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WE WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS.
WE FUEL YOUR OPEN MIND.
WE HELP YOU OPEN DOORS.

THAT’S THE CENTRAL WAY.

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Anne Williamson ’20 found a community at Central. “You can feel everyone caring when you step on campus.” That feeling inspired her to stretch herself into leadership.

Stereotypically, accounting majors are introverts; leaders are extroverts. Being both took conscious effort, Williamson says. Central provided her with opportunities and support to grow.

“My first two years I spent a lot of time in my room. Junior year I decided to be fully involved. I joined Student Senate. I dove into community service. I mentored high school students. I took a world music class and a philosophy class and I’m seeing if there are other interests I want to explore.”

Her senior year, she is student body president.

For those looking at colleges, she has this piece of advice: “Go where your heart calls you. If you find a community you want to be in, you’ll also find passion and opportunity there.”

Hear more of Anne’s story: central.edu/williamson.
CENTRAL WELCOMES YOU WITH OPEN ARMS

Studies are now proving what Central has known for years: Students who experience deep, meaningful connections with others on campus—faculty, staff, fellow students—are more successful academically. A close-knit, caring campus community is a Central hallmark.
LIFE AT CENTRAL IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT
A dynamic curiosity. A zest for involvement. A desire to make a difference. A quest to achieve a personal best. Central students are fully dimensional, mixing academics with athletics with choir with you-name-it.

YOU’LL FIT RIGHT IN
Central’s supportive community allows you to be yourself. Caring faculty and staff mentors and your fellow students want to see you succeed and will support you every step of the way. The result: confidence that empowers you to try things you’ve never done before and a knowledge you belong here.

Central’s accessible, supportive faculty and staff offer personalized, high-quality guidance. They’ll help you realize your personal potential in a variety of ways—both inside and outside the classroom.

DISCOVER JUST HOW FAR YOU CAN GO
You’ll tackle challenges head on and achieve new heights of success while developing your character and your communication and teamwork skills. At Central, you’re free to get involved in all the ways that speak to you.

LEAD THE WAY AT CENTRAL
Life-shaping opportunities await you here and develop your leadership abilities, help you discover new aspirations and hone the expertise you need to achieve them.
CENTRAL FUELS YOUR OPEN MIND

Central has more than a dozen study abroad sites. Ample academic programs to choose from. More than 100 opportunities for students to sample. 100-plus full-time faculty members ready to mentor you. It all adds up to infinite possibilities for you to explore.
OPPORTUNITY COMES TO YOU

You’ll find countless above-and-beyond opportunities at Central to challenge you academically, philosophically and creatively.

BUILD LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCES

+ **Roll-up-your-sleeves learning.** Gain tangible, real-life experience in the classroom, while studying abroad and completing exclusive internships.

+ **Intercultural experiences.** Join a welcoming campus that connects you to intercultural issues through movies, exhibits, activities and speakers.

+ **Campus ministry.** Take part in the Justice Team, Action Team and other groups to raise awareness of and contribute to social needs locally and internationally.

+ **Choir leadership.** Lead musically as a section leader, be elected to serve as an officer and take ownership of tours, festivals, Rock-A-Pella, Candlelight Concert and fundraising.

ATHLETICS LEADERSHIP

At Central, leadership extends to 19 Division III teams that allow you to thrive as a student while succeeding as an athlete on the national level. Few colleges balance the roles of student and athlete as well as Central does. Perhaps that’s because retired Central president Ken Weller authored the original Division III philosophy that outlines how intercollegiate athletics help prepare students for success in all aspects of life.

NSLS

Check out Central’s chapter of The National Society of Leadership and Success, the nation’s largest leadership honor society. Lifetime membership benefits include scholarships and awards, on-campus events, employer recruitment through an online job bank and discounts on computers, textbooks, grad school prep courses, insurance and more.

TAKE TO THE STAGE

You don’t have to be a theatre major to make drama happen at Central. Join the student-led Improv Club and put on campus shows. Take a directing class and learn how to manage theatre productions. Or volunteer to assist with major theatre department productions, working alongside experienced professors.
The Honors Program adds a competitive edge to your Central résumé. Honors seminars, enrichment credits, a senior thesis and faculty mentors make up the Honors Program, which helps students move toward greater academic independence, more advanced work in a discipline and increased opportunities for personal initiative. Your academic credentials can get you involved as soon as the first semester of your first year at Central.

