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BIG IDEAS

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CENTRAL TO EVERYTHING

Your Central College education will provide you with the foundation to build your future and pursue your passions. Discover opportunities that will help you become exactly who you want to be.

Here, you will:
+ Grow personally, professionally and academically.
+ Connect with people who will support you on your path.
+ Learn to do good in your community and our world.

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TREY HULL ’26

HOMETOWN: Ottumwa, Iowa

MAJORS: Computer Science and Music

SCHOLARSHIPS: Journey, Ray Martin Music Lessons Scholarship and Robert W. Van Hal Endowed Scholarship in Music

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES: A Cappella Choir, ALMA and Tennis

CAREER GOAL: Full time computer science career with side gigs playing piano and organ

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE ...

Trey Hull ’26 knew that he didn’t want to choose between his interests. A student-athlete and musician with an interest in computer science, Hull discovered that at Central College, he really can be part of it all.

“Music has always been my passion,” Hull says. “But I came to Central thinking I’d be a computer science major. Then I realized that at Central, I could do both. It’s a really positive experience that I see the best of both worlds.”

As a double major in music and computer science, Hull explores what it means to be creative from all angles.

“There’s a lot more creativity in computer science than people think,” Hull says. “A lot of my computer science classes include designing. In my software design class, I got to make a social media site and design the interface.”

When he’s not doing work for his classes, Hull plays piano for ALMA, sings in the A Cappella Choir and plays on the men’s tennis team.

Directors, coaches and professors across campus are used to students being involved in a multitude of activities and they’re always willing to be flexible when students approach them with conflicts.

“I get a lot of support from my tennis coach,” Hull says. “I don’t typically miss practice because nothing conflicts, but if I said, ‘Hey, I have a performance this day,’ he’s cool with me missing practice or coming another time. If a conflict arises, they’ll work it out.”

Thanks to the variety of involvement opportunities Hull is involved in, he is able to make connections with students from all areas around campus.

“Because of my double major, I meet a lot of different people because each major is with different people,” Hull says. “I’ve met so many amazing people at Central.”

For more of Trey’s story: central.edu/trey-hull
Central College is located in Pella, Iowa. Famous for its Dutch heritage, tulip festival and beautiful downtown, Pella is filled with local shops and familiar favorites. There’s so much to discover here!

+ Get a sweet treat with your roomie at Jaarsma Bakery, Vander Ploeg Bakery or Cranberry Stone Bakery.
+ You have to try the food at Dutchfix, the Bread Board, George’s Pizza and our other local restaurants. Don’t worry — we also have chains like Chick-fil-A in town.
+ Get your caffeine fix at one of Pella’s seven coffee shops.
+ Head over to Nederlanders Golf for appetizers and golf simulation!
RAIN, SNOW OR SHINE

Central has so much to do all the time! No matter the season, Central provides students with opportunities to create memories that will last a lifetime. Enjoy the turning of the seasons at Central and the many activities that come with it.
WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

+ Ice skate on Central’s iconic pond, build snowpeople or find a good spot to sled on campus.
+ Explore Kerstmarkt, Pella’s beautiful Dutch Christmas market.
+ On the colder days, you’ll be thankful for the size of campus. Walking one end of campus to the other only takes 10 minutes!

FALL IN LOVE

+ Play disc golf on Central’s challenging 18-hole course. Or try your hand at gennis (golfing with a tennis ball) — a unique campus favorite!
+ Light up Homecoming weekend with Central spirit.
+ Get in touch with historic Pella when you walk around town — and snag authentic Dutch goodies!
EASY, BREEZY, BEAUTIFUL: CENTRAL

Spring and summer at Central College are a breath of fresh air!
WHAT TIME IS IT? SUMMERTIME!

+ Break out your gear to fish, swim, paddleboard, bike, hike and camp at Lake Red Rock.
+ Score lucrative research or internship opportunities on campus or at one of Central’s more than 500 internship connection sites.
+ Shop, eat and caffeinate your way through downtown Pella. It’s like living in a Hallmark movie.

