Carroll College At a Glance

Founded: 1909
Enrollment: 1,430
Male/Female: 42%/58%
Montana/Out-of-State: 45%/55%
Catholic/Other Denomination: 44%/33%
(23% declined to state)
Student/Faculty Ratio: 12:1
Number of Countries Represented: 13
Average Incoming GPA: 3.6
FAFSA Code: 002526

Contact Us
If you have any questions about Carroll College or the moments that are waiting for you here, don’t hesitate to contact us.

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Think about where you want to go in life. Close your eyes, and see it. That’s when you’ll realize that right now, it’s about more than what you learn. It goes beyond knowledge gained. It’s about who you become, and the lives you touch along the way.

Because at Carroll College, it’s the moments we share that make us who we are.
Moments That Set Us Apart

There’s something different about the way we encounter learning at Carroll. A standard that’s a little higher. It’s not just that we achieve things others don’t think can be achieved. It’s the way we do it. With curiosity and conviction. Creativity and positivity. Always with an eye on why learning matters in the first place—how it has the power to touch lives in so many profound ways. This is what defines our moments of accomplishment.

Moments that are distinctively ours.
Academic excellence. A liberal arts foundation. An array of pre-professional offerings. And an attitude shaped by a belief in ourselves, our mission, and our culture. This, springing from our Catholic, diocesan identity, forms a powerful bridge between our history and our present that fosters bold thinking, compassionate service, and distinctive moments of discovery that you simply don’t find anywhere else.

Proud moments.
We’re consistently ranked the #1 Regional College in the West by U.S. News & World Report. But it’s not the ranking that we take pride in. It’s our moments of achievement that earn that ranking. It’s the research that supports the study of infectious diseases for the CDC. It’s the 85 percent of our graduates that apply who are accepted into medical school. It’s the debate team that always brings home national awards. And countless others.

Moments of engagement.
Whether it’s presenting together at a research conference, taking water samples from a mountain stream, traveling together on a service trip to L.A., or discussing issues of global and cultural importance during class, our faculty and students connect in remarkable ways.

Elevated moments.
Our academic programs are recognized across the country as being among the very best. It’s because we provide an experience that transcends classrooms and labs, in which the pursuit of disciplinary knowledge goes hand-in-hand with service, cultural pursuits, engaging the natural world around us, and community.

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Moments of Exploration

Tyler’s Moment

It was the first time Tyler Zimmer went looking for some one-to-one help from a professor. And he was immediately struck by how accessible, personable, and willing to engage his professor was. There was no appointment necessary. No time limit given. Whatever individual guidance Tyler needed to work through the problem, he got.

These are the moments of mentorship that have characterized Tyler’s time at Carroll.

While at Carroll, my time was filled with both exciting discoveries and challenges. I always felt a great deal of support from all of my professors. Their doors were always open and they were always available. The facilities which continue to grow and expand, provide excellent tools for faculty and students as they develop novel research.”
Moments That Challenge and Inspire

“As part of my program I worked at Montana Wild Rehab Center. I just remember waking up early one morning and realizing that I was actually happy to be getting up that early, because going in there didn’t feel like work. It was a privilege knowing that the work I was doing was helping to get an animal back out into the wild where it belongs.”

–Sarah Roberts, 2018

One look, and you’ll see it. A rugged kind of beauty, overflowing with opportunity, that only a campus and a Montana setting like ours can deliver. Every day here brings the promise of a new challenge. It’s a boundless experience that will challenge and inspire you in ways you simply won’t find anywhere else.

Outdoorsy moments.
The Rocky Mountains. The Missouri River. Lewis and Clark National Forest. The Continental Divide Trail. At Carroll, you’ll have access to some of the most pristine and opportunity-rich areas the world has to offer—right outside your door. Not to mention Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park, just a few hours from campus.

Moments of art and culture.
Helena is home to a vibrant arts community, with venues like the Grandstreet Theatre, the Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts, and the Myrna Loy Center for the Performing Arts, as well as museums, galleries, shops, and cafés serving as popular places for students and faculty to get together.

