

Introduction to Rochester College

The mission of Rochester College is to engage students in a vigorous Liberal Arts education within a Christian community for a life of study and service.

WE AFFIRM:

- A quality education stresses excellence and trains students to perform scholarly research, to write and speak with elegant simplicity, and to think critically and creatively.
- An educated person reveres God and is committed to truth and justice.
- An educated person is able to coherently connect the spiritual truths of God with the wisdom of humanity embodied in the arts and the sciences.
- A Christian education demonstrates that a vibrant faith compels a life of private virtue and of social responsibility.
- An educated person possesses a lifelong desire to grow intellectually and spiritually.
- An educated person views a vocation as an opportunity for service and stewardship, rather than a passport to privilege.
- This community and its professors nurture and incarnate a Christian worldview.

HERITAGE

In 1954, members of the Church of Christ formed a Board of Trustees to establish a college in the north central United States. The new Board purchased land near rural Rochester, Michigan and the first students arrived at North Central Christian College in 1959. Several years later, NCCC became Michigan Christian College. In 1997, the Board adopted the name Rochester College. That year, the Board reaffirmed the founders' dedication to the task of leading students toward high academic achievement and the development of Christian ideals.

Over the years, the campus of Rochester College has grown, and the college leaders have continued to develop and modify programs that meet the changing needs of our students. In 2004, the college adopted a new strategic plan, Target 2K, designed to direct our resources and efforts toward achieving our goals in our Academic Vision.

In a typical year, students arrive from more than a dozen states and about ten different nations. Alumni are scattered in many places around the nation and the world.

Since its inception, Rochester College has emphasized the importance of combining academic excellence with Christian ideals. While the College admits students of all races and religions and carefully explains varying worldviews in relevant courses, it employs only those professors and instructors who understand, practice, and teach the Christian faith. Regardless of their discipline, faculty members routinely relate their subject matter to relevant principles and concepts of Christianity.

THE CAMPUS

Rochester College is located on 81 acres of suburban woodlands dotted with lakes and woodlands and bordered by the Clinton River. It is part of Rochester Hills, an area that has developed into one of the most popular residential communities of southeastern Michigan. The area's unique mixture of country charm and modern development has caused the city's population to pass 70,000.

Upscale shopping centers, theaters, and popular restaurants offer many options for recreation. There are numerous job and internship opportunities since over 50% of Fortune 500 corporations have operations in the area. The greater Detroit area also features museums and professional sports teams. Canada is accessible by bridge or tunnel, less than an hour away.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC FACILITIES

Associates Campus Center

Campus Center is home to several state-of-the-art classrooms, a 16-terminal computer lab with Internet access, Student Development, faculty offices, Information Technology offices, and the Center for Extended Learning.

Gallaher Center

Gallaher Center houses the business, financial aid and the admissions offices as well as the Alumni Music Center, which is located on the upper and lower levels of west Gallaher Center.

Gatehouse

The upper level houses the Counseling Center, while the lower level hosts a small music ensemble rehearsal room.

Ennis and Nancy Ham Library

In 2003 the library was named in honor of Ennis and Nancy Ham. The library offers electronic, print and audio-visual materials to traditional students, CEL students, faculty and guests. Users have remote and on-campus access to indexing and full-text articles in over 60 electronic periodical databases. The library's holdings can be found through the online catalog at www.rc.edu/lib. The library home page contains information on electronic resources, Internet resources, contact information and library news.

The librarians, support staff, and student library assistants work cooperatively to select, acquire, process, and organize the library's materials. Librarians are available to help individual students in research in the library as well as assist faculty in classroom instruction. The library is open and staffed by librarians 75 hours per week.

Computers, study carrels, study rooms and lounge furniture create a comfortable and friendly environment in which students study, collaborate, and research. Interlibrary loan through a large library network allows students and faculty opportunities to borrow from other state and national libraries.