**BLOOM AT CENTRAL**

+ Kick your Central spirit into high gear and celebrate Hoo-Rah Day on campus!
+ Hop into the pond with your friends to participate in the annual boat races.
+ Fill up on poffertjes (mini Dutch pancakes) during the annual Tulip Time festival in Pella.
BE MORE THAN A SPECTATOR

It’s so easy to be involved at Central. Here, you don’t have to choose just one thing. Think of our involvement opportunities as a mix and match menu. **You really can be part of it all!**
ON THE COURT, FIELD OR TRACK

Embrace the challenge of our highly competitive NCAA Division III athletics programs:

- Baseball
- Basketball*
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country*
- Dance Team
- Football
- Golf*
- Soccer*
- Softball
- Tennis*
- Track & Field*
- Volleyball
- Women’s Triathlon
- Wrestling*

For more information: athletics.central.edu

*Both men’s and women’s teams

TAKE CENTER STAGE

Artists, musicians and actors can take center stage through ensembles, performances, galleries and more. You don’t have to major in it to participate!

- A Cappella Choir
- Chamber Singers
- College Community Orchestra
- Flying Pans Steel Drum Band
- Jazz Band
- Mills Gallery Art Exhibits
- Musical Theatre
- Percussion Ensemble
- Symphonic Wind Ensemble

For more information: central.edu/fine-arts
EMBRACE YOUR JOURNEY

No matter your interests, you’ll find at least one organization that’s right for you. Central encourages you to explore your talents and develop new passions. Discover countless activities that invite you to get involved from the moment you arrive on campus.
ORGANIZATIONS FOR EVERYONE
+ Black Student Alliance
+ Campus Activities Board
+ Campus Ministries
+ Chemistry Club
+ Common Ground (LGBTQ+)
+ Computer Science Club
+ Dance Marathon
+ Economics, Accounting and Business Management Club
+ Health Professions Club
+ Mock Trial Team
+ Organization of Latinx-American Students
+ Pickleball Club
+ Psychology Club

For more information: central.edu/campus-life

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FUTURE
Getting involved in student organizations opens the door for you to lead the way and build leadership skills that are applicable to your future.

+ Student Senators are elected by other students to be the voice of the student body. They serve on campus committees and help determine how student activity budgets are spent.

+ Student-Athlete Advisory Council members represent their sports (plus athletic training) and discussions with the NCAA about conference rules and sportsmanship. They also help with service activities and the year-end Dutchies awards.

+ Peer Tutors are selected by professors and are trained to help their peers in a variety of skills and subjects.

“It seems like at other schools, if you play football, that’s all you do. If you’re in choir, that’s all you do. But here, it’s more unusual to only have one thing that you’re doing. Everything’s very intertwined.”

— Kamryn Waymire ’24
“I immediately felt right at home” is a statement you’ll hear a lot at Central — with good reason. Our small class sizes and residential campus make meeting others easy. Here, you’ll grow your leadership skills and create friendships that will last a lifetime.

Your time at Central is designed for you to live and learn — literally. Living with your peers builds strong, lifelong bonds and makes it easier to get involved.
There’s always lots of fun going on in Central’s residence halls. Resident advisors organize parties, casino nights, pet therapy sessions and other activities throughout the year. Students love to decorate for Homecoming, host local kids for Halloween trick-or-treating and challenge other residence halls to tug-of-war, sustainability efforts, video game competitions and more.

“The culture here, especially in the residence halls, is great. Getting to meet people and knowing them all four years while you’re here at Central, you really get that close connection.”

— Cassie Elliott ’26
A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

Foods, traditions, people, buildings, activities and programs — we have too many favorites to count.
TULIP TIME

Pella is known for its annual Tulip Time in early May, complete with Dutch dancing, amazing food and thousands of tulips.