Moments that can launch a career.
Opportunities at Carroll come in many forms, and they aren’t limited to the outdoors. The Montana State Capitol is just minutes from campus, and our students regularly are offered internships in the offices of U.S. senators, state senators, government agencies, and even the governor’s office.
Moments of Friendship

Baird Linke has experienced during his time at Carroll are, in fact, countless. They’ve extended through all aspects of his journey here— from athletics, to spirituality and faith, to the outdoors. He’s built some of his strongest friendships as a member of the cross country team and cherishes being part of such a tight and supportive group. At the same time, Baird appreciates that new moments of friendship are waiting to happen around every corner.

Helena is a great place to explore and Carroll is a quick walk from miles of trails. I’ve built so many friendships on the trails and it’s nice to be able to get up in the hills without going too far out of town. After a hard test I like to go for a mountain bike ride or a trail run to decompress. “And I’m so grateful for the chance to stay engaged in my faith at Carroll. I look forward to going to COR, the men’s formation group, every week to hang out with my friends and talk about our faith.”

Located in beautiful Helena, the Montana state capital, there are abundant opportunities for meaningful internships as well as one-of-a-kind outdoor adventures with 75 miles of mountain trails just a few minutes from campus, you’ll have endless opportunities to get together with friends for biking, hiking, or a run.
Moments of Faith Coming Alive

At Carroll, we understand what it means to be Catholic. It means being thrilled by God’s love for each person and exploring that love through prayer, study, and service. It means living for others with a commitment to justice. It means finding ways to ease suffering around the world. It means being open to whatever is true, good, and beautiful in all faiths. That is what being Catholic means to us. And together, we live it every day. Proudly.

Moments that change lives.
Serving others is in our hearts. So when our students give back by volunteering at a homeless shelter, providing elderly care outreach, creating water purification systems in Mexico, traveling across the U.S. to learn from and be with the poor over spring break, or raising money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, it’s never because they have to. It’s just them being who they are.

Enlightening moments.
Ours is a Catholic liberal arts experience, where education is not so much about imparting information as it is about the formation of minds and hearts. Where students form keen intellects and good hearts, combining reason with faith, rigorous thinking with an awareness of the transcendent.

Moments of worship.
When you see more than 300 students worshipping together at our Sunday Mass, it’s a powerful sight. We know. Because we see it every week. Students saying yes to grace. And it’s a time for students of all faiths to come together, a true demonstration of the welcoming spiritual community you’ll find here.

Moments of work.

Profound moments.
Some of life’s most profound moments come from connecting with God, contemplating your deepest desires, and exploring your spirituality with others who represent a rich diversity of faiths. That’s what happens at the retreats in which our students engage.

“I was able to take part in the Engineers Without Borders program, and it was a really amazing experience. It feels good knowing that you can use the knowledge you have to help communities around the world.”

–Ibrahima Niang, 2017
Moments That Touch Our Hearts

It was Hanna Roberts' first year at Carroll. As an anthrozoology major, she was volunteering in the equine therapy program at a local therapeutic youth home. One of her young clients was on the autism spectrum and didn’t like water or getting wet, which made bathing a challenge for the child's parents.

So, working closely with her supervisor, Hanna helped develop an idea to desensitize her client to triggers like getting dirty and wet. She told the youth that, on that day, they were going to give one of the horses a bath.

The client looked at us with wide eyes, a huge smile, grabbed the hose and bathed the horse like it was the best job in the entire world—jumping in puddles and getting completely soaked. By the end of the session we were all smiling from ear to ear.

“This is a moment that has followed me throughout the years because it shows just how powerful horses can be in therapy. My experiences as an anthrozoology student at Carroll have motivated me to seek the answers to my own questions through research in an attempt to quantify the enigmatic benefits of animal therapy and the human-animal bond.”
Moments That Bring Us Together

In the three years I’ve been here the cross country program has really grown. Everyone’s there for each other, everyone pushes each other to be their best. That’s helped me excel here and a big factor in the two national titles I’ve won.”

– Leah Esposito

Two-time national champion in track and recipient of the All Sport CoSIDA AAI Award, which goes to the top Academic All-American in all sports in the NAIA.

