

# STUDENT LIFE

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**l**though the classroom is an important arena for learning and receiving the distinctives of a Clearwater Christian College education, the College realizes that appropriate out-of-the classroom experiences can enhance the educational process, provide a means of service to the student body and community, and help develop leadership skills. For this reason, avenues are provided for spiritual ministry, social interaction, cultural enrichment, and athletic competition.

## SPIRITUAL

One objective of the College is to cultivate in the student a desire to know God and His Word. The required minor/concentration in Bible provides an excellent academic foundation. Daily chapel services provide a regular means of spiritual edification and refreshment. Each semester begins with a Christian Life Conference. The emphasis is on spiritual preparation for the challenges facing the student during the upcoming term of study. A Day of Prayer is set aside during both the fall and spring semesters to provide opportunities for large and small group prayer sessions and directed services on this vital area of the Christian walk. Each spring, the student's attention is directed to the need of world-wide missions through a week-long missions conference.

The entire College family is expected to attend a Bible-believing church in the community during regularly held services. Through this practice, students not only receive additional spiritual encouragement, but also find an avenue for Christian service and a group of Christian friends outside of the College family from whom they can receive continuing support while in school. On Wednesday evenings, students attend their church's mid-week service, participate in Christian service activities (usually in conjunction with their church), or are involved in the mid-week prayer service on campus.

Each full-time student is expected to participate in one Christian Service opportunity each week. The Christian Service program provides avenues for developing the habit of regular ministry. It is the desire of the College to have our

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graduates leave with a commitment to serve the Lord in full-time Christian ministry or in other occupations.

## SOCIAL

The College has established thirteen organizations known collectively as The Greeks. These student-led groups are actively involved in providing social and service opportunities for the student body as well as organizing teams for the intramural sports program. Students have opportunity to join one of the organizations during Greek Rush held at the beginning of their first semester. Initiation into any student organization does not involve physical hazing of any kind.

Along with the activities sponsored by The Greeks, the College provides other opportunities for the student body. During the opening week of school, the College sponsors get-acquainted activities such as ice skating and bowling. At Christmas, the College family participates in a school-wide banquet, which traditionally concludes the first semester. Class organizations and clubs sponsor member- and all-college activities throughout the year. Graduating seniors are honored by a banquet sponsored by the junior class.

In addition to The Greeks, the following clubs and academic-related organizations enhance learning or provide social interaction:

Alpha Chi (Honor Society)	Drama Club	Political Club
Art Club	History Club	Science Club
Business Club	Music Club	Student Missionary Fellowship

One of the purposes of student groups is to provide the opportunity for the development of leadership. Planning and overseeing social, academic, spiritual, and sports activities give concrete experience in working with people and leading groups.

In addition to the opportunities afforded through the above mentioned, the Student Senate provides additional avenues for leadership development. The Student Senate is comprised of the presidents and vice presidents of the thirteen Greek organizations. This group meets regularly and is responsible for the oversight of the Greek intramural sports programs and community service projects.

Students are also given opportunity to participate on a variety of faculty/administrative committees. These include the Food Service, Honor Court, Library, Social, Student Affairs, and Teacher Education Program Assessment committees.

## CULTURAL

Opportunities for cultural enrichment are available on and off-campus through the four major performing arts centers in the Tampa Bay area. Students are able to be-

come involved in fine arts through participation in the College's music and drama departments. Music groups perform regularly for both the College family and the local community. Each spring or summer, the choir tours a selected area of the United States. The drama and music departments are responsible for major productions each school year and often participate in annual Christmas productions. The Commencement Contest allows students to compete in designated categories for recognition at Commencement. The *Causeway*, the College's award winning yearbook, enables students who have journalistic and photographic interests to use their skills.

In order for students to receive exposure to appropriate cultural experiences, the College requires students to attend a minimal number of fine arts activities each semester. Students can choose from the frequent on-campus student, faculty, or guest concerts or ones held in performing arts centers or art museums in the Tampa Bay area.

