

**YOUR
STUDENT
CAN
GO**

ANYWHERE

MERCER
UNIVERSITY

A GUIDE FOR **PARENTS** AND **FAMILIES**

**YOU
CAN'T
GET THIS
ANYWHERE
ELSE**



“WE THOUGHT THEY’D COME HOME MORE.”

Seriously.

AS TWO PARENTS from Georgia with two daughters at Mercer, we thought once we dropped off our girls at school, they’d swing back home from time to time. Do some laundry. Check in with their old man. Turns out, they’ve settled in just fine in Macon—made friends, formed lifelong connections, built a new home—and really, that’s exactly what we were looking for.

The thing is, when we first started off on our college search, we didn’t know what we’d find.

Just like you, we were inundated with stacks of college brochures and materials—an overwhelming sea of sameness—each one showcasing their school’s lush green campus, close-knit faculty-student relationships, hands-on research opportunities, study abroad programs, you get the idea.

But as we started to dig deeper, and connect with the Mercer community, we were struck by something really quite simple: basic human connection.

And our girls felt it too.

Mercer welcomed our family with open arms and open-minded perspectives. Whatever our daughters wanted to discover, they were given the orange-carpet treatment. And so were we. Mercer’s admissions team took an interest in our family, in our questions, our concerns, and made the whole college transition as seamless as possible.

The bottom line is, there are plenty of places for your student to get an education. But where do they fit? Where will they be cared for? Where can they be surrounded by faculty who inspire them, peers who challenge them, and a community that makes them feel emboldened?

For us, the decision was easy.

And even though Sunday night dinners aren’t the same in our house—we now have Saturday afternoon tailgates to look forward to. In our daughters’ new hometown.

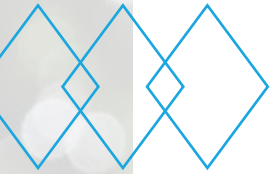
Go Bears!

Helen & Todd Rivers



*Helen, Seiler '24,
Amelia '22,
Righton, and
Todd Rivers*





LET'S START AT THE END

While your student may be excited to step foot on campus, settle into their residence hall, and explore everything from anthropology to zoology, we like to keep one eye focused on the present and the other looking toward the future. Like four years from now. Or four decades from then. Or for each and every day in between.

This way, by the time your student walks across our graduation stage, they're prepared to take on the world and embark on a whole new beginning.

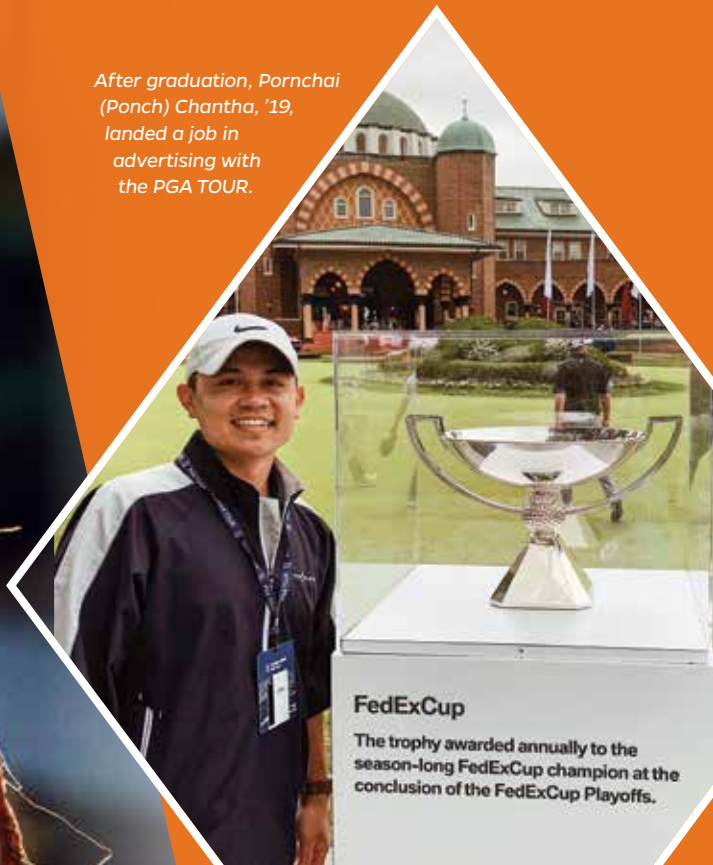


OUR REACH IS *far and wide*

From software engineers in Silicon Valley to hardworking educators around the country, here are a few of the companies and organizations where Mercer alumni are making a difference:

- **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**
- **ATLANTA FALCONS**
- **DELTA AIR LINES**
- **GOOGLE**
- **NASA**
- **PEACE CORPS**
- **PGA TOUR**
- **THE PHOENIX SYMPHONY**
- **TEACH FOR AMERICA**
- **TURNER BROADCASTING SYSTEM**
- **THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY**

After graduation, Pornchai (Ponch) Chantha, '19, landed a job in advertising with the PGA TOUR.



