

Kenyon College

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Kenyon College is a private liberal arts college in Gambier, Ohio, founded in 1824 by Bishop Philander Chase of the The Episcopal Church, in parallel with the Bexley Hall seminary. It is the oldest private institution of higher education in Ohio.^[2] The campus is noted for its Collegiate Gothic architecture and rustic setting, and it was named one of the most beautiful college campuses in the world by Forbes in 2010.^[3] Old Kenyon Hall, built in 1827, is believed to be the oldest Gothic revival building in the Americas, though it has burnt twice and been rebuilt. The 2005 *Princeton Review* and *Fiske Guide to Colleges 2005* awarded the college top academic ratings. In addition, in 2006 *Newsweek* selected Kenyon College as one of twenty-five "New Ivies" on the basis of admissions statistics as well as interviews with administrators, students, faculty and alumni.^[4] In 2009, Forbes Magazine ranked Kenyon #22 out of the top 600 colleges and universities on its list of America's Best Colleges 2009.^[5] Kenyon College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.^[6]

Kenyon College



The Kenyon College Coat of Arms

Motto	<i>Magnanimiter Crucem Sustine</i> ("Valiantly bear the cross")
Established	1824
Type	Liberal arts college
Endowment	\$152 million ^[1] (2009)
President	S. Georgia Nugent
Staff	182
Undergraduates	1,640
Location	Gambier, OH, US
Campus	Rural, 1,000 acres (4 km ²) including a 380 acre (1.5 km ²) nature preserve
Athletics	22 varsity teams, 54 national championships (30 Men's Swimming, 23 Women's Swimming, 3 Women's Tennis)
Colors	Purple and White
Mascot	Lords (men's teams) and Ladies (women's teams)
Website	www.kenyon.edu (http://www.kenyon.edu/)

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Founding of the College



Philander Chase was the founder and first president of Bexley Hall and Kenyon College, and later became Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

After becoming the first Bishop of Ohio in 1818, Philander Chase found a severe lack of trained clergy on the Ohio frontier. He planned to create a seminary to rectify this problem, but could find little support. Undeterred, he sailed to England and solicited donations from Lord Kenyon, Lord Gambier, and the writer and philanthropist Hannah More, and the College was incorporated in December, 1824. Dissatisfied with the original location of the College in Worthington, Chase purchased eight thousand acres (32 km²) of land in Knox County (with the Mount Vernon lawyer Henry Curtis), and reached what he would name Gambier Hill on July 24, 1825. There is a legend that Bishop Chase exclaimed, "Well, this will do" upon reaching the crest of the hill. ^{[7][8]}

Academics

Kenyon's English department first gained recognition with the arrival of the poet and critic John Crowe Ransom in 1937 as Professor of Poetry and first editor of *The Kenyon Review*, a literary journal. ^[citation needed]

Aside from English, other majors Kenyon offers are: Art (Studio), Art History, Dance and Drama, Music, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Classics, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Physics, Psychology, Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology, American Studies, International Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies.

Kenyon does offer concentrations, which are interdisciplinary minors. They are: African and African-American Studies, Asian Studies, Environmental Studies, Integrated Program in Humane Studies, Law and Society, Neuroscience, Public Policy, and Scientific Computing. Kenyon also offers opportunities for synoptic majors based on a process of academic approval by the College administration.

