



Benedictine College Fact Sheet 2010

Benedictine College's mission is the education of men and women within a community of faith and scholarship. We are a Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts, and residential college. Benedictine College traces its roots to 1858, when three Benedictine monks came to Atchison, Kansas to found a monastery and a school, St. Benedict's College. In 1863, the monks were followed by seven Benedictine sisters who founded Mount St. Scholastica Monastery and began a companion school for women, St. Scholastica, in 1924. The two schools merged in 1971, creating a coeducational institution, which remains focused on the original mission of a Benedictine, Catholic, residential, and liberal arts institution.

A Snapshot of Benedictine College

Fulltime Undergraduates:	1,430
Beginning Freshmen:	428
Male:	679 (47%)
Female:	751 (53%)
Graduate Students:	59
Student to Faculty Ratio:	15:1
Tuition for Full-Time Students:	\$19,500
Average Scholarship Award:	\$ 9,660
Freshman Average ACT:	24.11
All College Average ACT:	23.78

Benedictine College students come from across 40 states, Puerto Rico; and 20 countries. Nearly 80% of the students live on campus. The breakdown of the racial diversity among students is White 84%, Hispanic 5%, African American 4%, Asian/Pacific Islander 1%, Native American .5%, and multiracial 1%. In addition, 1% of Benedictine students are international.

U.S. News and World Report "Midwest – Masters" Category of *America's Best Colleges* for the past three years. *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College: What to Look For and Where to Find It*, has named Benedictine College as one of the top 20 Catholic colleges in America for each year of publication.

Influential Alumni:

- Dr. Wangari Maathai, '64 won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her work in founding the Green Belt Movement giving the women of Kenya hope while fighting against the deforestation of Africa and contributing to a healthier planet for all.
- Dr. Joseph Petelin, '76 is a pioneering leader in robotic laparoscopy, developing instruments and techniques to make surgery safer, saving lives and helping thousands live longer.
- Dr. Thomas Hoenig, '68 is President of the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City and a member of the Federal Reserve Commission's Open Market Committee.

Benedictine College is located in Atchison, Kansas, on a 110-acre campus overlooking the Missouri River, about 50 miles north of Kansas City, Missouri. There is a satellite campus in Roeland Park, KS for our graduate business program.

The college is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and School, the National Association of Schools of Music, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.