



Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

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We all know that the earliest colleges in America were religious, but to what degree and intention? In the bulletin today, please consider a few of the particulars regarding just how explicitly religious early American education was. I hope you will be encouraged to consider how the early colonists integrated a life of faith and learning. The focus will be on how the schools chose to represent themselves in their own seals and mottos. Please consider the chart below I put together showing the respective schools and their mottos: LH

The Religious Roots of the Colonial Colleges--Founded in America Before 1776

School -- Founding Year	Religious Affiliation	Motto of School / Latin Words on Seal (translated) Motto as on seal for official documents/diplomas
Harvard - 1636	Puritan	Truth for Christ and the Church
William and Mary 1693	Anglican	No Motto
Yale -- 1701	Puritan	Light and Truth / <u>Urim & Thumin</u> (In Hebrew symbolic of the Oracles of God, referring ultimately to Christ)
U. of Pennsylvania -- 1740	Nonsectarian, yet Anglican connection	Laws Without Morals Are Useless (quote from <u>Horace</u> regarding Rome); seal has seven books which are areas of study, with that of Theology on top
Princeton -- 1746 (as College of New Jersey)	Nonsectarian, but founded by Presbyterians	Original motto as College of NJ: I restore life to the dead As Princeton: Under God's Power She Flourishes
Columbia -- 1754 (as King's College)	Anglican	In Thy Light We Shall See The Light (quoting Ps 36:9)
Brown -- 1764 (as College of Rhode Island)	Baptist, but charter promises "full liberty of conscience"	In God We Hope
<u>Rutgers</u> -- 1766	Dutch Reformed	Sun of Righteousness, Shine upon the West Also
Dartmouth --1769	Puritan	Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness

"Religious affiliation" refers to financial sponsorship, formal association with, and promotion by, a religious denomination. All of the schools in the Ivy League are private and not currently associated with any religion. William & Mary and Rutgers are now public universities.

The mottos continue in use today, particularly on the seals of official documents such as transcripts and diplomas.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- Our brothers/sisters in Africa: Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Requesting travel mercies for many on the road
- Lord's healing hand on Jule Meddars; Shannon & Liz' fathers
- Blessing on Tommy Training folks this Weekend for Next Right Step
- Lord let your love be poured out in our hearts
- Colby and Tanner both soon off to college
- Thanks to the Lord for return of many from their trips
- We ask that our loved ones come to know You
- Bless Lord the ministry of every member here
- Lord we pray for our country at a crossroad
- Grant wisdom for those who lead, teach, help & counsel
- Thank You that Grace changes everything
- More power, more love, more gratitude in our hearts
- Please continue prayer for Luke G, diagnosed with VSD (a small hole in the heart.)
- Lord let us rest in your providence and care

2011 Calendar

- EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM@the church
Intercessory prayer for anyone
- EACH WED - 4:45 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study
- Each Last Wed night of the month "Branded" for the youth 6-7:30pm @ church



