

Agnes Scott College Fact Book 2018-2019

General Information

Institutional Characteristics

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<i>College Address</i>	141 E. College Ave. Decatur, GA 30030-3770
<i>Main Telephone Number</i>	404 471-6000 800 868-8602
<i>Home Page</i>	agnesscott.edu
<i>Date Founded</i>	1889
<i>Institution Type</i>	Independent (not-for-profit)
<i>Religious Affiliation</i>	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
<i>Academic Calendar</i>	Semester
<i>Degrees Offered</i>	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science
<i>Accreditation</i>	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
<i>Colors</i>	Purple and white

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Foundations

Agnes Scott College honors in its name the integrity and intellectual curiosity of Agnes Irvine Scott, a Scots-Irish immigrant to the United States. Her son Colonel George Washington Scott was the college's primary benefactor, and the Reverend Frank Henry Gaines, minister of Decatur Presbyterian Church, was the founding president. While their leadership extended into the South the Presbyterian educational movement that began with Princeton, Agnes Scott was established with a distinctive mission: to educate women for the betterment of their families and the elevation of their region. Initially named the Decatur Female Seminary in 1889 and renamed the Agnes Scott Institute in 1890, the college was chartered as Agnes Scott College in 1906.

The first institution of higher education in Georgia to receive regional accreditation, Agnes Scott College dedicated itself from the beginning to the highest level of "moral and intellectual training and education."¹ Its emphasis on academic excellence and a rigorous liberal arts curriculum "fully abreast of the best institutions of this country"² has always encouraged independent thinking in an atmosphere for learning. The college's residential campus, prized for its aesthetic distinction, has given all student generations a sense of place, purpose and responsibility. Student self-government under an honor code has been a hallmark since 1906. A founding member of many national and regional educational associations, Agnes Scott has been a member of Phi Beta Kappa since 1926. This tradition of education leadership continues in the 21st century as the college models new forms of undergraduate education for women, including innovative science and international programs and linkages to Atlanta's university, business and cultural communities.

The Reformed tradition in which the college was created helped shape the intellectual, spiritual and ethical values affirmed to this day: individual inquiry, commitment to the common good, the importance of character formation and engagement with the world. These are reflected in its motto from II Peter 1:5, "Now add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge." The College's charter commitment to provide "auspices distinctly favorable to the maintenance of the faith and practice of the Christian religion" has broadened into a commitment to ensure that students, faculty and staff of many faiths and secular persuasions are full participants in the life of the college. While Agnes Scott continues to be related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), its Board of Trustees is an independent, self-perpetuating governing body.

Widening the vision of its founders while remaining grounded in its original mission, Agnes Scott College continues to provide women with an edge for achievement. Alumnae distinguish themselves in medicine, science, education, ministry, the arts, law, politics, business and community service. Since the early 1920s the college has ranked in the top 10 percent of American colleges whose graduates complete Ph.D. degrees. The Agnes Scott student body has expanded to include women who represent the diversity that is the United States and the world and women who are returning to college to complete their degrees. The engagement of the Agnes Scott community in the intellectual, cultural and social issues of its times represents both the proud history and the bright future of the college.

¹ Charter, Decatur Female Seminary, August 27, 1889

² Agnes Scott Ideal, Frank H. Gaines, 1889

*Adopted by the
Agnes Scott College Board of Trustees
May 2012*

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Mission Statement

Agnes Scott College educates women to think deeply, live honorably and engage the intellectual and social challenges of their times.

Agnes Scott College provides a dynamic liberal arts and sciences curriculum of the highest standards so that students and faculty can realize their full creative and intellectual potential.

Agnes Scott College fosters an environment in which women can develop high expectations for themselves as individuals, scholars, professionals and citizens of the world.

Agnes Scott College strives to be a just and inclusive community that expects honorable behavior, encourages spiritual inquiry and promotes respectful dialogue across differences.

