



Our College

Mission. Michigan Christian College exists to help students develop academically, socially, and spiritually, in order for them to achieve their potential, to possess a meaningful faith, and to serve God and others in their occupation, family, church, and community.

Accreditation. Michigan Christian College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as a bachelor's degree-granting institution.

Academic Programs. Students may choose any one of thirteen four-year specializations with a major in business management, human services, or Christian services. In addition, they may complete their first two years of most bachelor's degree programs in one of Michigan Christian College's 2+2 degree plans.

Personalized Setting. Students are individuals at Michigan Christian College. Close friendships are developed with students and instructors in a caring community of friends.

Opportunities to Participate. At Michigan Christian College, students can participate in student government, athletic teams, dramatic groups, music ensembles, social clubs, and service organizations. Opportunities are almost unlimited!

Unique Setting. Students enjoy a natural setting with the wooded hills and campus lakes of Michigan Christian College. The popular suburb of Rochester Hills offers great shopping, entertainment, and job opportunities.

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Associates of MCC ...



... Touching Lives



*Scholarship ... Leadership
Christian Commitment*

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Our Heritage

Founding. Three weeks before Michigan Christian College opened its doors to the pioneer student body in 1959, Alma Gatewood, wife of the college's first president, hosted a meeting for women interested in raising funds for the new college. Despite stormy weather conditions, about 350 women packed in and around the recreation room of the estate house on campus for that meeting. The unexpected response foreshadowed years of successful efforts by the organization being born that night. By the end of their first year, the Associates had group representatives in seventy-two congregations, and a membership of 1,036.

Purpose. While Alma Gatewood founded the Associates primarily to provide financial support for the college, the organization has blessed the college and participants in immeasurable ways. The Associates have assisted the college in attracting students, and have provided a basis for area-wide fellowship among women in the churches of Christ throughout Michigan and Northern Ohio.



Our Accomplishments

Funding. Beginning with a modest \$10,898 during their first year, the Associates now raise over \$100,000 each year, as they have done since 1976. In the fall of 1993, the Associates passed the \$3,000,000 mark in funds raised for the college. Based upon their continued success, the Associates of Michigan Christian College are considered a leader among sister groups in Christian colleges around the nation.

Impact on Campus. Since their founding in September of 1959, the Associates have played a vital role in the development of Michigan Christian College. Nearly every building on the campus, as well as a good portion of the equipment, athletic fields, and parking areas, exist in part as a result of major contributions of the Associates. Even employee salaries, land purchases, and student scholarships have been supplemented by their regular donations. The largest single projects to receive funding from the Associates include debt retirement, library facilities and equipment, and annuity payments on a large tract of campus property.



Our Largest Projects

Fall Festival. Every fall since 1960, thousands have gathered on the campus of Michigan Christian College for the Associates Fall Festival. The day features great food, crafts, and fellowship. During the summer prior to the event, chapters raise funds on behalf of queen candidates. The festival has netted over \$700,000.

Stadiums. Providing workers for Silverdome, U of M, and EMU souvenir and food stands, the Associates have raised over \$400,000 for the college through such efforts since 1975.

Gift-a-Rama. The Associates host an annual craft fair prior to Christmas, which has raised over \$100,000 for the college.

Our Membership

Organization. While most join the Associates through a local chapter in a congregation, every woman is encouraged to become an Associate of Michigan Christian College. Local chapters can be formed by interested groups, or individuals can join the Associates as members-at-large. Members receive a monthly newsletter to keep them informed about the group's activities.

Membership Dues. Regular membership in the Associates is gained by paying dues of \$12 per year. A life membership is available through a contribution of \$150 during a fiscal year, or a pioneer membership from a contribution of \$500 over a five-year period. If you are not a member, join today!