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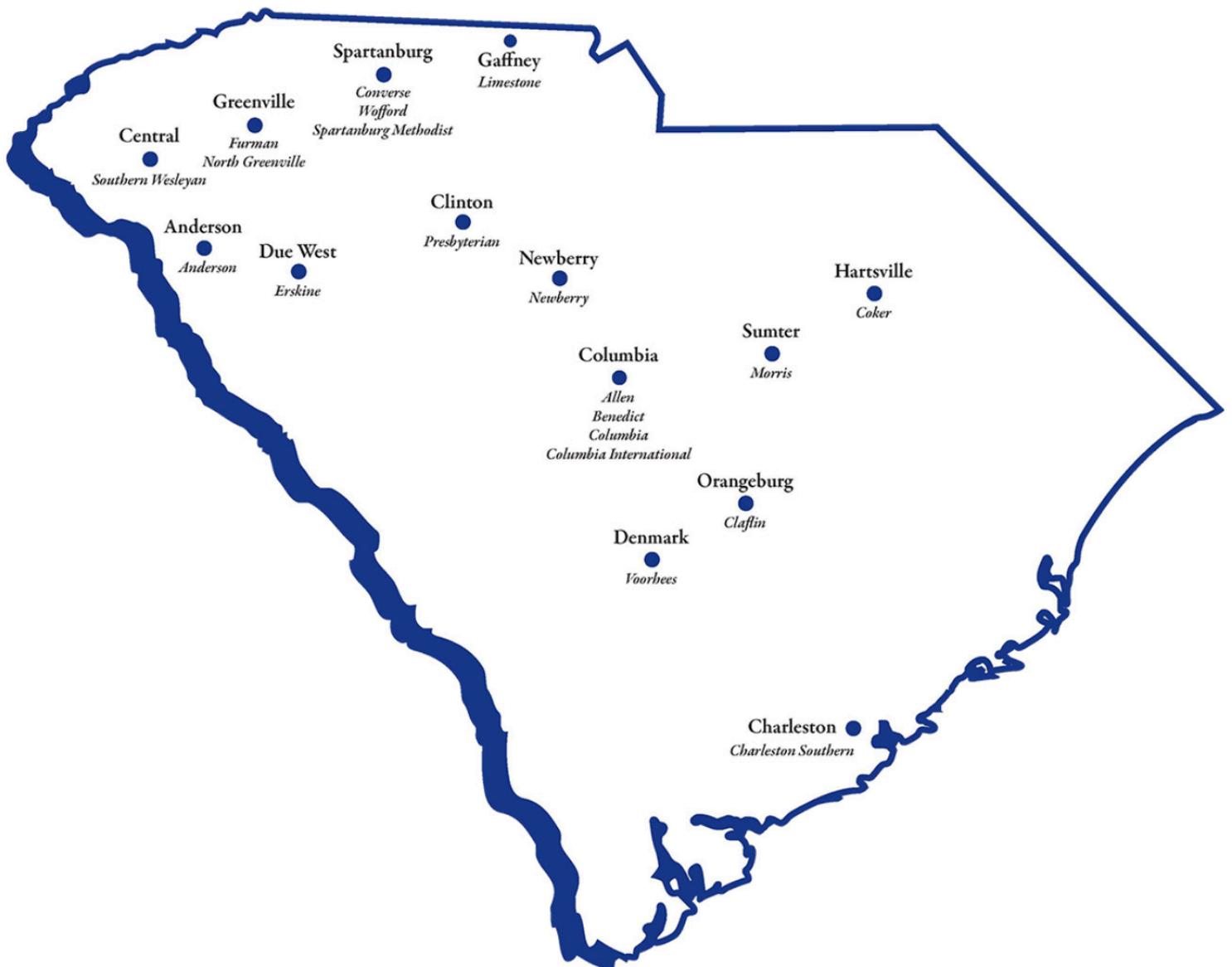
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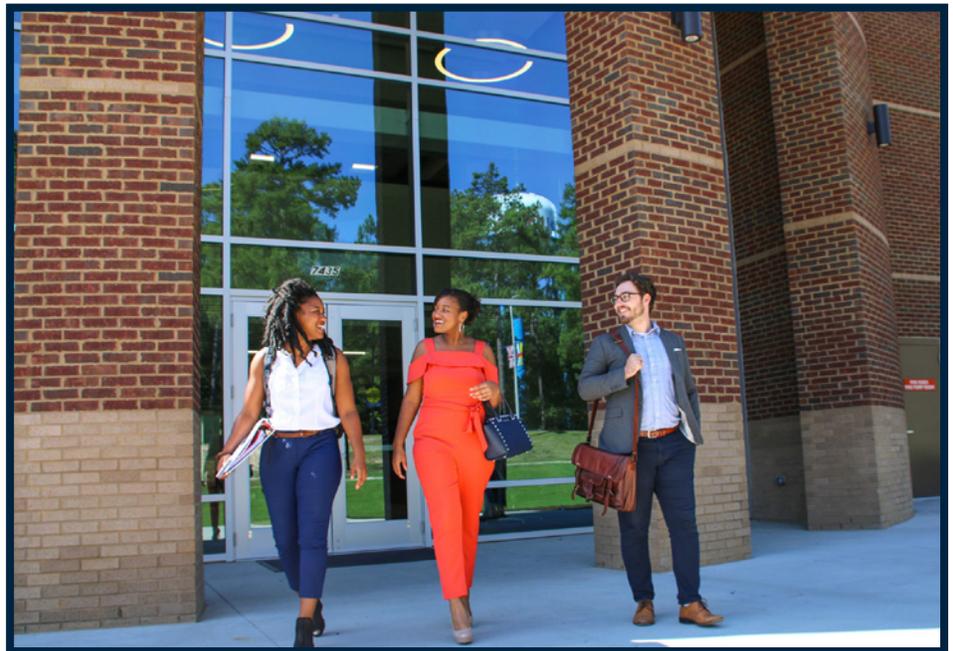
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Founded in 1923, Columbia International University is private, Christian and multid denominational. CIU specializes in Bible-centered professional development that prepares students to impact the nations with the message of Christ in ministry, missions and the marketplace. The university is recognized for its emphasis on biblical authority and world evangelization.





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Converse was founded in 1889 by citizens of Spartanburg, SC who aimed to create an educational experience that enables women “to see clearly, decide wisely, and act justly.” Effective July 1, 2021 it will acknowledge its university status under the name Converse University, and in fall 2020 it welcomed its first undergraduate co-educational incoming class. Converse is a creator of opportunity for all academically qualified students through a personalized education that is combined with the professional and technical skills graduates need to be successful in their careers. Converse pushes beyond traditional boundaries to make a quality educational experience available to every qualified student who seeks it – both at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels. Converse College’s mission is to help students develop their unique voice, a sense of value, and a vision for the future.





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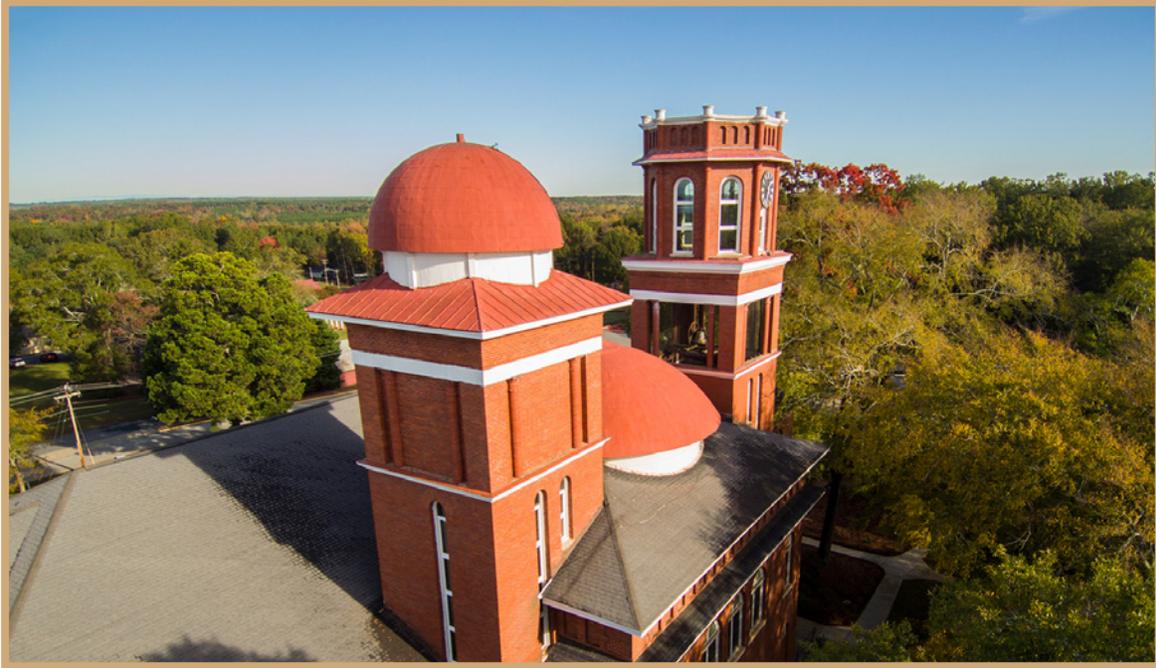
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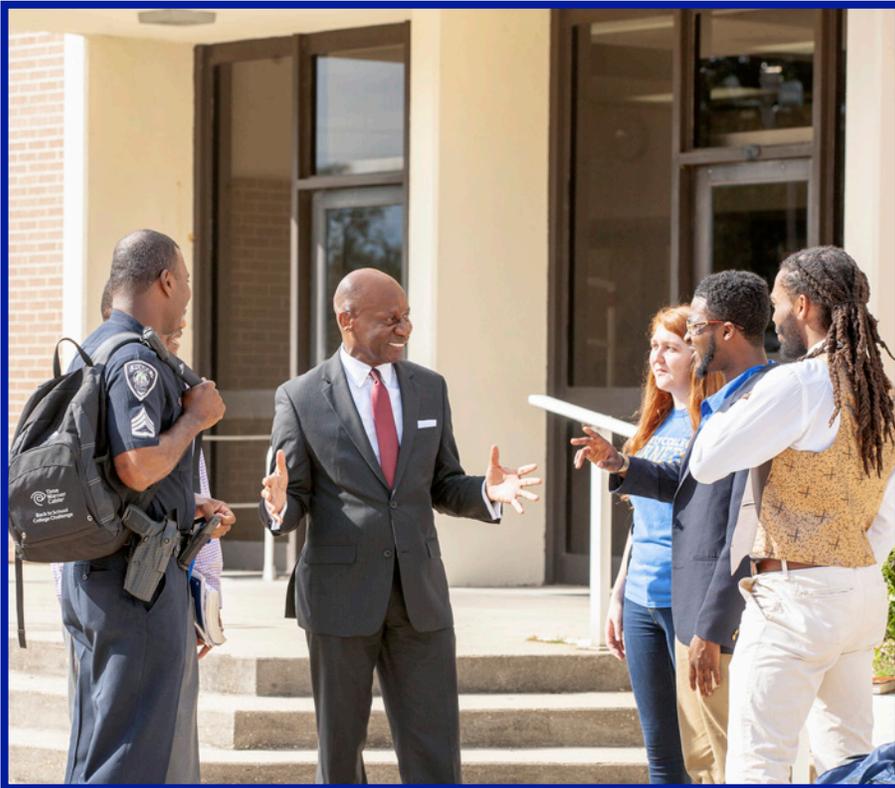
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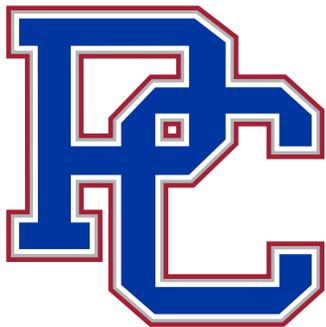
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The compelling purpose of Presbyterian College, as a church-related college, is to develop within the framework of Christian faith the mental, physical, moral, and spiritual capacities of each student in preparation for a lifetime of personal and vocational fulfillment and responsible contribution to our democratic society and the world community.



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I want to go  
to college.

Now what???

***How do I get started?***

***How do I pay for college?***

## Start by making a To-Do list.

A great place to start is the [U.S. Department of Education's College Preparation Checklist](#).

The checklist has pointers for everyone based on when you anticipate starting college. So if you're looking at starting college next fall, the checklist will have specific to-do items for you. The checklist will be different if you are a sophomore in high school or even in middle school.