FedExCup
The trophy awarded annually to the season-long FedExCup champion at the conclusion of the FedExCup Playoffs.

**AT MERCER,
EVERYONE
MAJORS IN**
*changing
the world.*

Our students aren't here to just sharpen their skills, but to find their calling—and go on to become changemakers in their communities.

That's why, beyond our traditional coursework, we offer a holistic educational experience that includes access to hands-on research opportunities, internship programs, specialized global experiences, and Mercer On Mission.

12 SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

School of Business • College of Education • School of Engineering • College of Health Professions • School of Law • College of Liberal Arts and Sciences • School of Medicine • School of Music • College of Nursing • College of Pharmacy • College of Professional Advancement • School of Theology

70 UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

17 PRE-PROFESSIONAL TRACKS

anesthesiologist assistant • athletic training • clinical psychology • dentistry • law • medicine • nursing • occupational therapy • optometry • pathologists' assistant • pharmacy • physical therapy • physician assistant • podiatry • public health • theology • veterinary medicine



EXPERIENCE

Lifelong learning

From Day One

Real world experience? Mercer is the real world. Resources like our Center for Career and Professional Development help students find internships and career opportunities in any and all fields. From partnering with local entrepreneurs in Macon to participating in humanitarian projects in Mozambique. From shaping policy at the Georgia State House to decorating the halls of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. Your student can build their résumé and boost their confidence while making immediate real-world impact during their first year on campus.

Research That Reaches Out

“Undergraduate Research.” It’s not an oxymoron. At Mercer, students are given the opportunity to perform research from day one—working alongside faculty members to solve some of society’s most complex challenges.

Mercer On Mission

It’s bigger than study abroad, more impactful than community service. Mercer On Mission deploys students and faculty across the globe to meet the most fundamental needs of humanity. This life-changing experience provides long-term impact—not just for our students, but for the countries, cultures, and communities we serve.

WHERE 5 PM OFFICE HOURS TURN INTO LATE NIGHT

jam sessions

WHILE THE LETTERS “PH.D.” AND “DR.” cement our faculty’s expertise, our professors are so much more than typical teachers and researchers. They are bandmates and soundboards, playwrights and poets, mentors and friends—and most importantly, accessible.

Mercer’s faculty members work hand-in-hand with students on service projects, pull late nights next to them in the lab, present with them at conferences, listen to them, learn from them, and experience life right alongside them.

When Dr. Andrew Silver first toured Macon’s campus in 1998, he got a quick glimpse of what makes Mercer, well, Mercer. Small classes meeting outside under the cherry blossoms. Deans who seemed to know every student’s name. Feelings of warmth, connection, and community.

But it was the students themselves who made the most meaningful impression.

“I had never met students who were so earnest in their desires to do something meaningful with their lives,” says Dr. Silver. “In the years since, Mercer has transformed my idea of what it means to be a teacher. Here, it’s not so much faculty guiding students, it’s our students’ care for the world that leads us outside the classroom and into the community.”

“It’s important to show students that you can still be a human being. That type of openness allows for more trust and creativity.”

*Dr. Andrew “Andy” Silver,
Page Morton Hunter professor of English
and member of blueskyblue band*

THIS IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL UNIVERSITY



LEAVE A LEGACY— AND YOUR SIGNATURE
Make your mark on campus



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For almost a century, incoming first-year students have climbed the tower of the Godsey Administration Building and left their John Hancocks on the walls, doorframes, floors, banisters, and ceilings on their way to the top.



OUR GREEKS ACTUALLY HELP THE GREEKS

Sure, they may throw a mean tailgate, but members of our 19 fraternities and sororities are all-in on service—such as conducting health clinics near Corinth, Greece, to serve impoverished communities through Mercer On Mission.



MACON SWEET MUSIC

One-part museum, one-part sound studio, all parts celebrating Macon’s musical heritage. Mercer Music at Capricorn is a staple of Macon’s buzzing music, arts, culture, food, and festival scenes.



SKIP THE SMALL TALK

Every year, Mercer’s Office for Student Success holds a series of “Real Talk” events where students share personal stories of growth and shine a light on the challenges they face during their university years.



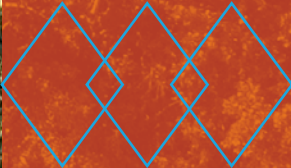
BE THE BEAR YOU WANT TO BE

Cheer on the Bears or take an intramural team to the championship. Choose from 155+ student clubs or start a brand new one. Run for Student Government Association or serve the community—or do both. Mercerians logged more than 500,000 service hours in a single school year.