Moments That Bring Us Together

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Authentic. Powerful. Enduring. There’s really no better way to characterize the relationships that are built here, and the people who build them. Our students are as bright as they come. But what truly distinguishes them, is their heart. Their common spirit and purpose. It’s true of our entire community. There’s a shared vigor for life here, a devotion to pushing boundaries, and having fun every step of the way.

Fun moments.

Moments of triumph.
There’s a reason our Fighting Saints are the team that all others circle on their calendars—we win. Our NAIA football program has won six national championships in the last 13 years. Our men’s and women’s basketball teams both earned trips to the national tournament. And all 15 of our intercollegiate teams earned a spot on the NAIA Scholar-Teams list, with an average GPA of 3.1 for all teams.

Moments to bond.
The moments you’ll share in any of our six residence facilities will be as memorable as any you experience. It’s where you’ll have late night talks, share your goals and dreams, and form friendships that will stay with you forever.

NAIA Intercollegiate Athletic Programs

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350 Student events on campus

5 The number of consecutive team ethics award for sportsmanship from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for our women’s soccer team.
Sophia’s Moment

Sophia Rodrigues’ moment came every week. Sometimes twice a week. She had been part of a group of friends that formed and would gather after dinner in the rec room of Guadalupe Hall. Together, they had compiled a long list of movies that they all wanted to see, and used these nights to watch them.

But after a while, Sophia realized something else was happening. While she watched the movies with her friends, the nights also turned into a kind of impromptu study group. They would help each other with homework and discuss issues they were facing in classes. These get-togethers turned into surprisingly productive evenings.

These evenings impacted each and every one of us on our own unique level. They were an opportunity to laugh and learn together in the midst of a hectic week.

“I learned a valuable lesson. It’s possible to combine learning and fun. It was such a relief knowing I was part of a community where I could surround myself with people who liked to learn as much as I do, and who enjoyed laughing as much as I do. Because of this, I now realize there can be a happy medium between laughter and learning. I no longer feel like I have to sacrifice one in order to save the other.”
Learning is something that should never be bound by walls, or borders. At Carroll, it isn’t. Our students and faculty join together on local service projects in Helena, conduct important research all over Montana, and travel the world to broaden their perspectives, add depth to their knowledge, and make life better for those in need. Developing this global perspective isn’t something “extra” here. It’s part of the very fabric of the education we deliver. Because to bring positive change to the world, we must first experience the world.

Moments of purpose.
Through the Artaza Center for Excellence in Global Education, students take advantage of short-term international trips as well as semester-long and year-long study abroad opportunities in more than 40 countries. These experiences provide powerful, purposeful moments in which they broaden their perspective and bring meaningful help to people and communities that need it.

Moments of impact.
It may be helping to dig a well in a village in West Africa. Or providing essential health care to children in Ecuador. Or rebuilding an orphanage in Mexico as part of Engineers Without Borders. Each year our students take part in study and service trips abroad experiencing the kind of moments that literally change their lives.

Moments of giving.
Students in our Math in the Mountains program provide real-world solutions for local businesses and non-profits, and recently created a new inventory system for Helena Food Share. And students in our biology program have led a collaborative effort with Montana’s tribal colleges to conduct research on the West Nile Virus for the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Moments That Expand Horizons

“I will always look at my life as having two distinct parts: before India and after India. Before India, I had never witnessed true poverty, true suffering. This is life after India, a purposeful life, shaped by the suffering of others and how I may relieve that suffering. I am deeply thankful for the experience I had through Carroll.”

–Connor Smith, 2016

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Moments of Rising to the Challenge

When I felt the ground underneath my feet I was so happy. Everyone congratulated me and was so excited for me. Everyone was smiling, and it gave me the confidence I needed for the next two repels.

"Canyoneering was completely out of my comfort zone. But I did it, and in the process made new friendships with others who were just as nervous as I was. There were two girls I really bonded with that day, and after that trip we continued to go on outdoor trips together."

Elle’s Moment

It was Elle Barta’s first time in the desert. She was on spring break with C.A.M.P. Up until then, her idea of spending time in the outdoors was hiking trails in the mountains surrounded by trees—nothing like what she was encountering in Utah.