**RECENT HONORS SEMINARS INCLUDE:**

- Discovering Sports Analytics
- Oral History of the Family Farm
- In the Footsteps of Ghandi and King: Narratives of Nonviolent Social Change
- Hieroglyphs and Mathematics of the Ancient Maya
- A Place at the Table for All: Sustainable Solutions to Global Poverty
- Hamilton: The Man, The Musical
STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Composed of at least two student representatives from each sport (plus athletic training and cheerleading), Central’s Student-Athlete Advisory Council helps build community between teams. You’ll participate in conversations with the NCAA about American Rivers Conference rules, regulations and sportsmanship. And you’ll get to help teams with service activities and the year-end Dutchies Awards event.

STUDENT SENATE

Students elect student senators to be the voice of the student body. Senators decide how to spend a budget for student activities and serve on faculty and campus committees that make decisions affecting all students. If you’ve been active in student government in high school, you’ll enjoy serving on Student Senate, but student government experience is not required.

CENTRAL GARDEN AND SUSTAINABILITY

Serve as a field assistant, coordinate campus and community activities, conduct research and become a garden summer camp counselor.

PLAY THE GAME

Are your athletics skills matched by an ability to rally your players, inspire when the going gets tough and help settle personal differences for the good of the team? Those traits are invaluable in team leadership roles.

PEER TUTORS

Peer tutors are chosen by professors and trained by the coordinator of tutoring to help their fellow students in a variety of skills and subjects.

CURiosity WILL TAKE YOU PLACES

Graduate programs and employers are consistently impressed by Central applicants’ well-rounded backgrounds. Central grads’ active curiosity demonstrates ambition, commitment to lifelong learning and an ability to approach challenges from a variety of perspectives. It’s something Central students have in abundance.
Internships, job shadowing or community service experience. Central has been a leader in offering these practices for years. In fact, Central provides them to every student meeting certain basic criteria. Central also offers every sophomore a free, weeklong Career Kickstarter program designed to help students hone careers and prepare résumés. Along with a plethora of majors and more than a dozen pre-professional programs, it’s all part of Central’s plan to make the transition from college to career or graduate school as smooth as possible.
CENTRAL STUDENTS ARE SELF-STARTERS

You’ll meet and work with accomplished, influential people: professors, community leaders, business professionals and successful Central alumni. They can influence the trajectory of your career and the development of your character.

INTERNSHIPS

Central College students gain vital real-world experience during internships, which often leads directly to future careers. Many take on three or four internships over semesters and summers. These learning opportunities provide a competitive edge in job and graduate school placement.

Central College can connect you with more than 500 internship sites across the U.S. and around the world including:

- Army Corps of Engineers
- British Parliament
- CBS News
- Detroit Lions
- John Deere
- Mayo Clinic
- Mental Health America
- Morgan Stanley
- Paramount Studios
- Pella Community Schools
- Pella Corporation
- Pfizer
- Principal Financial Group
- The White House
- U.S. Olympic Training Center
- Vermeer Corporation

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Engage with students, faculty and community members in service connected with your academic goals. More than 40 courses include a service option or requirement.

99% OF CENTRAL STUDENTS COMPLETE AN INTERNSHIP, INTERNATIONAL STUDY, RESEARCH PROJECT OR SERVICE EXPERIENCE.

CENTRAL.EDU/INTERNSHIPS
EXPERIENCE

CAREER KICKSTARTER

All sophomores are invited to participate in Central’s Career Kickstarter program—a free, one-week program during winter break that offers each participant a guaranteed internship or extended job shadowing experience with local alumni or other professionals. Students also do in-depth career planning and experience workshops on such topics as networking, résumé preparation, the use of professional social media, how to apply and prepare for an extended internship and more.
TAKE YOUR RÉSUMÉ TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Look beyond the classroom for opportunities to refine your personal skills. Central encourages you to usher a project from inception to completion, negotiate change and become comfortable with new experiences. We help bolster your résumé with a broad range of extracurricular activities.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Explore your passions while getting involved in one or more campus groups. Check out this sampling from more than 100 campus clubs and organizations:

**BUSINESS**
- Economics, Accounting and Management Club

**EDUCATION**
- Central Teacher Academy
- Education Club

**MUSIC**
- College-Community Band
- A Cappella Choir

**PSYCHOLOGY**
- Psychology Club
- Resident Assistants

**STEM**
- Chemistry Club
- Computer Science Club
- Health Professions Club
- Math Club
- Physics and Engineering Club

central.edu/campus-life
Leaders fine-tune their strengths by trying different things. Some endeavors may be more successful than others. All are rich in personal discovery.

