

PRESIDENT

 **Cornell College**

Mount Vernon, Iowa

Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa seeks a new President whose energetic, creative, and visionary leadership will serve to strengthen and expand the College's resources, enhance the College's visibility and recognition, and lead Cornell in pursuing its strategic goals.

Cornell College is a nationally ranked, highly selective undergraduate liberal arts college of nearly 1,200 students with a historic campus on 129-rolling acres in the picturesque town of Mount Vernon, Iowa— a town distinguished by its vibrant local art scene and recognized by *Frommer's* as one of “America's Coolest Small Towns.” Founded in 1853 by members of the Methodist Church, Cornell College is highly regarded for the quality and distinctiveness of its academic programs, its first-class faculty, its engaged, talented students, and most especially for its distinctive One Course At A Time (OCAAT) curriculum, which offers students a flexible and compelling learning environment. One of only 270 colleges in the United States to host an active chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Cornell College has been consistently ranked as one of the best values in higher education, was featured in *Colleges That Change Lives*, and was recently identified by *The New York Times* as one of 20 “stealth powerhouse” colleges in the U.S.

The College is a member of the Associated Colleges of the Midwest, a consortium of 14 distinguished private liberal arts colleges (which include Carleton, Grinnell, Beloit, Coe, and Knox Colleges) all accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Cornell boasts a student body that is at once national, international, and highly diverse: The incoming Class of 2013 hails from 43 states and 12 foreign countries. Cornell's commitment to diversity is reflected in the fact that students of color make up 13 percent of the student body.

Small classes, the One Course At A Time calendar, an undergraduate student/teacher ratio of 11 to 1, and accessible faculty are often mentioned by students as being among the strengths of the College. Cornell offers [35 majors](#), [25 minors](#), and [11 pre-professional programs](#). In part due to the OCAAT format, there are numerous opportunities for independent research in all disciplines, as well as a variety of internships that take advantage of the College's location near Chicago, St. Louis, and Cedar Rapids/Iowa City. Featured interdisciplinary centers at Cornell include Dimensions: The Center for the Science and Culture of Healthcare, which prepares students for the health professions using an integrated approach, and the Berry Center for Economics, Business, and Public Policy, which provides academic programs in applied economics and public policy.

Cornell College seeks a leader who can galvanize its community behind its vision for the future and can communicate that vision in ways that motivate its many constituencies to provide the support, financial or otherwise, necessary to attain it.

Recruitment will continue until the position is filled. Nominations, expressions of interest, and applications (including a cover letter and resume) should be submitted via email to CornellCollegePres@wittkieffer.com.

Confidential inquiries and questions concerning this search may be directed to Dennis Barden at (630) 575-6167 or Katherine (Kate) Haley Will at (603) 748-4399.

Cornell is an AA/EO employer and encourages applications from women and minority candidates.