## ATHLETICS

All students have an opportunity to become involved in athletic competition through the Greek intramural program. Students participate in flag football (men only), volleyball, basketball, and soccer. Awards are presented to the Greek organizations for their success in the individual sports.

The intercollegiate athletic program of the College provides competition in soccer, basketball, and baseball for the men, and volleyball, basketball, and soccer for the women. Golf is open to all college students. The College is a member of the Florida Christian College Conference and the National Christian College Athletic Association. Our official mascot is the cougar. Recent team accomplishments include the following:

<b>Men's Soccer</b>	1992, 1995, 1997-2000 NCCAA Regional Champions
<b>Volleyball</b>	1991, 1992, 1994-2002 NCCAA Regional Champions 1995-1997, 2000 NCCAA National Champions
<b>Men's Basketball</b>	1992-1999 FCCC League Champions 1992-1996 NCCAA Regional Champions
<b>Women's Basketball</b>	1997-1999, 2001, 2002 NCCAA Regional Champions
<b>Baseball</b>	1994, 1997-1999 NCCAA Regional Champions 1997 NCCAA National Invitational Champions
<b>Golf</b>	2002 NCCAA Regional Champions 2002 NCCAA National Champions

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### HOUSING

Clearwater Christian College provides a great living experience through its campus-operated and supervised residence halls. Because it provides a wonderful opportunity to learn responsibility, to develop a spirit of cooperation, to help others, and to obtain encouragement from peers, the residence hall experience is recommended for all eligible students. The residence halls are supervised by the Office of Student Affairs. Residence hall supervisors as well as select upper-class students aid this office with supervision. All single, degree-seeking students are required to live in the residence halls. Students who are 23 years old by the opening of College, who live with their family, or who are veterans of two years active military service and are 20 years old, may live off campus. Students who have been married or who have children are required to live off campus.

### CAMPUS SECURITY

A major concern across our nation is the matter of campus security. Clearwater Christian College has taken aggressive steps in the prevention of crime on campus. High intensity lights throughout the campus illuminate the buildings, parking areas, and pathways. All-night campus security, providing both stationary protection at the campus entrance and mobile patrols, serves as a visual deterrent as well as accessible assistance in the case of an emergency. Residence students are informed on crime prevention and safety techniques for both on and off campus. Information about campus security policies and procedures, crime prevention programs, and on-campus crime statistics are available upon request from the Office of Student Affairs. The CCC campus has been remarkably free from problems often found on other college campuses.

### RECOGNITION

It is the desire of the College to provide appropriate recognition of our students as a means of encouragement or preparation for future opportunities. Besides the recognitions described in the Academic Information section of the Catalog, the College currently provides the following:

***Academic Achievement*** - Each year, graduating seniors from each academic division are selected for recognition in their specific field for outstanding achievement and Christian example. Nominations are made by the faculty.

***Arthur E. Steele Founder's Award*** - This recognition is given to the graduating senior who exemplifies Christian leadership, testimony, and loyalty to the ideals, spirit, and purposes of the College as witnessed in the life of the school's founder and first president, Arthur E. Steele.

***Athletic Recognitions*** - Individual members from the College's intercollegiate athletic teams are given special recognition for their participation and outstanding achievement.

***Christian Service Award*** - Recognition of students who exemplify the purposes of the Christian Service program is given during chapel.

***Communication Arts Award*** - This award is given to the outstanding student communicator of the year by the Communication Arts Department.

***Greek Awards*** - One men's Greek and one women's Greek are recognized for sports victories and involvement in school and community service.

***College Sports Hall of Fame*** - Student athletes who have excelled in character and in an intercollegiate athletic sport throughout their four-year attendance at the College are recognized by induction into the school's Sports Hall of Fame. Nominations are made by the Athletic Committee.

***Music Award*** - The outstanding student musician of the year is given an award annually by the Music Department.

***School Spirit*** - One male student and one female student are selected by the student body as examples of school spirit.

***Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*** - The College recognizes seniors who demonstrate overall qualities of Christian character, scholarship, school and community service, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for future achievement.

