



Stephens College

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GREETINGS FROM CAMPUS

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Academic Year at Stephens College! This year, we're thrilled to launch into a transformative era under our Reimagining Stephens Strategic Plan. Significant investments in academia have led to the inception of several cutting-edge programs designed to expand opportunities and foster innovation. Key highlights include:

- **Women in STEM Research (WiSR):** Empowering women in the sciences through dedicated research initiatives.
- **Animal Behavior Degree:** Exploring the intricate science of animal behavior and human-animal interactions through a new curriculum.
- **Workforce Development Programs:** Enhancing skills and opening new career paths through The Women in Trades program as well as continuing education degree programs to obtain teacher certification for school district employees and others where previous education and experience are recognized.



We're also revolutionizing how we teach through a new **Block Schedule** delivery system. Students will immerse themselves in one subject at a time, completing a course every 18 days. This model supports deeper learning and hands-on experiences, which are crucial for academic success.



Our commitment to accessible education continues with the **Stephens Promise**, which offers eligible students up to four years of tuition-free education, ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder potential. We are also excited to introduce the **Student Experience Fund**, designed to provide all students with the opportunity to study abroad, conduct field research, and engage in transformative experiences beyond the classroom. This initiative aims to enhance students' career prospects and broaden their perspectives by supporting unique educational opportunities and practical learning experiences.



In our legacy programs, we're nurturing creativity and skill as we always have. The Performing Arts have evolved into a **Conservatory** model where students learn from and work alongside top industry professionals, preparing them for success in the highly competitive world of theatre, television, and film. Our **Fashion Program** is set to inspire as they move to newly renovated studios and classrooms, providing students with the creative spaces necessary to learn all facets of the fashion industry and achieve success through an extensive alumni network. Our **Equestrian Studies** program thrives, benefitting from new synergies and innovative Animal Behavior and WiSR initiatives.

These are just a few of the exciting developments at Stephens College. We look forward to an inspiring year ahead and are proud to have you in our community. Here's to another year of excellence and innovation at Stephens!

TOP NEWS FROM CAMPUS

Fashion Forward: A Bright New Chapter at Stephens College



We are thrilled to announce a transformative leap for the Stephens College **Fashion Program**. This fall, the program will transition to stunning renovated facilities, and our commitment to providing an exemplary educational experience is stronger than ever. The relocation to the sunlit garden wing of Tower Hall, previously home to our Children's School multi-age classroom, will soon buzz with the creative energy of design talent and innovation.

The flexible Arena Classroom, adjacent to the bustling Stars Café, will also transform into a dynamic area for fashion drawing, making spaces, freshman sewing, and more.

In the heart of campus, Lela Raney Wood Hall's mezzanine will host a dedicated lecture room conveniently located next to the Historic Costume Collection Gallery and Archives. This proximity offers our students an invaluable opportunity to draw inspiration from timeless pieces as they learn.

The transformation of these spaces has been a collaborative endeavor, with faculty and students alike choosing every detail—from the color of the paint to the design of the workspaces. Highlights include professional patternmaking tables and an enhanced computer area, all meticulously selected to enrich each student's learning journey.

These new spaces are designed to be havens of creativity, innovation, and learning. They feature creative studios and flexible-use spaces that foster an environment where ideas flourish.

The excitement within our community is palpable as we put the finishing touches on these remarkable facilities. Soon, we will share glimpses of our sophisticated new spaces. With our Reimagining Stephens strategic plan projecting growth, the evolution of our Fashion Program will attract more bright minds and talent to our historic College.

Missouri Women Work - Women in Trades at Stephens



Stephens College has a proud 191-year history of pioneering education for women. Our commitment to preparing students for meaningful careers and leadership roles in a global society is unwavering. **The Missouri Women Work - Women in Trades** program is one recent example of our continual evolution and innovative approach to education.

While the Missouri Women Work—Women in Trades program is open to all genders, it uniquely centers around women. It combines hands-on learning, classroom instruction, and industry connections to prepare women for careers in skilled trades such as construction, carpentry, and heavy highway construction.

Participants in this program also receive a range of wraparound support services, including childcare during training, transportation to and from the college and job sites, personal tools, work boots, protective workwear, and a weekly stipend throughout the program.

All of this is grant-funded, making it free for the student.

By providing women with the resources and support they need to succeed in traditionally male-dominated trades, we are breaking down barriers and creating new opportunities for economic empowerment.