Kenyon requires students to take classes in each of the four academic divisions: **Fine Arts** (encompassing the departments of Art, Dance and Drama, and Music); **Humanities** (Classics, English, Modern Languages and Literatures, Philosophy, Religious Studies); **Natural Sciences** (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology); and **Social Sciences** (Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology).^[9] In addition, students must show a basic competence in a foreign language, and also undertake a comprehensive senior exercise for their major during their senior year.^[10]

Kenyon is also home to the Beta of Ohio Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Athletics

Kenyon's sports teams, which compete in the North Coast Athletic Conference, are referred to as the *Lords* and *Ladies*, and their colors are purple, white, and black with gold often added as an accent. The college's men's swimming team is considered the best in NCAA Division III, for winning, from 1980 through 2010, an NCAA record 31 consecutive national championships (<http://www.ncaasports.com/swimming/mens/history/diviii>) . The

women's swimming team is also considered among the best, winning 23 titles of its own (not consecutively) since 1984. Swim Coach Jim Steen has coached the most conference titles in any sport in NCAA history. During the 1980s and 90s, Diving Coach Fletcher Gilders led his athletes to fourteen consecutive North Coast Athletic Conference championships and eight individual NCAA Division III titles; Gilders would also earn NCAA D3 Coach of the Year honors on three separate occasions.^[11]

In 2006, Kenyon opened the \$70 million Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC), a 263,000 square foot (24,434 m², 6 acre) building that houses an Olympic-sized swimming pool, two basketball courts, eight squash courts, a weight room, a 200m track, four tennis courts and other facilities.

Traditions

As Ohio's oldest private college,^[2] Kenyon has upheld some traditions for more than 180 years.^[12] All students in each entering class are expected to take the Matriculation Oath and sign a Matriculation Book that dates back at least a century.

Another tradition is the "Freshman Sing." Each year, entering freshmen gather on the steps of Rosse Hall to sing Kenyon songs before they are officially part of the Kenyon community. On the day before Commencement, seniors gather on the steps of Rosse Hall to sing Kenyon songs again.

Whenever a new president begins a term at the college, candles are lit in every window of Old Kenyon, as a sign of welcome. Kenyon has had twenty-four presidents, and currently has its first female president, S. Georgia Nugent.



Old Kenyon, a dormitory known for its Gothic revival architecture.

Student organizations

Media

- Hika, Kenyon's oldest student-run literary journal. Contributors have included Robert Lowell, 1940; James Wright, 1952; Allison Joseph, 1988; Saskia Hamilton, 1989; and Laura Hillenbrand. Founded in 1925, it preceded *The Kenyon Review*.
- The Kenyon Observer (political magazine)
- The Voice (social and political magazine)
- The Kenyon Daily Jolt (student life website)^[1] (<http://kenyon.dailyjolt.com>)
- Kenyon Collegian (student newspaper)^[2] (<http://www.kenyoncollegian.com>)
- Ascension Films (student filmmaking society)
- WKCO Records (student record label)
- WKCO Kenyon's entirely student-run radio station, serving the greater Gambier area at 91.9 FM during the calendar year.^[3] (<http://wkco.kenyon.edu>)
- 56% (Kenyon's Women's Interest magazine), published by the Crozier Center for Women
- Kenyon Collegiate (satirical student newspaper)

Non-Varsity Sports

- Kenyon College Ice Hockey

- Kenyon College Men's Rugby
- Kenyon College Women's Rugby
- Kenyon College Ultimate Frisbee (founded in 1976)
- Kenyon College Squash

