

STONEHILL COLLEGE



ARE YOU READY TO BE A SKYHAWK?

You're in! We are pleased to invite you to become a part of the Stonehill College community, a welcoming, academically challenging institution full of supportive professors, hardworking and inquisitive students, and limitless chances to learn, grow, and shape your future.

You are part of an impressive group of students – some of the most talented we've ever seen. We received applications from thousands of qualified students, and we're happy to tell you that your application stood

out in the crowd. The campus will become a more interesting place when you're on it, and we can't wait for you to officially become a Skyhawk.

We know that Stonehill is the perfect place for you. We can promise you mind-stretching academics, eye-opening experiences, once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, and more fun than you ever thought possible. Are you ready for all that? **We think so.**



WELCOME TO CAMPUS

Whether or not you have gotten the chance to visit Stonehill's campus in person, you are in for a serious treat when you get here for our accepted student open house (check out the enclosed card for more details and to register). If you've already been here before, you know exactly what we're talking about.



Stonehill is settled on 384 acres of meticulous landscaping, scenic waterways, wooded trails, Georgian-style architecture, and award-winning student housing. Whether you're relaxing in the warm spring sun in between classes or challenging your residence hall to a snowball fight, you'll see that Stonehill's campus is gorgeous all year round.

You'll also have lots of time to explore Easton, MA, with great restaurants, outdoor activities, shopping, and more. Plus, our residential campus is just 22 miles from the fast-paced excitement of Boston when you're interested in shaking things up a bit.



MEET YOUR CLASSMATES

Arriving on campus on your first day, right away you'll come across some of the smartest, nicest, most likeable people you'll ever meet. About 80% of our students name Stonehill as their first-choice college, meaning that you'll be surrounded by eager, engaged students who are just as excited to be here as you are.

These bright, enthusiastic people will be by your side while you hit the books, break out the bullhorn at Skyhawk Field, and build playgrounds on your alternative spring break trip, throughout all four years and beyond.



BECOME A PART OF OUR LEGACY

At Stonehill, we have a few traditions you'll get to know. One of our favorites is during Summer Orientation, when you and your fellow first-years will walk up the hill to stately Donahue Hall, side-by-side for the first time. Four years later, you and all your friends will walk down that same hill in your caps and gowns, ready for graduation.

These are the first steps of your First-Year Experience (FYE), a foundation for your time at Stonehill, designed to help you transition into college and help you become an active member in our community of scholarship and faith. You'll take classes in areas such as literature, philosophy, and religious studies and let your mind explore. You'll meet with your career advisor to start thinking about your four-year plan. You'll become an agent of your own learning and well-being, and get excited for the possibilities of what's to come.



Get excited for your new adventure and meet other class of 2016 Skyhawks at [FACEBOOK.COM/STONEHILL2016!](https://www.facebook.com/STONEHILL2016)



Cardinal O'Hara Hall is one of many great residence halls at Stonehill. Primarily a freshman residence, this hall is located right off the main quad. If you live here, your first year will be right in the heart of campus!

LIFE ON CAMPUS

When you think about college life, you probably envision cheering louder than the other team at sports games, getting involved in clubs that are right up your alley, going on late-night pizza runs (to go along with those late-night study groups), and spending lots of time laughing with friends in between classes. Well, good news – **at Stonehill, you're completely right.**

You'd have to try to be bored at Stonehill. With 60+ clubs and organizations on campus and hundreds of events like Jamnesty, headliner comedians, concerts, DiverCity, and the Mr. Stonehill "beauty" pageant (trust us, it's a riot), you'll make college memories that will stick with you forever.

Feeling sporty? At Stonehill, more than 80% of students participate on an NCAA Division II varsity team or in an intramural or club sport. So if you're a serious athlete or even a casual player, there's room for everyone on the team.

With something exciting, fun, and/or hilarious going on nearly every single day, it's no surprise that Stonehill students have been ranked among the happiest in the nation by the Princeton Review. **Doesn't that sound like something you want in on?**





Mike Atkinson

Class of 2012

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE STONEHILL?

