

WOMEN LEADERS

THRIVE

at **chatham** UNIVERSITY



EMPOWERING WOMEN IS WHAT WE WERE PUT HERE TO DO:

In 1869, the Pennsylvania Female College (now Chatham University) was founded to provide women with an education comparable to that which men could receive at “colleges of the first class.”

While Chatham today accepts all genders, we are as committed as ever to empowering women. In fact, we were **ranked in the top three nationwide for women’s leadership***, joining a list of schools that “have the female student body, alumni connections, women’s studies majors, clubs and opportunities that you need to springboard you to success.” **HERE’S WHY ►**

*Top 10 Colleges for Aspiring Women Leaders

In 2010, Time magazine named Chatham’s most famous alumna, environmental pioneer Rachel Carson ’29, one of the 25 most powerful women of the 20th century.



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Women's Leadership Certificate

A Women's Leadership Certificate may be added to any undergraduate major. Students earning the certificate will be prepared to take on leadership roles from business, politics, science, and the arts, to healthcare, education, non-profits, NGO's, and more. They also get priority access to the inspiring women leaders who present on campus each year. Specialized mentoring and internship opportunities are also available.

SAMPLE COURSE

Women's Leadership in the 21st Century

This interdisciplinary seminar, taught by the director of the Chatham University Women's Institute, Dr. Jessie Ramey, provides a foundation in leadership theory and models, including women's diverse ways of leading; women's roles as leaders and agents of change; feminist leadership styles and agendas; and the impact of intersectional identities (such as race, ethnicity, sexuality, and religion and worldview) on leadership styles and agendas.



Chatham also offers a major and a minor in women's and gender studies. Sample courses include Gender Issues in Work and Management, Women and Politics, Social Welfare and Policy, and Women and the Global Environment.

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Women's Leadership Living Learning Community (LLC)

The Women's Leadership LLC is housed in historic Laughlin Residence Hall. The Women's Institute provides special programming for the LLC, and students plan activities and events that promote women's leadership and gender equity on campus and in the community.



Scholarships for women leaders

- The **Heffer Family Scholarship for Women** is a \$10,000 annually renewable scholarship awarded to female students who have a proven record of academic achievement, leadership capacity, as well as community and co-curricular involvement.
- The **Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership** is intended to develop cross-cultural competency with a focus on international leadership. It is granted to three or more female Chatham students during their sophomore or junior year.
- The **Barbara Stone Hollander '60 Student Leadership Award** is granted to a female Chatham student for a hands-on practical experience in leadership development related to a program outside the academic track in the areas of government internships, community involvement, or like programs.



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Outreach and advocacy





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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute (WI) draws together the University's programs and resources around women's leadership and gender equity. The Institute works closely with students, faculty, staff, and the broader community through programs such as the following:

- The **Women's Leadership Lecture Series** brings outstanding women in their fields to campus each month, giving students unparalleled access to inspiring leaders.
- The **Hollander Lecture in Women's Leadership** supports a visit each term from a distinguished woman leader who spends time with students on campus and gives a public lecture.
- The **Just Film series** offers monthly screenings of new documentaries by and about women and social justice issues. Following each film, a panel of local experts gives students the chance to explore and learn more. Students also help to plan the series.

Learn more about these and other programs at chatham.edu/cwi.

Outreach and advocacy continued

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PENNSYLVANIA CENTER FOR WOMEN & POLITICS

The Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics (PCWP) works across disciplines and campus offices to provide leadership, civic engagement, policy-related programs, training and special events for students at Chatham in addition to outreach across the Commonwealth.

- The **National Education for Women's (NEW) Leadership Pennsylvania** is an intensive, week-long, residential leadership and public policy institute designed to educate and empower young women for future political participation and leadership.
- **Ready to Run™ Pennsylvania** provides bi-partisan political training to encourage women to run for government leadership positions.
- The **Elsie Hillman Chair in Women and Politics** brings nationally renowned political leaders, scholars, and activists to Chatham and the Pittsburgh community to enrich the experiences of students and educate citizens about the role of women in the political process.
- PCWP also hosts a variety of **speakers, workshops, and special topics courses** to fit the interests of our students.

Learn more at chatham.edu/pcwp.

DID YOU KNOW?

Chatham alumnae currently holding political office include:

- Muriel Bowser '94
Mayor of Washington, DC
- Marita Garrett, MAP '15
Mayor of Wilkensburg, PA
- Becky Corbin '74
PA State Representative
- Margaret "Peggy" Jamison '81
Mayor of Oakland, MD
- Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson '19
Wilkensburg Borough Council
- Debra Todd '79
PA Supreme Court Justice

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CENTER FOR WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Center for Women's Entrepreneurship (CWE) creates economic opportunities for women through entrepreneurial education and training, mentoring, and networking. It also provides opportunities for students to develop and implement its programs.

- The **Women Business Leaders Breakfast Series** features prominent regional women business leaders speaking on a variety of progressive business topics, and is free for Chatham students.
- CWE runs an **annual business forum**, free for the Chatham community, featuring a national speaker, that draws approximately 300 attendees. In 2017, the event was titled "Business and Food Forum: People, Planet, and Profit".
- CWE's newly outfitted **Prototyping and Design Lab** offers free, hands-on workshops and hours for Chatham community members and the general public who are interested in designing and prototyping physical products. The Lab provides access to digital fabrication tools in an inclusive environment to inspire creativity and innovation.
- CWE is also **home to the Women's Business Center (WBC)**, which provides services geared specifically to women and underserved populations, minority entrepreneurs and veterans throughout Western PA.

Learn more at chatham.edu/cwe.

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Clubs and on-campus opportunities

Chatham offers a variety of on-campus extracurricular activities for graduate and undergraduate women interested in women's leadership. University-affiliated student organizations and clubs focused on women's leadership include:

- Chatham Feminist Coalition
- Girl Up
- Her Campus Chatham

The **Office of Student Affairs** has opportunities for leadership development and experiential learning through Chatham Undergraduate Student Government (CSG), Graduate Student Assembly (GSA), Residence Hall Association (RHA) residential life programs, and student organizations.

The **Women of the World (W.O.W.) Retreat** allows students to experience a weekend of workshops, discussions, and bonding; improving their leadership skills while forming lifelong connections.





RECENT

WOMEN LEADERS

WHO HAVE COME TO SPEAK AT CHATHAM INCLUDE:

- Alice Walker, Pulitzer Prize winning author
- Mae Jemison, astronaut and first African-American woman in space
- U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski
- Jolly Okot, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and Ugandan girls' rights advocate
- Callie Crossley, Emmy Award winning journalist and television producer
- Cokie Roberts, political commentator for ABC News and NPR
- U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe
- Deqo Mohamed, Somali doctor and activist who saved over 90,000 refugees
- Yona Harvey, poet, Black Panther comic series author
- Molly Rush, peace activist
- Jennifer Epps-Addison, President, Center for Popular Democracy
- Leah Lizarondo, Executive Director, 412 Food Rescue
- Sue Useem, Indonesian filmmaker
- **Vanessa German, artist, poet, and activist**

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