But she found herself mesmerized by the beauty of the desert. She found the rock formations gorgeous, and noticed how they changed color as the sun rose throughout the day. Then, she was told they were going canyoneering, climbing and repelling on walls of rock. Even though she had a fear of heights, Elle faced her challenge, and repelled off of a cliff higher up than she ever thought possible.
Moments That Make Dreams Come True

“I’ve only been at Carroll College for two years now, and it’s already made a world of difference in my life. This past summer I interned in Washington D.C. at the Center for Security Policy. During my time at CSP I worked for the Communications and Threat Information Offices, researching and writing on national security issues.”

—Caitlin Anglemier, 2018

There’s just something about Carroll students and graduates. We see it. Employers see it. And so do some of the top graduate programs in the nation. Here are just a few examples:

**Graduate Schools**
- Boston University
- Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Creighton University School of Dentistry
- Dartmouth College Geisel School of Medicine
- George Washington University School of Medicine
- Gonzaga University School of Law
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Mayo Medical School/Mayo Clinic
- Northwestern University
- University of Montana
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Washington School of Medicine

**Employers**
- Deloitte, Business Analyst
- Duke University Hospital, RN, Neuroscience
- Federal Highway Administration, Civil Engineer
- Microsoft, Software Engineer
- Montana Chamber of Commerce, Communications Director
- Montana Governor’s Office, Constituent Services Director
- Nalco Champion, Chemistry Sales Representative
- National Institute of Health, Research Chemist
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Mathematician
- SoFi, DevOps Engineer
- St. Peter’s Hospital, RN, Oncology
- Tetra Tech, Inc., Environmental Scientist
- The Industrial Company, Environmental Coordinator
- Valley View Veterinary Hospital, Veterinarian
- Wipfli, Accountant
- Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch, Equine Specialist

**Internships**
Internships are a key part of the Carroll experience and offer opportunities to learn in ways that can’t be replicated in a classroom. And for many of our students, they’re the beginning of a professional relationship that extends far beyond graduation.

Recent internship sites for our students include:
- Disney
- Fox News NYC
- Mayo Clinic
- Montana Governor’s Office
- Montana Human Rights Network
- Montana Legislative Audit Division
- Office of U.S. Senator Jon Tester
- Office of U.S. Senator Steve Daines
- Shriners Hospitals for Children
- Shasta Children’s Hospital
- Southwest Airlines
- U.S. Forest Service

This experience, for you, is about more than earning a degree. It’s about becoming the person who’s capable of achieving everything you’ve ever wanted to achieve. It’s about being shaped by the kind of experiences and moments from which you can draw upon for the rest of your life, in your career and beyond.

100% 

Carroll’s Talking Saints Forensics team has won or shared the Northwest Forensics Conference championship for the last 26 years and gone on to compete for national championships and compete in world debates even abroad at Oxford and Cambridge.

Find more outcomes at carroll.edu/outcomes.
Now, it’s your moment. We have no doubt that you have big goals, as well as the potential to realize those goals. Let’s make it happen the same way we make everything happen at Carroll… together.

Visit Carroll
Come spend some time with us on our gorgeous campus alongside beautiful Mt. Helena. You can schedule a personal tour any day the campus is open, or attend an Open House. It’ll be a great opportunity for you to meet students and faculty, attend a class, tour our facilities, and start making some moments of your own.

To schedule your visit, contact us at 406.447.4384 or visit carroll.edu/visit.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
Each year, 99 percent of our students receive financial aid to help offset the cost of attendance, in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work study. We offer scholarships for academics, athletics, forensics, theatre, music, and student government.

To learn more about financial aid at Carroll, contact us at 406.447.5425 or send an email to fao@carroll.edu.

Apply Now
You may submit either the Carroll College Application or the Common Application.

Fall Application Deadlines
First Year Applicants
- November 1 - Early Action
- February 1 - Regular Decision
- June 15 - Rolling Admission
Transfer Applicants
- March 15 - Priority Consideration
- June 15 - Regular Decision

Average financial aid package at Carroll
$26,421

Total cost of attendance
$42,776

Range for Merit Scholarships per year
$12,000 to $19,000

U.S. News & World Report ranked Carroll as the Best Regional College in the West, Regional Best Value College, and Regional Best College for Veterans.