Hello, photo op!

THE POND

Find an activity for every season! Jump in at Homecoming during the Lemming Race or compete in the boat races at the end of each school year. As for the geese around the pond ... well, they're just part of the experience.

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Kick off finals week with a late-night breakfast served by faculty and staff!

FRESH COOKIE TUESDAY

Get your fresh cookies every Tuesday at Central Market!

BIG RED

Big Red is Central’s mascot and biggest cheerleader! Our mane fan on campus is a lion (if you couldn’t tell) and pays homage to our Dutch roots.

HOO-RAH DAY

We have so much Central spirit, we need a whole day to celebrate! Activities, prizes and Central-themed food makes it the perfect day to celebrate what it means to be Forever Dutch®!

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AFFORDABLE TUITION?
YES, PLEASE!

Central is more affordable than ever. Our total price to attend is comparable with state schools — and way less than other private colleges in the midwest. And that’s before applying financial aid and scholarships!

Let’s talk numbers. Central is committed to affordability and value, and we know transparency is key. We have nothing to hide, so let’s put the numbers to the test! When you combine our commitment with our dynamic career paths — STEM, humanities, business, arts, education and pre-professional programs — Central can open doors for your future.
INVEST IN YOURSELF

The value of a Central education is unmatched.

With your Central education, you will enjoy:

+ Our Four-Year Graduation Commitment.
+ Donor-funded scholarships that are renewable for four years.
+ Small class sizes and personalized support from professors.
+ Door-opening opportunities such as internships, research with faculty, off-campus experiences and community-based learning.
+ The lifelong benefits of associating with well-connected alumni.

HOW CENTRAL STACKS UP

$20,988 (CENTRAL’S TUITION) + $12,060 (CENTRAL’S HOUSING & FOOD) = $33,048

A COMPARISON OF TUITION + HOUSING AND FOOD WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS BASED ON PUBLISHED PRICE TO ATTEND.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA $24,523*
CENTRAL COLLEGE $33,048
WARTBURG COLLEGE $38,000
SIMPSON COLLEGE $58,552*

*Estimated price to attend based on 2023-24 published price plus 4%.

$13,575 Average aid and scholarships a student receives from Central, federal and state awards, which can be subtracted from total costs for an incredibly affordable experience.
OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING

Your Central education will give you the edge you need to thrive in a complex world.

Internships, job shadowing, service and off-campus experiences offered through Central lead directly to careers. With a college connected to 500-plus internship sites in Iowa and around the world, you’ll have plenty of experiences to choose from.

At Central, you can work alongside well-connected faculty mentors on research projects, which can result in presentations to national and regional conferences. That’s the kind of experience that can result in a great letter of reference, as well as a résumé and job or graduate school application that really stands out.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS OPEN THE DOOR.
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Don't limit yourself to what real-world experience means. Sure, internships are great for your résumé, but so is service (which also creates space to form relationships and develop your character). Engage with other students, faculty and community members in service connected with your academic and career goals.

INTERNSHIPS

Central students gain vital experience during internships, which often leads directly to future careers (it's pretty amazing!) Incredible opportunities like these give our students a competitive edge in job and grad school placement.

GET REAL! (WORLD EXPERIENCES)

OFF-CAMPUS EXPERIENCES

Central students can immerse themselves in the cultures of the world! Where and when will you go?

INTERNATIONAL

Faculty-led program

Partner program

Extracurricular Experience

Winter Break

During a semester

Summer
THE CENTRAL NETWORK

Your connections with ________ will help you land the __________.

students  interview
alumni  internship
professors  research opportunity
staff  graduate school
donors  job
MAKE YOUR NEXT MOVE WITH CONFIDENCE

Whether your plan is a career, graduate school or service, Central College has the connections to make it happen.