The first cohort of construction pre-apprentices completed the program in May and the second in July. The program will run year-round, providing hands-on training, mentorship, and job placement assistance to empower women to enter and thrive in these fields.

If you know anyone who would benefit from enrolling in the Women in Trades program, encourage them to complete an application at www.stephens.edu/workforce/ or contact **Dr. Scott Taylor**, Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Studies, at (573) 876-7109 or rtaylor@stephens.edu.

As a non-residential certificate program, the Women in Trades program is open to all genders.

STARS ATHLETICS

Stephens Stars Earns NAIA Gold Champions of Character® Five-Star Award



The NAIA announced the **Champions of Character Five-Star Award** winners for the 2023-24 academic year, with Stephens College recognized as a gold-level recipient.

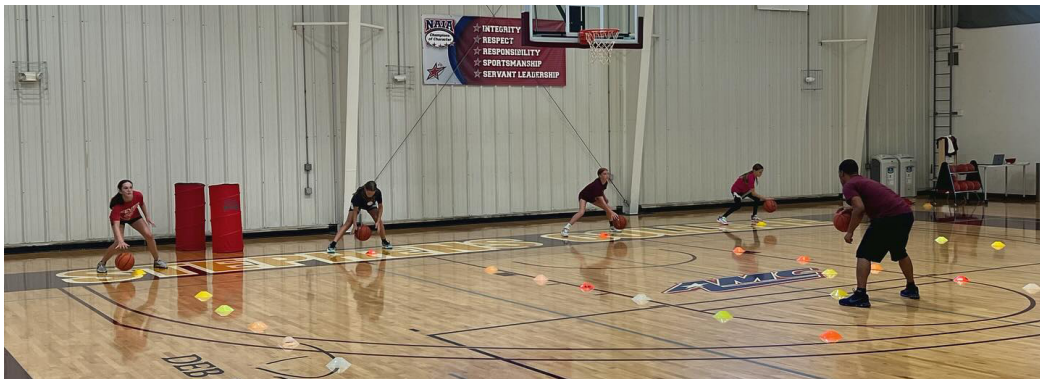
Institutions are measured on their commitment to the Champions of Character® program, earning points in character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition, and character promotion. Points are also awarded based on exceptional student-athlete grade point averages and minimal to no ejections during competitions throughout the academic year.

Each year, NAIA institutions and conferences demonstrate their progress in pursuing character-driven athletics. The Champions of Character Scorecard has a maximum of 100 points. Institutions can be recognized at three levels: Gold (90-100 points), Silver (75-89 points), and Bronze (60-74 points).

Stephens College achieved a perfect score of 100, placing them among the elite schools in the NAIA.

Summer Athletic Camps

The campus was buzzing this summer with **Stars Athletics Camps**. The camps are led by the Stars' coaching staff and current student-athletes. Camps were offered in all four varsity sports: basketball, softball, soccer, and volleyball.



Fall Stars Athletics Schedules

The 2024-25 schedules have been released for the **Stars Soccer** and **Stars Volleyball** teams.

Stars Soccer schedule [here](#).

Stars Volleyball schedule [here](#).

Click [here](#) to purchase your **Stars Athletics Gear** before the season begins!

Click [here](#) to support the **Stars Club and Scholarship Fund!**

Email rgriffin@stephens.edu to subscribe to the weekly Stars Athletics Newsletter!

This academic year marks an exciting chapter for Stephens College, and we've only scratched the surface. In the next installment, we'll take you inside our campus transformations, from renovations to preserving our cherished history, and celebrate a milestone in recognizing our women veterans. Stay tuned—there's so much more to discover!

While You're Away

- Join [Stephens Connect](#)
- Shop at [Susie's](#) and sport your Stephens Gear
- Travel with alums: [Stephens Alumni travel opportunities](#)
- Stay tuned to [Giving Day](#) opportunities
 - Founders Day, August 24! Happy 191st Birthday Stephens College!
- Refer Students and Spread the News about [The Stephens Promise](#)
- Follow our social media sites curated especially for Alums:



When You're On Campus

- See a show: [77th Performing Arts Season](#)
- Catch a game: [Athletics Schedules](#)
- Plan a mini-reunion with your friends: [Contact us!](#)
- Bring a prospective student for a [campus visit](#) or [preview day](#)

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