*Adopted by the
Agnes Scott College Board of Trustees
August 2002, reaffirmed
May 2012*

Values

Agnes Scott College values:

- A Commitment to Women
- A Commitment to Teaching and Learning
- A Commitment to the Liberal Arts
- A Commitment to an Appreciation of Diverse Cultures
- A Commitment to a Community that Values Justice, Courage and Integrity

*Endorsed by the Faculty, April 1995
Affirmed by the Board of Trustees, August 2002*

Educational Goals

In preparation for a lifetime of learning, the successful Agnes Scott student should:

1. Think critically.
2. Communicate effectively through writing and speaking.
3. Undertake systematic inquiry for learning and problem solving.
4. Act as a responsible citizen.
5. Develop or appreciate creative expressions.
6. Appreciate and respond to the achievements of others.
7. Integrate knowledge and perspectives from a broad range of disciplines.
8. Develop a set of values.
9. Pursue the development of the whole person.

Endorsed by the Faculty, May 2003

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Leocadia I. Zak

President of the College

ex officio

Lea Ann Hudson '76

Secretary of the Board

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Board of Trustees

Gender	
<i>Female</i>	21
<i>Male</i>	7
Age	
<i>40-49 Years</i>	7
<i>50 - 59 Years</i>	8
<i>60 - 69 Years</i>	7
<i>70 + Years</i>	6
Ethnicity	
<i>African-American</i>	3
<i>Asian</i>	1
<i>Caucasian</i>	23
<i>Latinx</i>	1
Length of Board Service	
<i>1 - 4 Years</i>	12
<i>5 - 8 Years</i>	13
<i>8-12 Years</i>	3
College Affiliation	
<i>Alumna</i>	19
<i>Spouse of Alumna</i>	2
<i>Friend</i>	7
<i>Parent/Sibling of Alumna</i>	2
<i>(Grand)daughter/Son of Alumna</i>	3
Profession	
<i>Arts</i>	1
<i>Banking/Investment</i>	2
<i>Business/Marketing/Real Estate</i>	12
<i>Community Volunteer</i>	4
<i>Education</i>	7
<i>Foreign Service/Public Service</i>	2
<i>Law</i>	2
<i>Medicine/Dentistry</i>	1
<i>Ministry</i>	2
<i>Science/Technology</i>	1
Religious Affiliation	
<i>Baptist</i>	2
<i>Catholic</i>	2
<i>Church of Christ</i>	1
<i>Episcopalian</i>	7
<i>Jewish</i>	1
<i>Methodist</i>	1
<i>Muslim</i>	1
<i>Lutheran</i>	1
<i>Presbyterian</i>	8
<i>Protestant</i>	4

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Officers

Title	
<i>President</i>	Leocadia I. Zak
<i>Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College</i>	Kerry E. Pannell
<i>Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students</i>	Karen Goff
<i>Vice President for Business and Finance</i>	Kenneth W. England
<i>Vice President for College Advancement</i>	Robiaun R. Charles
<i>Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admission</i>	Alexa W. Gaeta '98

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2018 Baccalaureate/Commencement Information

Event	Speaker
<i>Baccalaureate</i>	Reverend Julia Sierra Reyes '08 <i>Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Denver, Colorado</i>
<i>Commencement</i>	Jennifer Nettles <i>Grammy and CMA award-winning singer-songwriter, performer and philanthropic activist</i>

Award	Recipient
<i>Joseph R. Gladden, Jr. Public Lecture Award</i>	Alan Koch <i>Professor and Chair of Mathematics</i>
<i>Vulcan Materials Co. Teaching Excellence Award</i>	Nicole Stamant <i>Associate Professor of English</i>

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Campus Safety (2017-2018)

Charge/Offense	Number of On-Campus Occurrences
<i>Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter</i>	0
<i>Negligent Manslaughter</i>	0
<i>Sex Offenses - Forcible</i>	1
<i>Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible</i>	0
<i>Robbery</i>	0
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	0
<i>Burglary</i>	4
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	0
<i>Arson</i>	0
Total	5