Arts

- The Chamber Singers, under the direction of Professor Benjamin Locke, is a select mixed choir consisting each year of approximately fifty undergraduate musicians who regard singing as an integral part of a liberal arts education. The group rehearses daily in order to prepare programs of a cappella music for Kenyon concerts as well as their annual Spring Tour.
- The Kokosingers are Kenyon's all-male a cappella group. Founded in 1965 by four freshmen, the Kokosingers are the second-oldest student-run singing group on campus, and the oldest original a cappella group on campus. The group performs a wide range of music from various artists. They also tour New England for two weeks in the wintertime, singing at high schools, colleges, and various kenyon-affiliated events.
- The Chasers are Kenyon's co-ed collegiate a cappella group. Founded in 1964, the group is the oldest student singing group at the college, and the second oldest a cappella group on campus. Originally a folk-oriented vocal group accompanied by guitars, the Chasers switched to an a cappella-only format in the late 1960s, and continue this tradition today. They have recorded several albums over the course of the last 40 years, perform several times per year on campus, and tour throughout the country during January.
- Take Five is Kenyon's jazz a cappella group, formed in 2002. In addition to bi-annual concerts, Take Five performs regularly at campus events and, as of 2007, tours nationally during winter break.
- The Owl Creek Singers are Kenyon's all female a cappella group. Founded in 1975, the Owl Creeks perform regularly throughout campus, and tour over winter break.
- The Cornerstones are Kenyon's only Christian a cappella group. Since organizing in 1998, they have supplied the campus with contemporary, classical, gospel, and Christian-inspired pop songs on a bi-yearly basis. In addition, they have participated in several tours across various parts of the nation, and have performed at numerous churches and events around the Ohio area.
- Renegade Theatre, founded in 2002, is a theatre company designed for the promotion of first-year students in the theatre community at Kenyon. Students are able to write, act in leading roles, direct and design, as well as serve as a production board designing an entire season of shows.
- The Stairwells are Kenyon College's only folk group, made up of a variety of musicians and vocalists. Originally a smaller ensemble of four to five people with one guitar, the group has expanded to include as many as ten members, playing a variety of instruments.
- Kenyon College Dance and Drama Club Student-run organization producing theatrical productions with the direct support of the dance and drama departments. Former members include the founders of the Cripple Creek Theatre Company in New Orleans, LA.[4] (<http://kcdc.kenyon.edu>)
- Beyond Therapy is a student-run sketch comedy group. Founded in 1994, the group puts up two shows each year.[5] (<http://www.kenyon.edu/x13861.xml>)
- Fools on the Hill is a student-run long form improv comedy group founded in 1984.^[13]
- Two Drink Minimum is a student-run stand-up comedy group.^[14]

Greek Life

Kenyon is home to thirteen Greek organizations, consisting of seven international/national Fraternities, four local sororities and two local societies (co-ed groups). The Fraternities are: Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon (Dekes); Alpha Delta Phi (AD's); Chi of Delta Tau Delta (Delts); Iota of Psi Upsilon (Psi U's); Beta Alpha of Beta Theta Pi (Betas); Phi of Delta Phi (DPhi's); and Theta of Phi Kappa Sigma (Phi Kaps). The

Sororities are: Theta Delta Phi (Thetas); Nu Iota Alpha (NIA); Zeta Alpha Pi (Zetas); Epsilon Delta Mu (EDMs). The Societies are: Archon Society (Archons); Peeps O'Kenyon (Peeps).

2004 presidential election

Kenyon college attracted national attention after the 2004 presidential election during which, because of a shortage of voting machines and possibly a large number of new voter registrations,^[15] some students remained in line for as long as 13 hours to place their votes.^[16] The incident received attention in mainstream national news outlets such as *The New York Times*.^{[17][18]}

In spring 2006, John Kerry delivered the commencement address at Kenyon College, stating that he was "honored" by the students who waited in line during the election.^[19] During the 2008 presidential election campaign, the events at Kenyon in the 2004 election were remembered and recounted in discussions of voting policy^[20] and predictions the outcome of the 2008 race.^[21]

Sustainability

Kenyon College has undertaken a number of sustainability initiatives, including a recycling system upgrade, a biodiesel project, a computer lab conversion to double-sided printing, the distribution of green living guides,^[22] as well as the creation of a dining hall composting system that diverts 6,000 pounds of waste from the landfill per week.^[23] Students partnered with administrators and/or professors to complete a campus energy audit for the past three years, as well as a carbon footprint calculation.^[24] Kenyon Green Alumni was founded to connect graduates "with a professional interest in the environment."^[23] The college recently received a "C" grade on the 2010 College Sustainability Report Card, compiled by the Sustainable Endowments Institute.^[25]

People

Notable alumni

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Notable alumni include US President Rutherford B. Hayes, US Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, Academy Award-winning actor Paul Newman, Emmy Award-winning actress Allison Janney, and National Book Award-winning novelist William H. Gass.