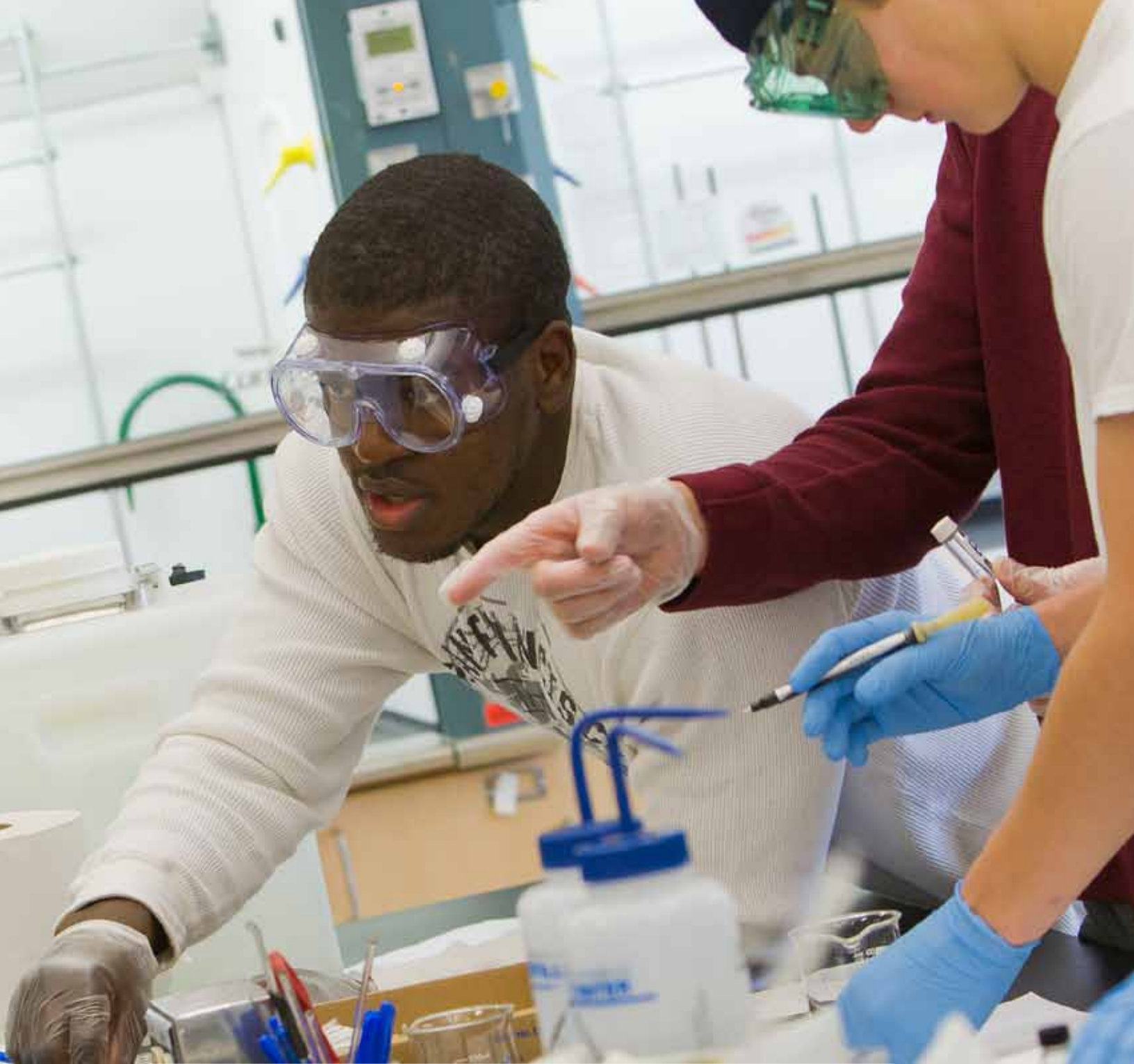
It's kind of corny, but I'll never forget it. You know those tingly-excited feelings you get when something incredible is happening? Well, I experienced them as I stood near the chapel on my campus tour – I could see the sun's bright rays almost lighting a path: a path to my future. I haven't looked back since.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING A STUDENT AT STONEHILL?

