

HOME - THE AMHERST STORY

The Amherst Story

Our story is your story. Since 1821, we've been helping our students find their own voices, discover their own truths and forge their own paths in the world. Our students and alumni are the true authors of the Amherst story. Help write our next chapter.

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Amherst Today


Amherst is a lively intellectual community. Our liberal arts experience and open curriculum prepare students to use ideas to make a major difference in the world.

A Unique Environment

Book & Plow Farm

A 10-acre vegetable farm adjacent to campus. Originally conceived by students; now annually provides more than 16,999 pounds of vegetables to Valentine Dining Hall.

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Our Community by the Numbers

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54

Students come to Amherst from 54 countries, including many places that are historically underrepresented in higher education.

[ENROLLMENT STATISTICS >](#)

850+

No distribution requirements. No core curriculum. Only 850+ courses and 1,800 students with the vision and courage to choose courses that matter the most to them.

[ACADEMICS AT AMHERST >](#)

\$48,535

Amherst's financial aid program is among the most comprehensive and ambitious in the nation. Our average yearly aid package is \$48,535.

[FINANCIAL AID >](#)



Celebrating Our Alumni

From College Presidents to CEOs to Pulitzer prize winners, our alumni are amazing. There's no other way to say it. Take some time to read their stories.

- [ALUMNI STORIES](#)
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The President of Amherst



Biddy Martin

Biddy Martin was elected the 19th president of Amherst College in 2011. She had served as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin—Madison since 2008 and as Cornell University's provost from 2000 to 2008.

[READ HER BIO](#)



Amherst Magazine

Winter 2016: Our award-winning quarterly tells stories from campus and around the world. In the latest issue, read Thai Lee's explanation of why she founded her own business, and take a look at the recent restoration of Emily Dickinson's bedroom.

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- [BROWSE OUR PAST ISSUES](#)

Amherst's Future


By 2018, the eastern portion of the College campus will be transformed by the addition of a 230,000-square-foot science center, four new residence halls and an expansive greenway for recreation and relaxation running the full length of that landscape.

[AMHERST'S FUTURE](#)



Chapters from our Past


From its start, Amherst showed awareness of and support for those who might not commonly have had access to higher education—for example, graduating its first African American student, Edward Jones, in 1826.



Two Roads Diverged: Robert Frost at Amherst



Rivalry, 1859: World's First Intercollegiate Baseball Game



We're Coed, 1974: Amherst trustees vote to admit female students



Proust, Plays and Poe Merrill at Amherst



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