

# YES WE MUST COALITION

## COLLEGE SUCCESS FOR ALL

### STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



The Yes We Must Coalition ([yeswemustcoalition.org](http://yeswemustcoalition.org)) is a group of more than 30 small, private, non-profit colleges and universities that serve primarily low-income, first-generation students. The goals of the YWM Coalition are to advocate for the institutions and students in this sector of higher education and to share resources and best practices in order to enrich YWMC students' learning experiences and increase graduation rates.

#### *Enriches YWMC students' learning experiences*

The YWMC Student Exchange Program is specifically designed to expose students from member schools to new academic and personal experiences and environments through summer and/or semester exchanges. Many students attend YWMC schools that are located close to their home communities and have rarely if ever been able to travel far from these communities. The YWMC Student Exchange Program provides students with the opportunity to expand their horizons by spending time at a school similar to their own in terms of size and student body but located in a variety of environments from the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the urban centers of Los Angeles and Chicago.



#### *Provides students with opportunities to expand their horizons*



#### *Offers hands-on field work and collaboration with other students*

Students participating in the YWMC Student Exchange Program are closely supported and supervised by student, staff and faculty mentors at the host institution as well as at their home institution. Their course of study may correspond to areas they have already begun to explore, including general education courses, or may introduce them to new subjects they would like to explore. Many of the exchange opportunities involve hands-on field work and collaboration with other students.

For additional general information regarding the YWMC Student Exchange Program, including application procedures, contact the advisor of study away opportunities at your home institution, your academic advisor, or Nia Chester, YWMC Program Manager at: [niachester@yeswemustcoalition.org](mailto:niachester@yeswemustcoalition.org).



## SAMPLE PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS



### **COKER COLLEGE, HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Coker College is a student-focused, private liberal arts college that combines round table, discussion-based learning with hands-on experiences to encourage active participation in and out of the classroom. The College offers a range of majors, including biology, business administration, computer science, criminology, education, psychology, and performing and visual arts, as well as a variety of internship opportunities. A supportive, close-knit community prepares Coker students with the confidence and practical life skills they need to reach their personal best in college and beyond. Located in downtown Hartsville, the main campus covers 15 acres of beautiful grounds with Georgian-style buildings, several of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Iconic Davidson Hall, built in 1910, is both the literal and physical heart of campus. The City of Hartsville offers a welcoming small-town feel, with plenty of shopping, dining, and entertainment options within walking distance from campus. Hartsville averages 69°F from September to May and is within two hours of Charlotte, Columbia, Charleston and Myrtle Beach. <http://coker.edu>

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### **COLLEGE OF SAINT ELIZABETH, MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY**

The College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE) is an independent Catholic institution of higher learning, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. It is located on a beautiful 200-acre campus in historical Morris County, New Jersey. With approximately 1,500 students, CSE is characterized by small class sizes and a highly communal student-centered culture emphasizing individualized attention. CSE offers 19 undergraduate programs in the Arts and Sciences, and in Professional Studies, including criminal justice studies, food and nutrition, and nursing. Activities on campus include many student-run organizations and a wide variety of social, cultural, service, and athletic events. Our close proximity to New York City (a 45-minute train ride) provides students with a rich additional resource for internships and cultural events. In terms of its mission, values, and vision, CSE is a community of learning in the Catholic liberal arts tradition for students of diverse ages, backgrounds, and cultures. It affirms its solidarity with the poor and its commitment in service to the community, and is dedicated to the values of integrity, social responsibility, leadership, and excellence in teaching and learning. [www.cse.edu](http://www.cse.edu)

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### **FERRUM COLLEGE, VIRGINIA**