WE HIT THE QBS— AND THE BOOKS

Not every school has linebackers who double major in physics and engineering. Here, more than 80% of our student-athletes earn conference academic honors for their work off the field and away from the court.



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**SKIP THE
SMALL TALK**
Hear (and share) real
student stories

THIS IS YOUR UNIVERSITY

Thrive

It's easy to find your fit in a place like this. With more than 155+ student organizations to choose from, 18 men's and women's NCAA Division I sports, 19 fraternities and sororities, a faculty that's more like family, and a bustling downtown Macon in our backyard—your student can carpe every diem and make Mercer their own.

Nearly
3,500
undergraduate students
in Macon

Approximately
9,000
total university students

13:1
student-to-faculty ratio

Mercer students represent
57
countries

FOUR YEARS OF INVESTMENT FOR YEARS OF IMPACT

In the fall of 2018, Archie Kelly made a promise to his two twin daughters, Autumn, '24, and Leila, '24. "Find a school you love—and we'll find a way to get you there."

When the Kellys set out on an East Coast college tour, their list of colleges to visit included lots of big names like Vanderbilt, Emory, and Georgia Tech. Then something about Mercer, and its tight-knit community, caught the family's attention.

"Mercer felt organic," says Archie. "It wasn't a sell. Everything revolved around personal connection."

The Kelly girls felt it too. And over the next few weeks, they made it clear to their parents that Mercer was the place for them.

"People from Mercer's admissions office, including Bo—I still remember his name—kept in touch the whole time," said Archie, who along with his wife, Josephine, have four kids at college, at the same time. "They found scholarship money. They made the process bite-sized. They made it clear that we could do this."

Archie and Josephine Kelly

"My daughters feel safe, valued, and ready to take on the world."

Archie Kelly,
father of Autumn, '24, and Leila '24



MORE THAN 90% OF MERCER STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS.

That's not a typo. Ninety. Percent.

OVER \$24 MILLION IN AID

is awarded to the incoming Mercer class.

IT'S NO WONDER WE WERE RECOGNIZED AMONG THE BEST VALUE SCHOOLS

by U.S. News & World Report.



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From state funding and federal aid to numerous scholarships and fellowships waiting to be awarded, Mercer offers a variety of ways to make college more affordable and accessible.

Mercer-funded Scholarships and Aid

Mercer offers a variety of merit-based, talent-based, and need-based financial aid awards.

Federal Aid

Your student may be eligible for federal assistance. Find out more at studentaid.gov.

State Aid

Georgia residents may qualify for state aid such as the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships, and the Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant. Learn more at gafutures.org.



95%

of the graduating Class of 2022 was employed or enrolled in graduate school six months after earning a Mercer degree.*

These numbers speak volumes.

18

Goldwater Scholars in the last 10 years

26

Peace Corps placements in the last 10 years

75+

Gilman Scholars in the last 3 years

32

Fulbright Scholars since 2010

*See methodology at mercer.edu/post-graduate.



BEARS LOOK AFTER THEIR YOUNG

We can't guarantee that your student will call home every Sunday night, but we can offer up a variety of ways for parents and families to be an integral part of the Mercer experience.

Game On

Make Mercer football tailgates a Saturday tradition in your family. Enjoy pre-game concerts and meet the Bears as they make their way to the stadium. Come back throughout the year for exhilarating games with all of Mercer's athletic teams.

Family Weekend

Meet that faculty member your student won't stop raving about. Take in a concert at our School of Music. Catch a game, join an info session, bond with fellow parents, chow down on some BBQ, or just roam around campus like you're 19 again.

Academic and Advising Services

When we say we look toward the future, we aren't kidding. Mercer's Office of Academic and Advising Services starts every student off with a four-year plan, breaking down their academic requirements, major and minor coursework, and pre-professional goals before they ever step foot in a classroom.

Student Success

We're here to help your student succeed. The Office for Student Success offers ongoing support to both you and your student throughout their time at Mercer, regularly providing email updates on academic programs, important dates, parent and family webinars, and more.

Social Media—Built for Us

Chat, bond, or share stories and questions with other Mercer parents through the MU Parents Facebook Group—a virtual soundboard for any and all Mercer family members.



TAKE THE
next step

- **VISIT**
Schedule a visit to campus at visit.mercer.edu
- **APPLY**
Your student can complete an application for admission via The Common Application or the Mercer Application at apply.mercer.edu
- **REQUEST INFO**
Learn more about Mercer's admissions process and join our email list at undergrad.mercer.edu

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