College presidents

1. Philander Chase (1825-1831)
2. Charles Pettit McIlvaine (1832-1840)
3. David Bates Douglass (1840-1844)
4. Samuel Fuller (acting, 1844-1845)
5. Sherlock A. Bronson (1845-1850)
6. Thomas M. Smith (1850-1854)
7. Lorin Andrews (1854-1861)
8. Benjamin L. Lang (acting, 1861-1863)
9. Charles Short (1863-1867)
10. James Kent Stone (1867-1868)

11. Eli Todd Tappan (1868-1875)
12. Edward C. Benson (acting, 1875-1876)
13. William B. Bodine (1876-1891)
14. Theodore Sterling (1891-1896)
15. William Foster Peirce (1896-1937)
16. Gordon Keith Chalmers (1937-1956)
17. Frank E. Bailey (acting, 1956-1957)
18. F. Edward Lund (1957-1968)
19. William G. Caples (1968-1975)
20. Philip H. Jordan Jr. (1975-1995)
21. Reed S. Browning (acting, 1989)
22. Robert A. Oden Jr. (1995-2002)
23. Ronald A. Sharp (acting, 2002-2003)
24. S. Georgia Nugent (2003-present)

Notable faculty members

- Virgil Aldrich, Philosophy
- Robert O. Fink, Classics
- Bruce Haywood, German; Provost
- Lewis Hyde, English
- P. F. Kluge, English
- Perry Lentz, English
- Wendy MacLeod, Theater
- George E. McCarthy, Sociology
- Paul Radin, Anthropology
- John Crowe Ransom, English
- Charles Ritcheson, History
- Richard Salomon, History
- Joan Slonczewski, Biology
- Denham Sutcliffe, English
- Allen Tate, English

Visiting Faculty

- John Kinsella, English
- Claire Messud, English
- Barry Unsworth, English
- James Wood, English

Trivia

Kenyon College was one of a number of liberal arts colleges to drop from the US News and World Report college rankings in June 2007. Kenyon College President Georgia S. Nugent likened the Report's self-evaluation materials as similar to a customer satisfaction survey from "a Howard Johnson's restaurant." ^[27]^[28]

The city of Kenyon, MN was named in honor of Kenyon College.^[29]

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Location:	Gambier, Ohio
Coordinates:	40°22′29″N 82°23′50″W﻿ / ﻿40.37472°N 82.39722°W﻿ / 40.37472; -82.39722
Built/Founded:	1829
Architect:	Multiple
Architectural style(s):	Greek Revival, Gothic Revival
Governing body:	Private
Added to NRHP:	December 6, 1975
NRHP Reference#:	75001447
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External links

- Official website (<http://www.kenyon.edu>)
- Kenyon Collegian (student newspaper) (<http://www.kenyoncollegian.com>)
- Five Colleges of Ohio (<http://www.ohio5.org>)
- Great Lakes Colleges Association (<http://www.glca.org>)
- Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion/Association of Episcopal College (http://www.cuac.org/53810_43981_ENG_HTML.htm?menupage=53912)
- KCPedia (http://www.kenyonhistory.net/kcpedia/Main_Page)

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List of Kenyon College alumni

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This is a **list of some of Kenyon College's notable alumni**, organized by their fields of endeavor.