Founded in 1913, Ferrum College provides life-long learning and outstanding career and graduate school preparation in a setting of rich natural beauty. A four-year, private, co-educational, liberal arts college founded on Christian principles and related to the United Methodist Church, Ferrum offers nationally recognized bachelor's degree programs ranging from business, agriculture, and environmental science to teacher education and criminal justice. Featuring small classes and a dedicated faculty and staff, Ferrum offers a hands-on, experiential approach to learning with real and relevant opportunities for students, including individualized attention and collaborative work with faculty members. Surrounded by mountains, lakes, rivers, state parks, and numerous small towns brimming with regional heritage, Ferrum boasts a wide variety of venues for outdoor recreation and a rich history of arts and culture through its Blue Ridge Institute & Museum. [www.ferrum.edu](http://www.ferrum.edu)

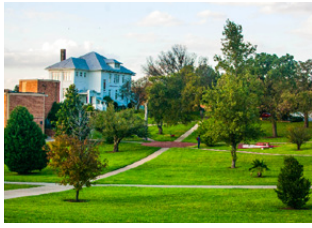
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### **HERITAGE UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON**

Heritage University is a small, accredited, private institution located in Toppenish, WA, offering a wide array of academic programs and degrees. Heritage University, uniquely positioned in the middle of the Yakama Indian Reservation as well as in the midst of a large agricultural region that attracts a significant migrant worker population, is designated both a Hispanic-Serving Institution and a Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institution. The high deserts of Central Washington provide Heritage University with a diverse and complex setting in which students are able to study critically important environmental issues in one of the richest and most productive agricultural areas in the United States. Central to the work of the researchers and students at Heritage is the challenge of maintaining a sustainable agricultural industry while preserving Native traditions that are inexorably linked to an environment in which access to natural resources is diminishing. [www.heritage.edu](http://www.heritage.edu)

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### **HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY, TEXAS**

Huston-Tillotson University (HT), with roots dating to 1875, is the oldest institution of higher education in Austin, Texas. The historically black institution offers a Master's degree, in addition to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in more than 20 areas of study including Business Administration, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Education, and Kinesiology. The student's educational experience engages a diverse population for academic achievement with an emphasis on academic excellence, spiritual and ethical development, civic engagement, and leadership in a nurturing environment.

A multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, and multi-faith institution, the University welcomes students of all ages, races, and religions. The HT student population is comprised of approximately 5% international students who come from around the globe including Africa, the Caribbean, China, Italy, Mexico, Serbia, Sri Lanka, and Venezuela. Additionally, the University has a well-developed Summer Study Abroad in China Program. [www.htu.edu](http://www.htu.edu)

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### **KEUKA COLLEGE, NEW YORK**

Keuka College sits on the shores of beautiful Keuka Lake, the gem of the eleven Finger Lakes in upstate New York. A rural, small, and comprehensive liberal arts-based school, Keuka College is known for its emphasis on experiential education including its signature Field Period, a substantive month-long internship program completed by every student each of their four years. Field Periods provide students with place-based opportunities to integrate classroom theory with real-world practice, increase their skills, expand their network, and strengthen their classroom dedication by "living their major" during January or summer Field Period times. Keuka College's

new Digital Learning initiative (DL@KC) is designed to create digital thinkers who "understand how digital tools work, both their limitations and their possibilities, in order to enhance problem-solving and creativity." These signature programs augment the 33 different liberal arts and professional programs offered at Keuka College. We are particularly interested in student exchanges with other YWM Institutions in the areas of biology, environmental sustainability, social justice, political science and history.

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### **MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles is a small, close-knit, culturally diverse community that two distinctive campuses. The Chalon Campus, located in the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles, overlooks the J. Paul Getty Center, the Santa Monica Mountains, and the Pacific Ocean. The Doheny Campus, near downtown Los Angeles and USC, is situated on land once owned by the Doheny family and features many historic buildings. Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles offers a wide range of programs from nursing to business. Located close to Hollywood, the Mount offers a B.S. in Film, Media and Social Justice. Additionally, the Mount

partners with Academy Award winning actor Geena Davis and the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media to help shine light on the portrayal of women and girls in media. Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles is designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and reflects the ethnic diversity of Southern California. We are primarily a women's institution and only women students are eligible for the YWM Student Exchange Program. [www.msmu.edu](http://www.msmu.edu)

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