EMBRACE THE “WHAT IFS”

Take the opportunity to try something new at Central and you will start to answer important questions about your career path. Is this really what I want to study? Can I continue to challenge myself and grow?

The answer may be a resounding YES. Or an equally emphatic NO. College is the right time to explore your talents and interests. The worst that can happen? You decide to move in a different direction.

The best? You find a lifelong passion. Central lets you start exploring early. You’ll find plenty of opportunities, both academic and extracurricular, that will let you get involved beginning your first year.
Parker Majerus ’20 couldn’t believe all the opportunities at Central College. “It’s crazy not to be involved in all of them,” he says.

While being involved in everything certainly isn’t possible, Majerus has jumped into plenty. He’s been a member of the football team, studied abroad and served on Student Senate.

“I’m driven and want to diversify myself, and that’s what Central has allowed me to do,” he says.

Majerus has immersed himself in leadership at Central, beginning as a freshman on the football team watching and learning from upperclassmen who pushed to get the most from teammates.

“I’ve rubbed shoulders with great leaders here, and that had a great impact on me,” Majerus says. “There have been a lot of people who have been inspiring to me on my journey. Central has really helped me develop leadership abilities.”

Hear more of Parker’s story: central.edu/majerus.
# MAJORLY OBSESSED WITH YOUR FUTURE

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## MAJORS

- **Accounting**
- **Actuarial Science**
- **Anthropology**
- **Art**
- **Biochemistry**
- **Biology**
- **Business Management**
  - Business Administration
  - Finance
  - International Business
  - Marketing
  - Student-Designed
- **Chemistry**
- **Communication Studies**
- **Computer Science**
- **Economics**
- **Education**
  - Elementary
  - Secondary
- **Engineering**
- **English**
- **Environmental Studies**
  - Environmental Science
  - Environmental Sustainability
- **Exercise Science**
  - Health and Exercise Science
  - Health Promotion
  - Physical Education
  - Strength and Conditioning
- **French**
- **German Studies**
- **History**
- **Information Systems**
- **International Studies**
  - African Studies
  - East Asian Studies
  - Latin American Studies
  - Western European Studies
- **Mathematics**
- **Music**
  - Instrumental
  - Vocal
- **Music Education**
- **Natural Science**
- **Philosophy**
- **Physics**
- **Political Science**
- **Psychology**
- **Religion**
- **Self-Designed Studies**
  - Allied Health
  - American Studies
  - Arts Management
  - Criminal Justice
  - Food Systems
  - Gender Studies
  - Global Health
  - Not-For-Profit Management
  - Sports Management
- **Social Science**
- **Sociology**
- **Spanish**
- **Theatre**
- **Undecided/Exploring**

## MINORS

- **Accounting**
- **Actuarial Science**
- **Anthropology**
- **Art**
- **Biochemistry**
- **Biology**
- **Business Management**
- **Chemistry**
- **Chinese Studies**
- **Communication Studies**
- **Computer Science**
- **Economics**
- **Education**
  - Elementary
  - Secondary
- **Engineering**
- **English**
- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Environmental Studies**
- **Exercise Science**
- **French**
- **German Studies**
- **Global Health**
- **Global Sustainability**
- **History**
- **Information Systems**
- **International Studies**
- **Linguistics**
- **Mathematics**
- **Music**
- **Music Education**
- **Natural Science**
- **Philosophy**
- **Physics**
- **Political Science**
- **Psychology**
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## PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

- **Athletic Training**
- **Chiropractic**
- **Dentistry**
- **Law**
- **Medicine**
- **Ministry**
- **Nursing**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Optometry**
- **Pharmacy**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Physician Assistant**
- **Podiatric Medicine**
- **Public Health**
- **Veterinary Medicine**