CENTRAL GRADUATES HAVE WORKED HERE:

+ Apple, Inc.
+ Chicago Cubs
+ Corteva Agriscience
+ Iowa Governor’s Office
+ John Deere
+ Mayo Clinic
+ Microsoft
+ National Academy of Sciences
+ National Geographic
+ Pella Corporation
+ Principal Financial Group
+ Vermeer Corporation

Through the Central network, you’ll connect with accomplished, influential people, including community and government leaders, business and nonprofit professionals and other successful Central alumni. They can influence the trajectory of your career and the development of your character.

CENTRAL ALUMNI DO GRADUATE STUDY HERE:

+ Columbia University
+ Des Moines University
+ Duke University
+ Iowa State University
+ Johns Hopkins University
+ Northwestern University
+ University of Colorado Boulder
+ University of Glasgow
+ University of London
+ University of Michigan
+ University of Notre Dame
+ Washington University

"There are so many foundational elements, much like LEGO pieces, that make me who I am. Central is where it all began for me."

Taj Bhasman ’97
Strategic Initiatives Officer
Principal Financial Group
LIFE IS A
JOURNEY.
YOUR STARTS
AT CENTRAL.

Nearly 100% of Central students are employed in the field of their choice, enrolled in graduate or professional school or completing service a year after graduating.
Jenna Hernandez ‘24 loves to serve. Whether it be on the tennis court or on campus, she’s found a way to leave her mark here at Central College.

Hernandez found inspiration on her initial visit to Central, and that has been the foundation for her own leadership development.

“On my visit, I just saw a lot of people that were involved in a ton of different things,” she says. “And I thought to myself that I want to do that, I want to be able to do more than just be a student or an athlete.”

This led Hernandez to begin serving on Student Senate during her freshman year. Her leadership continued throughout her time at Central, and she was elected as student body president for the 2023-24 academic year.

“I chose to run for student body president because with being involved in Student Senate, I was able to see a lot of past student body presidents and their leadership around campus,” she says. “I got to see all the initiatives that they were part of, and I knew that I wanted to try and step into that role to see how I too could help make campus a better place.”

“I think Central is such a unique place,” Hernandez says. “Everyone is involved in something, whether that be campus ministries, athletics or some sort of club, everyone has something that they’re part of.”

“I’ve had such a great time at Central,” Hernandez says with a smile. “It’s a great place where the professors really care about you. They want to help you with your studies. And the coaches are super helpful. They want to see you grow in your academics, in your leadership and also in your athletics. You don’t get that everywhere, and I think that’s really neat to see.”

For more of Jenna’s story: central.edu/hernandezj.

JENNA HERNANDEZ ’24

HOMETOWN: Slater, Iowa
MAJORS: Biochemistry and Biology
MINOR: Spanish
SCHOLARSHIPS: Journey Scholarship
CAMPUS ACTIVITIES: Student Body President, Student Senate, Board of Trustees, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Teaching Assistant, Career Kickstarter, Tennis and Women’s Wrestling
CAREER GOAL: Dentist
CONTINUING EDUCATION: University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics
Central College encourages you to explore yourself and the world. You’ll find plenty of activities — academic and extracurricular — that welcome you to get involved from the moment you arrive on campus.
ENJOY A BITE THE NIGHT BEFORE FINALS AT THE BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS – A CENTRAL TRADITION!

100% OF GRADS ARE EMPLOYED IN THE FIELD OF THEIR CHOICE, ENROLLED IN GRADUATE SCHOOL OR COMPLETING SERVICE A YEAR AFTER GRADUATION.

NOBODY’S BORED! 100+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM – SPORTS, CLUBS, MUSIC, THEATRE, PRE-PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MORE.

100% OF NEW STUDENTS GET FINANCIAL AID. WHY TAKE YOUR CHANCES ANYWHERE ELSE?

90%+ OF CENTRAL STUDENTS COMPLETE AN INTERNSHIP, OFF-CAMPUS STUDY, RESEARCH PROJECT OR SERVICE EXPERIENCE.

50% OF CENTRAL’S STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS