

Heritage of St. Andrews

St. Andrews Presbyterian College was formed through the merger of two Presbyterian-related colleges; Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs, NC (founded for women in 1896) and Presbyterian Junior College for Men in Maxton, NC (founded in 1928). Created as a residential, coeducational, senior college of arts and sciences, a new campus for the consolidated college was constructed in Laurinburg, NC, and instruction was initiated at that site in 1961. The name of the college was chosen to memorialize our founding by Presbyterians and the establishment of that denomination in Scotland, celebrate the commitment of Scots and Presbyterians to promoting educational excellence, and identify it with the University of St. Andrews, a leader in higher education in Scotland.

True to our foundational heritage, St. Andrews is a student-centered institution of higher learning. At St. Andrews, our first priority is our students and we take teaching and learning seriously. Our academic standards and expectations are high, and we pursue academic excellence with determination and vigor. We labor diligently to assist each student achieve academic success and meet personal goals, and we enjoy uncommon success in helping to transform the lives of our students for the better. We intentionally emphasize the development of the whole person – intellectually, socially, and spiritually – so students may achieve their fullest potential and become contributing members of society. We emphasize interdisciplinary study and the acquisition and mastery of communication skills, analytical techniques, problem-solving strategies, leadership skills, and creative expression. And, we are a college where a sense of community and compassion prevails, where nurturing is a common feature of the educational process, and where all members contribute legitimately to the maintenance of a true teaching and learning environment.