate institutions based on the quality of the education they provide and the experience and achievements of their students.

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

Approximately 5,330 students attend St. Edward's, with undergraduates coming from 44 states and 35 countries. The average SAT score for the 2011 incoming freshman class is 1125. More than 50% of incoming freshmen ranked in the top 25% of their high school class.

Faculty

The undergraduate student-to-faculty ratio is 14:1, and the average class size is 19. Since 1999, the ranked faculty headcount has grown 72%, including the addition of 101 faculty positions. The total ranked faculty headcount for Fall 2011 is 240.

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 12 master's degrees.

Fiscal Health

St. Edward's maintains a balanced operating budget — currently more than \$136 million — and the university's endowment stands at more than \$54 million. Fundraising has grown each year as well, and 80% of faculty and staff contributed to the annual fund last year — more than triple the giving levels of benchmark universities.

Student Life & Athletics

Nearly 1,370 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

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
- Three coffeehouses
- Two convenience stores, one located inside the new residential village

Kozmetsky Center

The Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance at St. Edward's hosts discussions with experts, scholars and world leaders on national and global policy-related issues. The center positions St. Edward's to play an international role among peer institutions while enriching the intellectual life of the university and the broader community.

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve

Founded in 1974 to protect 227 acres of pristine Texas Hill Country in Austin, Wild Basin has been part of St. Edward's University since 2009. Its species-rich oak and juniper woodlands are a living laboratory where students and faculty study a range of ecological, behavioral and biodiversity issues.

Austin, Texas

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 200 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 — and averages 300 days of sunshine a year.

Recent Newsmakers

- Over the last six years, St. Edward's University students have won 13 Fulbright awards. Our 2010 class earned the second-largest number of Fulbrights in the nation among master's-granting universities.
- St. Edward's was featured on the front page of the *Austin American-Statesman* in April 2010. The article titled "St. Edward's widening its horizons" reviewed the accomplishments of the university over the last 10 years and its expansion into global education programs.
- 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.
- St. Edward's University is one of 32 colleges and universities chosen by The Association of American Colleges and Universities to participate in *General Education for a Global Century*. Participants will reframe general education courses and programs to create innovative curricular designs that address complex global issues.
- In 2009, the center for Urban Education at the University of Southern California identified St. Edward's as one of 25 "exemplars of effective practice in Latino STEM education" among Hispanic Serving Institutions across the country.
- In 2009, the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) at St. Edward's received a five-year grant totaling \$2,124,980 to assist migratory or seasonal farmworkers (or children of such workers) enrolled in their first year of undergraduate studies. St. Edward's is home to the nation's longest continuously running CAMP, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2011.
- Over the past five years, Hilltopper varsity athletic teams have won 29 Heartland Conference championships. In 2010–2011, three St. Edward's athletes were named All-American and 46 individuals were named to the All-Heartland Conference Team.
- Since 2007, the St. Edward's University portfolio of U.S. and international government grants for faculty has grown from just under \$2 million to almost \$7 million.
- Professor of Psychology Alan Swinkels was named the 2010 Texas Professor of the Year by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The award salutes the most outstanding undergraduate professors in the country for their innovative teaching, contributions to education and commitment to students.
- Carrie Fountain, assistant professor of English writing and rhetoric, won the 2009 National Poetry Series open competition for her manuscript "Burn Lake," published by Penguin in 2010. She was a finalist for the 2010 Texas Institute of Letters Poetry Book Award and named a Top 10 Haute Young Author, 2011, by the SMU Library Foundation.

- 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 2007, the university was awarded \$260,000 from the W.M. Keck Foundation to establish an interdisciplinary undergraduate research project on HIV drug resistance to be integrated into the science curriculum. St. Edward's is one of six liberal arts universities in the country to have received a Keck grant in 2007.
- The undergraduate and graduate Digital Media programs at St. Edward's University have been ranked among the top game degrees in the world by the *Asian Correspondent*, a publication that helps discern the best schools and programs in the U.S.
- 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.