Ham Library has membership in (ALA) American Library Association, (CCL) Christian College Librarians, (DALNET) Detroit Area Library Network, and (MLC) Michigan Library Consortium.

Muirhead Center

Home to the library from 1965-2003, Muirhead Center now accommodates faculty offices, academic services, alumni relations, and the department of marketing and design.

Richardson Center

This is the newest addition to the campus. This building features the Utley-McCauley student center, classrooms, a theatre, state-of-the-art science laboratories, and administrative offices.

Development Building

Once home to Rochester College's science labs, this building now houses classrooms, an athletic training room, administrative offices, and the Office of Development.

RESIDENCE HALLS

Barbier Hall

This men's residence hall features carpeted rooms with beds, wardrobes, dressers, desks with hutches, chairs, and community baths. Each room comes with Internet, cable, and phone hookups. The building also has a laundry room and kitchenette.

Ferndale Hall

Constructed in 1997, this women's residence hall offers suite-style living with private baths and Internet access in each room. All rooms are furnished with tile flooring, wardrobes, dressers, beds, desks, and chairs. Phone hookups and cable are also available. Residents may use Ferndale's central kitchen and Dearborn Commons for laundry.

Gatewood Hall

This student residence hall offers suite style living with private baths and Internet access in each room. All rooms are furnished with beds, wardrobes or closets, dressers, desks with hutches or shelves, and chairs. Phone hookups and cable are also available. Both men and women each have access to a laundry room and kitchenette.

Hoggatt Hall

Constructed in 1997, this men's residence hall offers suite style living with private baths and Internet access in each room. All rooms are furnished with tile flooring, beds, wardrobes, dressers, desks, and chairs. Phone hookups and cable are also available. Residents who live in Hoggatt Hall are also permitted to use Hoggatt's central kitchen and Dearborn Commons for laundry.

Palmer Hall

Available to students 25 years and older, or married students, each room features carpeting, a private bath, walk-in closet, outside entrance, and hookups for phone, cable and Internet. Some rooms include a kitchenette. Palmer Hall is also the headquarters for the Housekeeping Department.

OTHER COLLEGE FACILITIES

Dearborn Commons

Proximity to men's and women's residence halls makes this a popular campus gathering place. The Commons features a TV lounge, computer terminals, and coed laundry facilities.

Fletcher Center

The campus cafeteria, the Fletcher Center, overlooks the campus lake and is equipped with wireless Internet. Food service for the college is provided by Chartwells.

Gymnasium

Regulation college basketball court is the site of physical education classes and intramural athletics competition.

Isom Atrium

Home of the Solid Rock Cafe, the Atrium is a place where students and faculty can grab a cup of coffee or a bite to eat, sit and chat, connect to wireless Internet, or meet with friends.

Rochester College Preschool

The preschool, housed in the neighboring facilities of the Rochester Church of Christ, provides opportunities for education students who want to work with children.

Utley Center

The Utley center is home to the Rochester College Bookstore. Located adjacent to Isom Atrium, Westside-Central Auditorium, and the Fletcher Center (cafeteria), the Utley Center is an ideal location for students and off-campus customers to shop for books and Rochester College merchandise.

Utley-McCauley Student Center

The newly constructed Utley-McCauley Student Center is a place where students, whether residential or commuters, can meet. The student center houses three different sections. One section has tables and chairs for students to study, read, and relax. The middle section has a large screen TV with DVD/VCR capability, while the last section is a game area with a pool table, foosball table, air hockey, and a dart board.

Westside Central Auditorium

Westside Central Auditorium is the place where Rochester College students meet for daily Chapel. The auditorium also hosts lectures, classes, theatre, music performances, and other special programs.

Theatre

The Theatre in the Richardson Center is used for choral practices, drama productions, Celebration in Song, our annual musical variety show, and many special events such as college and community sponsored seminars/conferences.

Computer Labs

Computer Labs are available in both the Associates Campus Center and the first floor of the Ham Library buildings. These labs are open for use when classes in these rooms are not in session.