The lifelong relationships I have built are irreplaceable. Not just the amazing group of friends that I have formed, but the relationships with professors – one of my favorites from freshman year was the spark that led me to create my nonprofit to raise money for the American Heart Association.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS?

I love this famous quote from Les Brown that my grandfather used to say: "Shoot for the moon, and even if you miss you'll land among the stars." Stonehill has given me the chance to reach the moon.



LEARNING CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE

It's easy to assume education stops the second class is over. Not at Stonehill. Here, you'll learn something about yourself and the world around you everywhere you go – from the classroom to your internship to, oh, let's say...Portugal.

The average class size is 20 students, allowing professors to focus more attention on you when you're there. And our focus on shared experiences and experiential learning creates an atmosphere of discovery all over campus – from genial political debates in the dining hall to learning about society's challenges through volunteering.

Plus, more than 50% of our students explore the world through study abroad, alternative spring break trips, or Learning Communities (more about those later) during their time at Stonehill. Not sure if you like chicharrón, bulgogi, or knedlíky? **Maybe it's time you found out.**



STONEHILL + THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Stonehill was founded in 1948 by the Congregation of Holy Cross with a mission “to educate the whole person so that each graduate thinks, acts, and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.”

So what does that mean, exactly?

What it means is that at Stonehill, we all get to practice being better people. You’ll learn how to affect the world around you in a positive way by making the lives of others better and more fulfilling. This is a key part of the Catholic faith and an intrinsic element of the Stonehill experience.

Because our Catholic identity is important to us, we’re committed to diversity, equality, social justice, and the promotion of peace. We embrace all faith traditions, making available a variety of liturgical services, spiritual growth and retreat programs, and volunteer opportunities.

Each year, our students provide more than 40,000 hours of community service, getting involved and making things happen, hands-on. This fosters a kind of growth you can’t experience anywhere else, a kind of growth that changes you in a way you may have never imagined possible.