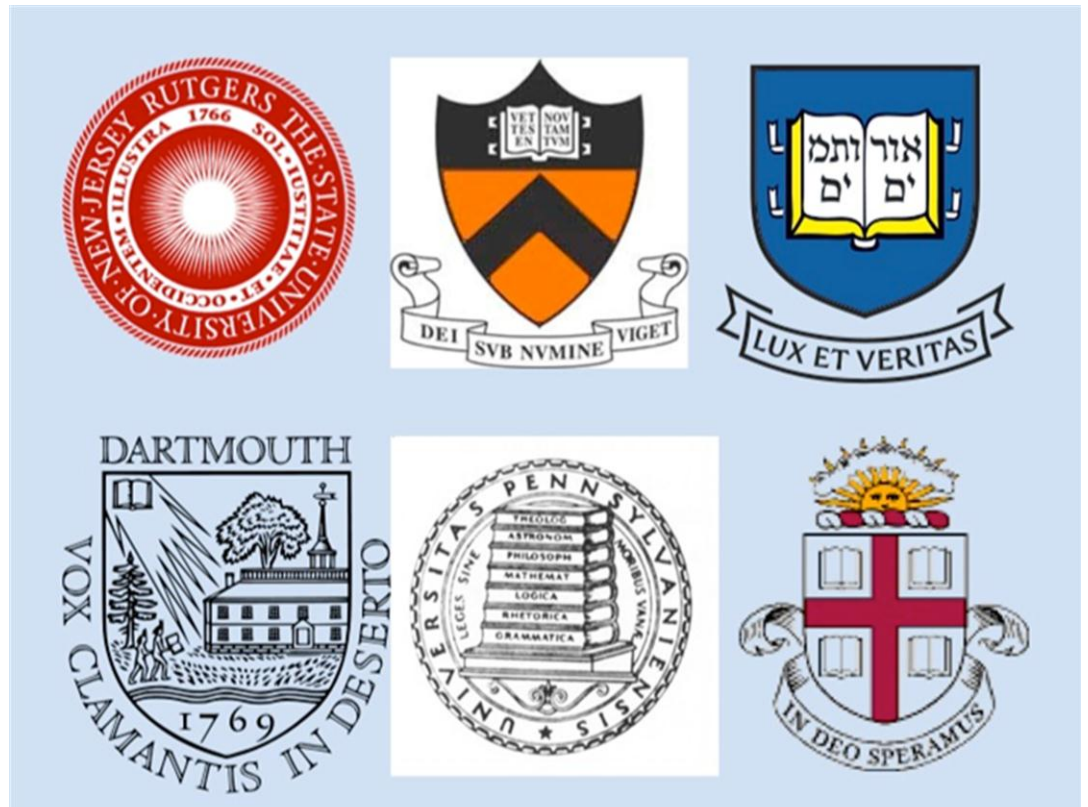
As the oldest college in America, Harvard holds many distinctions, which may be why Harvard is likely the most well-known college motto today—Veritas (Latin for Truth). But did you know that Veritas is really an abbreviation for the entire motto? Veritas (Truth) always had a context at Harvard. Over the main library entrance, various gates, and other buildings, the full motto is recorded in stone (or steel). Please see the picture here. Truth (veritas) is front and center; however, above, below, or beside Truth is the Latin phrase: Christo et Ecclesiae—For Christ and the Church. Truth, yes, but understood in context, as the entire motto says: **“Truth for Christ and the Church.”** This significant phrase continues to be stamped on the diploma of every Harvard grad.

On older representations of the seal, two of the books are face up, while the bottom book is face down. (See again the steel gate picture in the collage.) As interpreted by an official campus group, “This symbolizes the limits of reason, and the need for God’s revelation.” If the top open books are the Old and New Testament, and the bottom face down book, the book of Nature, then the statement is even more impressive.

Part of the rules established and adopted in 1646, every Harvard student was to be (quoting the original spelling), “plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, [what] the maine end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottome, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and Learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, Let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seeke it of him (Prov. 2:3).”

The one colonial school not established explicitly for educating ministers was the University of Pennsylvania. With Ben Franklin as chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees, the goal was to educate a business and governing class rather than clergy. Even so, Franklin mentions how the study of "History will also afford frequent Opportunities of showing the Necessity of a Publick Religion, from its Usefulness to the Publicks; the Advantage of a Religious Character among private Persons; the Mischiefs of Superstition, &c. and the Excellency of the CHRISTIAN RELIGION above all others antient or modern." What is more, the University operated a charity school for boys, that included teaching them the "general principles of Christianity." Penn was thus at the frontier of thinking of church as non-denominational.

Further, under Franklin the University created its seal, which is seven books stacked on top of one another (notably with Theology on top). A picture of the Penn seal is included.



From top left to right: Rutgers, Princeton, Yale, Dartmouth, Penn, & Brown. Please note how the seals show the primacy of the Bible, the Light of God’s Truth, and hope in the Lord’s providence. The colonial schools made a valiant effort to strive for Christ. What school motto speaks most to you?	DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD’S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	
	July 17	Cecile Allen	July D. Costello	July 20	Pat/Karen
	July 24	Kathy Grimenstein	Aug Garner	July 27	Pizza
	July 31	Shannon Whitehead	Sept L. McAlister	Aug 3	Sarah/Kathleen
	Aug 7	Lois McAlister	Oct Austin	Aug 10	Liz/Dawn
	Aug 14	Mari Ann Farmer	Nov VanderLinden	Aug 17	Linda/Lois
	Aug 21	Pat Gil	(Sub-Grimensteins)	Aug 24	Ocie/Shannon
	Aug 28	Sam Lamborn	See Jim Grim with questions.	Aug 31	Pat/Karen