## How do I pay for college?

Get to know [studentaid.gov](#). This resource will explain the differences between financial aid that you don't have to repay (scholarships, grants, work study, etc.) and aid that does require repayment (federal student loans and federal parent PLUS loans). Maximize the financial aid you don't have to repay first.

Learn about the [FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#). Most colleges and universities require you and your parents to complete this application, as it drives the calculation of your eligibility for federal and state grants. South Carolina colleges and universities require you to complete the FAFSA in calculating your eligibility for their grants and scholarships.

**Calling all South Carolina residents! There are special scholarships and grants available just for you!** Choose to stay in South Carolina for your college education. You could be eligible for significant grants and scholarships just for South Carolina residents.

- ▶ [South Carolina merit scholarships](#) – Awarded by the state of South Carolina to students who meet residency requirements and academic achievements. Additional scholarship and grant opportunities are included in this [S.C. Commission on Higher Education](#) resource.
- ▶ [S.C. Tuition Grants](#) - S.C. Tuition Grants are available for eligible South Carolina resident undergraduate students who choose to attend private colleges and universities in South Carolina. More information is available from the [S.C. Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission](#).

**South Carolina's private colleges and universities offer significant scholarships and grants.** The best private colleges and universities in South Carolina have many ways to make college education affordable for you.

## ***Admissions and Financial Aid Resources South Carolina's Private Colleges and Universities***

***Learn more about the admissions process and scholarships/grants available at South Carolina's leading private colleges and universities. Attending these colleges and universities is more affordable than you might think!***

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