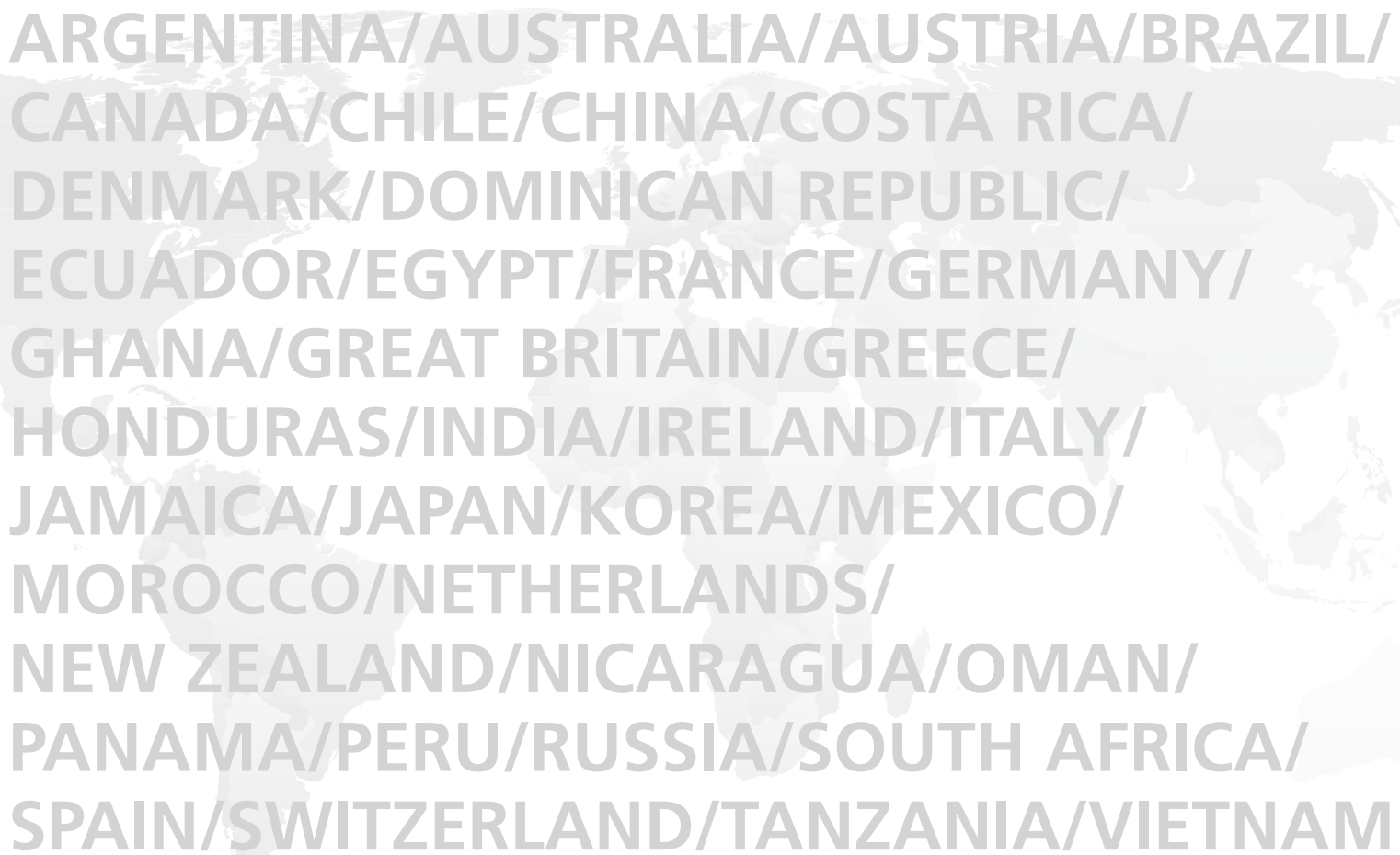
WHAT IS A LEARNING COMMUNITY?

Early on in your Stonehill career, you'll choose a Learning Community (LC), which typically combines two academic courses from different disciplines with a team-taught seminar that explores an interrelated topic from both perspectives.

This dynamic structure illuminates connections between what seem like completely diverse topics – classic literature and science, photography and sociology, psychology and music – and shows you how the connections in our world go deeper than you have ever imagined.

These courses have a special way of sparking creative discussions, turning what you thought you knew on its head and allowing you the freedom to look at challenges with your own unique, informed perspective.

As an added bonus, some LCs even involve travel – from trips to Cape Cod to the Florida Everglades to Romania. (We just love to explore! You will too.)



ARGENTINA/AUSTRALIA/AUSTRIA/BRAZIL/
CANADA/CHILE/CHINA/COSTA RICA/
DENMARK/DOMINICAN REPUBLIC/
ECUADOR/EGYPT/FRANCE/GERMANY/
GHANA/GREAT BRITAIN/GREECE/
HONDURAS/INDIA/IRELAND/ITALY/
JAMAICA/JAPAN/KOREA/MEXICO/
MOROCCO/NETHERLANDS/
NEW ZEALAND/NICARAGUA/OMAN/
PANAMA/PERU/RUSSIA/SOUTH AFRICA/
SPAIN/SWITZERLAND/TANZANIA/VIETNAM

40%

complete a semester-long study
abroad or international internship
program before graduation.

56%

have an international experience
while attending Stonehill

**Stonehill will find a
program for you
in ANY part of
the world**

(Seriously, get a dart and a map;
we'll take care of the rest!)

13TH

in the nation for
study abroad programs

GRAB YOUR PASSPORT

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page." – St. Augustine

This planet is a fascinating, enlightening place, and we want to make sure you see as much of it as you can. Stonehill is ranked #13 in the entire nation among baccalaureate institutions for sending students on semester-long abroad programs, with more than 40% of our students studying abroad before graduation.

That is a lot of frequent flyer miles.

