

LAFAYETTE

ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO JUMP INTO THE THICK OF THINGS, TAKE RISKS, AND CARE DEEPLY

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Overlooking the historic Delaware River in Easton, Pa., Lafayette offers students a whole lot more than a scenic campus with easy proximity to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York.

“Lafayette is a tradition-rich liberal arts college with a selective enrollment small enough to make you feel like you belong to a real community ... and large enough to give you unique opportunities across the arts, sciences and engineering,” said Stephen Wilson, Executive Director, Communications Division.

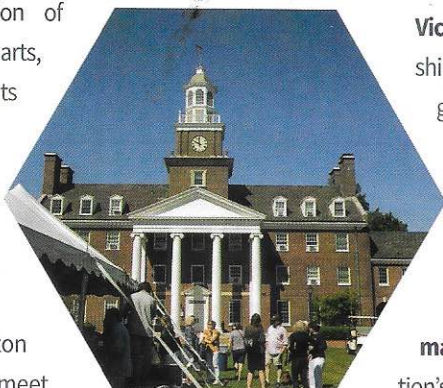
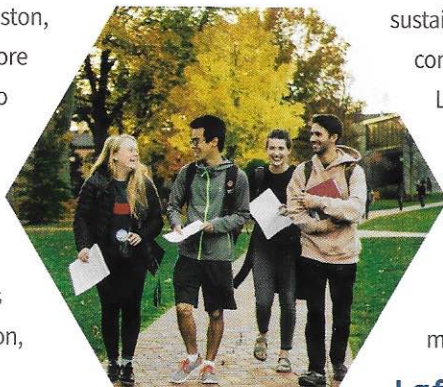
“Lafayette demonstrates a powerful combination of academics and athletics, engineering and the liberal arts, campus and community,” Wilson continued. “Students approach problems with critical thinking from many perspectives. They then apply that thinking to create real-world discoveries and solutions that impact our local community and communities across the world.”

Yesterday and Today

James Madison Porter and 200 other Easton residents traveled to Philadelphia in 1824 to meet Marquis de Lafayette, the last surviving major general of the American Revolutionary war. At 19, Lafayette defied his king and crossed the ocean to fight for an independent America. Inspired by the general who had fought alongside his father, Porter rallied the citizens of Easton in 1826 to establish a college that “shall be forever hereafter called and known by the name Lafayette College.”

“We still harness our namesake’s spirit, Lafayette,” said Wilson. “The Latin words, Cur Non, emblazoned on Lafayette’s banner, means ‘Why Not’ and is our school’s motto. Why not have the courage to live boldly? Why not engage in every aspect of learning? Why not use your intellect, energy, and talent to find your place in the world?”

Lafayette offers rigorous instruction in over 59 areas of study across four academic divisions. Undergraduates hail from 46 states and 59 countries with 96% of students living on campus and 60 percent studying abroad. Many engineering students participate in Lafayette’s faculty-led programs in Germany and Spain. Opened in 2019, high-tech Rockwell Integrated Sciences Center also houses centers for innovation/entrepreneurship and



sustainability. On the athletic front, The Lafayette Leopards compete in NCAA Division I sports. Its football rivalry against Lehigh University is the most played in the country.

Lafayette meets 100% of admitted students’ demonstrated financial need for all four years. Ninety-eight percent of students in the Class of 2021 were employed or continuing their education. Seventy-four percent of students gain admissions into medical school while 92% are accepted into law school.

Lafayette produces top scholars

Victoria Puglia, Class of 21, received the Rhodes Scholarship, the most prestigious international scholarship program in the world. Puglia, a dual U.S.-Spanish citizen, has studied abroad in Peru, Uganda, India, and Senegal. **Samantha Ganser ’23**, received the Goldwater Scholarship, premier undergraduate award in mathematics, natural sciences, and engineering. **Camille Carthy ’23**, also a recipient of the Goldwater Scholarship. **Fatimata Cham ’23**, received the Truman Scholarship, the nation’s most prestigious award for public service.

While there are many alumni who have distinguished themselves in fields ranging from politics, law, and banking to sports, business, and medicine, here are just a few of the graduates with global influence:

- **Fran Horowitz ’85**, CEO of Abercrombie & Fitch Co.
- **Joe Maddon ’76**, baseball manager who led the Chicago Cubs to their first World Series victory in 108 years
- **Beth Mowins ’89**, first woman in broadcast history to call play-by-play for professional sports
- **David McDonogh 1844**, slave when he came to the College and was Lafayette’s first black graduate who attend classes at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York and became an eye specialist
- **William Lowe ’62**, led the team that developed the first IBM personal computer
- **John Veronis ’48**, founder and publisher of *Psychology Today*
- **Stephen Crane 1894**, famed poet, novelist, and short story writer
- **Michael Schmidt ’05**, Pulitzer prize winning journalist for *The New York Times*
- **Joel Silver ’74**, producer of several franchise films including *Lethal Weapon*, *Die Hard*, *Predator*, and *The Matrix*