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Politics

Name	Occupation	Notes on Kenyon Experience
Rutherford B. Hayes	President of the United States	
Olof Palme	Prime Minister of Sweden	
William Rehnquist	Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	Attended for 1 year
Edwin Stanton	Secretary of War during the Lincoln administration	
John Snow	Secretary of the Treasury	Attended for 1 year
Bill Harsha	US Representative for Ohio	
David Davis	Senator, Supreme Court Justice	
Thomas Stanley Matthews	Senator, Supreme Court justice	
Henry Winter Davis	US Congressman for Maryland's 3rd and 4th district	
Zack Space	Congressman, Ohio Congressional District 18	
Barry Goode	California judge, former legal officer for California Gov. Gray Davis	
Leopoldo López	Mayor of Chacao municipality, Caracas, Venezuela	

Literature

Name	Occupation	Notes on Kenyon Experience
Jim Bellows	Journalist and newspaper editor	
Caleb Carr	Novelist and military historian	
Jay Cocks	Film critic and screenwriter	
Chris O. Cook	Poet	
E. L. Doctorow	Novelist and cultural critic	
William Gass	Writer, winner of the American Book Award	
John Green	Author; Winner Michael L. Printz Award for Looking for Alaska	
John Hattendorf	Maritime historian	
Anthony Hecht	Poet	
Laura Hillenbrand	Writer, author of <i>Seabiscuit: An American Legend</i>	
Scott Kenemore	Writer	
P. F. Kluge	Writer	
Robert Lowell	Poet	
Robie Macauley	Writer, editor of Playboy	
Robert Mezey	Writer	
Fred Waitzkin	Writer	
Matthew Winkler	Editor in chief, Bloomberg News	
James Wright	Poet, Winner of Pulitzer Prize	

Performing arts

Name	Occupation	Notes on Kenyon Experience
Nick Bakay	Actor, Comedian	
Adam Davidson	Academy award winning Director	
Frank Dicopoulos	Actor	
Chris Eigeman	Actor	

Allison Janney	Actress, four-time Emmy Award winner
Paul Newman	Actor, Emmy Award and Academy Award winner
Wendy MacLeod	Playwright, screenwriter
Kris Osborn	CNN anchor
Amy Malkoff	Recording Artist
Alfred Humphreys Pease	Composer
Josh Radnor	Actor
Jonathan Winters	Actor and comedian

Sciences

Name	Occupation	Notes on Kenyon Experience
James Cox	Physician, researcher, educator	
Rolla Dyer	Developer of the typhus vaccine and director of the National Institutes of Health	
Carl Djerassi	Creator of the birth control pill, winner of the National Medal of Science	

Visual arts

Name	Occupation	Notes on Kenyon Experience
Carl Andre	Artist	Attended for one year
Jim Borgman	Cartoonist, best known for <i>Zits</i>	
Meg Cranston	Artist	
Eric Gaskins	Fashion Designer	
Graham Gund	Architect	
C. Cameron Macauley	Photographer and Film Producer	
Jonathan Mannion	Photographer and Director	
Coles Phillips	Artist	
Bill Watterson	Cartoonist, best known for <i>Calvin and Hobbes</i>	
Victoria Wyatt	Art historian	

Sports

Name	Occupation	Notes on Kenyon Experience
Don McNeill	U.S. Open tennis champion	
Bill Veeck	MLB owner and baseball hall of famer	
Shaka Smart	Men's basketball head coach, Virginia Commonwealth University	

Philanthropy

Name	Occupation	Notes on Kenyon Experience
Kevin O'Donnell	Director of the U.S. Peace Corps	

Military

Name	Occupation	Notes on Kenyon Experience
Ralph P. Buckland	Brigadier General, Union Army, during the Civil War	
John G. Mitchell	Brigadier General, Union Army, during the Civil War	

Religion

Name	Occupation	Notes on Kenyon Experience
Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky	Bishop of Shanghai, China, 1877-1883	
William Crane Gray	First Bishop of Southern Florida, 1893-1913	
S. Arthur Huston	Episcopal Bishop of Olympia, 1925-1944	
William Swing	Bishop, Diocese of California, 1979-2006	

Academics

Amos N. Guiora professor of law at University of Utah and Israel Defense Forces Judge Advocate General's Corps (Lt. Col. Ret.)

American Activists

Ron Link former fire fighter and actor (patient advocate)

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