More and more, employers are looking for candidates with a global perspective, an understanding of the way society looks from a different angle. By studying abroad, you immerse yourself in new cultures and learn new ways of viewing the world.

Plus, we make it as easy as possible – most of the time, studying abroad will cost about the same amount as a semester on campus. For travel that will change your life, that's a lot of dollars saved (or euros, or kronas, or forints.)



79%
of students complete
an internship while
studying at Stonehill



97%
of Stonehill
graduates over
the last five years
were employed, participating
in a volunteer service program,
or in graduate school within
a year of graduation



Jasmine Khutchandani

Class of 2012



WHAT INTERESTED YOU IN STONEHILL?

I was taking AP Biology when I found out about Stonehill's Science Saturdays, when high school students can perform their experiments in the college's labs. I jumped at the opportunity and was the first one there at 8:30 a.m. for 12 Saturdays that year – such a science nerd, but I loved it.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING A STUDENT AT STONEHILL?

The professors feel like family to me – I'm invited to BBQs at their homes, and I can walk into their offices and talk about anything! They provide the support I need for my classes and cheer on my goals, from the smallest to the ones that will shape my future.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS?

Take advantage of every opportunity that interests you at Stonehill! I have lived by this mantra, and it has brought me places I would have never dreamed of going.



SO YOU WANT A JOB? STEP RIGHT UP

Figuring out what you're going to do after graduation is tough, so here's some good news: 97% of our grads over the last five years were employed, in graduate school, or volunteering within one year.

At Stonehill, you'll earn a distinct education, preparing you to achieve every success in life. Our grads can be found around the world enrolled in top graduate programs, enjoying meaningful careers, and working to improve their communities. You'll have the skills and confidence to apply what you've learned in real-world situations, changing society one résumé at a time.

Career planning here involves a lot more than just showing you a jobs database – in fact, mapping your future successes starts almost immediately. Your counselors will meet with you one-on-one to build a four-year electronic portfolio of exactly what courses you've taken, what projects you've completed, your internships (78% of our students complete at least one), and study abroad experiences – you know, all the stuff that makes you, you.



FINANCIAL AID AT STONEHILL

When choosing a college, you have to consider the best price along with the best fit. At Stonehill, we're happy to give you both: a college with a nationally ranked reputation for excellence that brings a unique value to your education and signature career preparation, and one that is competitively priced with significant funding available for financial aid.

Stonehill is committed to recognizing individual achievement, and so we award both merit and need-based assistance. More than 90% of our students receive some financial help – such as grants, scholarships, loans, employment programs, and tuition payment plans, all meant to help you become a part of the Stonehill community.

On average, Stonehill students graduate at a higher rate and in less time than students at many other colleges and universities. About 82% of Stonehill students graduate within four years—more than double the national average. And Stonehill's four-year graduation rate is 40% higher than the average national five-year rate for public institutions. So that's a better education, faster, which means cost-effective quality.

Plus, by becoming a Skyhawk, you'll be prepared to take on the world, bringing to the interview table an enviable knowledge base and skill set. We want you to become a success – and we're willing to help you find a way to pay for it too.

90%

of full-time students receive some form of financial aid

84% of full-time students live on campus

4 years of housing is guaranteed for resident students

NEXT STEPS!

Take a day to relax and celebrate – you're in!

- After the celebration, visit stonehill.edu/admitted for everything you need to get started.
- Send in your deposit and officially become a Skyhawk! Go to stonehill.edu/deposit or mail your \$750 deposit to Stonehill College Admissions Department, 320 Washington Street, Easton, MA 02357.
- Mark your calendar for our accepted student open houses. The class of 2016 Skyhawk Welcome Days are February 24, March 24, April 14, and April 20. You can register right now at stonehill.edu/SWD.
- Join our Class of 2016 Facebook page. Connect with future classmates, get all your Stonehill questions answered, and get up-to-date info on all our events at facebook.com/stonehill2016.
- Get yourself some Skyhawk gear (may we suggest the super-comfy sweatshirts?), and enjoy the rest of your senior year! Congratulations. We can't wait to see you.