



McDaniel College, founded in 1867, is a four-year, independent college of the liberal arts and sciences offering over 100 undergraduate and graduate programs. One of the original “Colleges That Change Lives,” McDaniel emphasizes experiential learning and student-faculty collaboration to develop the unique potential in every student. Represented by the Green Terror, over 20 athletic teams compete in the NCAA Division III Centennial Conference. A student-centered community of 1,600 undergraduates and 1,400 graduate students offers access to both Baltimore and Washington, D.C., plus a European campus in Budapest, Hungary.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

- The college’s signature **McDaniel Commitment** is a customized program of courses and opportunities that guarantees every student is prepared for personal and professional success. Every student is guaranteed two experiential learning opportunities, including study abroad, student-faculty research, internship, or independent study.
- The **Center for Experience and Opportunity (CEO)** is McDaniel’s one-stop shop that focuses on experiential learning and career development.
- **Global Fellows** is an academic and co-curricular opportunity that empowers students to explore the world and create a global portfolio while the **National Security Fellows** program provides McDaniel students with robust knowledge, skills, and experience in national security.
- Admission to **Lumen Scholars**, an honors program that incorporates experiential learning and civic engagement, along with interdisciplinary courses, is highly selective and designed to identify students who demonstrate intellectual curiosity, an intrinsic motivation to learn, and leadership.
- **Student Accessibility and Support Services (SASS)** assists all students with documented disabilities, working with each student on an individual basis, and the fee-based Elevate program provides additional support beyond basic accommodations.
- **The Program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship** allows students to hone their entrepreneurial skills and compete for startup funds at the annual Innovation and Entrepreneurship Challenge.
- **Army ROTC** has been a tradition at McDaniel since 1919, and the Green Terror Battalion is one of the oldest programs in the nation.
- Over 30% of McDaniel students **study abroad** for academic credit in more than 50 countries, including at the college’s European campus in Budapest, Hungary.

MISSION STATEMENT

McDaniel College is a diverse, student-centered community committed to excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and professional studies. With careful mentoring and attention to the individual, McDaniel changes lives. We challenge students to develop their unique potentials with reason, imagination, and human concern. Through flexible academic programs, collaborative and experiential learning, and global engagement, McDaniel prepares students for successful lives of leadership, service, and social responsibility.

- Each year, more than 300 students collaborate with their professors on **research** across all disciplines, including by participating in the donor-supported Student-Faculty Collaborative Summer Research Program. Many of these students are published authors by the time they graduate.
- One-third of students are involved in athletics and McDaniel’s over 20 athletic teams, represented by the Green Terror, compete in the **NCAA Division III Centennial Conference**.
- Students are involved in almost **100 student organizations**, including intramural sports, fraternities, and sororities.
- McDaniel is known for its campus traditions. McDaniel’s unique **tailgating tradition** and drive-in stadium have been highlighted nationally as a best college tailgate.

FAST FACTS

Programs of Study

McDaniel offers more than 100 academic programs, including majors, minors, specializations, master's, graduate certificates, and B.A.-to-M.S. pathways.

Undergraduate Enrollment

- 1,600 students from over 30 states and Washington, D.C., and 20 countries.
- 40% identify as first-generation college students.
- Average class size is 15 students.
- Over 80% retention rate from freshman to sophomore year.

Faculty

- 130 full-time faculty.
- Student-faculty ratio is 13:1.

Academic Program

The McDaniel Plan is an undergraduate curriculum based in the liberal arts and sciences. Rigorous and challenging, the program of study features built-in flexibility for students to choose courses that match their interests and fuel their ambitions, plus classes specific to each academic year from an exemplary first-year seminar through a senior capstone research project.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Over 90% of students receive some type of financial assistance. The college invests over \$55 million annually in grants and scholarships to ensure that students from all financial backgrounds are able to experience a McDaniel education with an average annual award of \$40,000. All first-year and transfer students are considered for McDaniel Merit Scholarships, ranging from \$7,500 to \$33,000 annually, including our suite of guaranteed Legacy Scholarships: Educator, Military & First Responder, Health Professional, and Public Servant. Eligible Carroll County high school students who participate in the Carroll County Scholars program, which provides guidance and support while navigating the college search process, are guaranteed a \$100,000 (\$25,000 per year) scholarship should they choose to enroll at McDaniel after being admitted, along with the opportunity to compete for a full-tuition scholarship upon completion of the program.

Residential Campus

85% of McDaniel undergraduate students live on campus. Special housing options include campus apartments, language houses, and college-owned residences assigned to groups of students with shared interests.

Athletics

McDaniel's teams compete in NCAA Division III and the Centennial Conference. Over the past five years, three different Green Terror programs have been represented in seven NCAA Championships and many student-athletes have also been recognized as All-Americans in their sports. McDaniel student-athletes are regularly named to the Centennial Conference's Academic Honor Roll.

Alumni

More than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate alumni reside in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 80 countries. Notable alumni include Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist Wendy Ruderman; former Perdue Farms Chief Executive Officer Randy Day, the fourth CEO in the company's 100-year history; Ellen Sauerbrey, two-time Republican nominee for governor of Maryland who served 16 years in the House of Delegates; Edward Kasemeyer, a former long-serving member of the Maryland General Assembly; National Teacher of the Year Michelle Shearer; and video game designer Greg Street, known for his work on "League of Legends" and "World of Warcraft."

NATIONALLY RANKED

Colleges That Change Lives

McDaniel is nationally recognized among "Colleges That Change Lives" and has been included in every edition of this essential guidebook.



U.S. News & World Report

McDaniel continues to rank among the best regional universities in the North in the "Best Colleges" rankings and is listed among "Best Value Schools," "Top Performers on Social Mobility," and "Best Undergraduate Teaching."



Wall Street Journal

McDaniel is highlighted among the "Best Colleges in the U.S." The ranking focuses on student outcomes and success, emphasizing how well colleges prepare students for financial success.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Money Magazine

McDaniel is among the nation's "Best Colleges in America" for providing an affordable, quality education that leads to alumni success.

Money

Washington Monthly

McDaniel is included among the best master's universities in the nation, and is on the list of "Best Bang for the Buck Northeast Colleges" and one of "America's Best Colleges for Your Tuition (and Tax) Dollars."



The Princeton Review

McDaniel is featured as one of "The Best 391 Colleges" and has been recognized as a "Best Value College" for offering the best return on investment (ROI).



Colleges of Distinction

McDaniel is recognized for its honorable commitment to engaged, hands-on education and for affordability. The college's Business, Education, and Career Development programs are also highlighted.



Military Friendly Schools®

McDaniel has earned the Military Friendly® Schools Silver Award as one of the nation's top schools for military and veteran students. McDaniel is also a Military Spouse Friendly School.



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