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HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY
Dear Prospective Student,

It is my very great pleasure to welcome each of you to Harris-Stowe State University—formerly Harris-Stowe State College. This is a public institution of higher education at which you will be able to make real use of many exciting opportunities—both academic and extra curricular. As a University, Harris-Stowe is one of Missouri’s oldest public institutions of higher learning, specializing uniquely, for about 135 years, in the preparation of outstanding elementary school teachers. Now, for slightly more than a decade, the University offers degree programs, at the baccalaureate degree level, in upwards of 12 different professional fields. New opportunities for beginning graduate study are now available.

Located in the heart of the City of St. Louis, Harris-Stowe has produced thousands of graduates who have become outstanding leaders in many different fields and professions, including teaching, at all levels, including college and university; law; business and the corporate community; the military—including ranks as high as four-star generals; medicine; government—including senators and representatives at both the State and national levels; to name just a few. This expansion in the University’s academic offerings began in 1993 when the State of Missouri, under Senate Bill 153, broadened the College’s mission four-fold, thereby enabling it to better meet the professional goals of thousands of Metropolitan St. Louisans, as well as Missouri’s own needs in certain applied professions.

In addition, the City of St. Louis virtually gave the then College upwards of 18 acres of prime land in the heart of the City, and thereby made possible an unprecedented expansion of the Institution’s campus from approximately nine acres to almost 35 acres. Also, the State enabled the College—just a few years ago—to extend its campus still further, by the addition of an almost five-acre facility in near South St. Louis. Clearly, Harris-Stowe State University is well on the road to unprecedented growth and expansion as the area’s most affordable and accessible university. Therefore, on behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I again welcome you to Harris-Stowe State University, and urge you to experience the great satisfaction that comes from earning a degree in any of our four professional programs. A successful future for you can begin right here!

Warmest regards,

Dr. Henry Givens, Jr., President
Harris-Stowe State University
HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY, WAS FOUNDED BY THE SAINT LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 1857. IT WAS THE FIRST TEACHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, AND THE TWELFTH SUCH INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

In 2005, the General Assembly of the State of Missouri enacted Senate Bill 98 under which Harris-Stowe State College became Harris-Stowe State University. The University is located at the business, education, and transportation hub of Metropolitan St. Louis. It is close to many major corporations, governmental agencies, as well as historic landmarks. Easily reached via Interstate Highways 55 and 44, U.S. Highway 64, and the Metrolink Rail System, Harris-Stowe is within 15 minutes, by automobile, of over half of the population of Metropolitan St. Louis. The University is also very easily reached by regular public transportation facilities.

The University, as it exists today, is the result of several predecessor institutions which, through the years, expanded as separate schools, merged, and finally, became the newest member of the Missouri System of Public Higher Education.

The first predecessor of Harris-Stowe State University was the Saint Louis Normal School which was established solely for the preparation of white elementary school teachers. This school later expanded into a four-year baccalaureate degree college and was named Harris Teachers College after William Torrey Harris, Superintendent of Instruction of the Saint Louis Public School District, and later U.S. Commissioner of Education. Harris Teachers College was accredited by several national accrediting agencies, including the North Central Association and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, among others, and re-located to different sites within the City several times. The last of these relocations is the College’s present site on Laclede Avenue in Saint Louis.

In the early 1930s, the College restructured its academic programs, forming two academic levels: a two-year junior college base which offered opportunities for a variety of pre-professional studies, leading to the Associate of Arts Degree; and a senior-level program exclusively in elementary school education, culminating in the Bachelor of Arts Degree.

The second predecessor of Harris-Stowe State University was the Summer Normal Class which was established by the same public school district in 1890, solely for the preparation of African American elementary school teachers. This normal school was, in fact, a kind of extension of the senior year at Summer High School in Saint Louis. The Summer Normal Class later expanded, first into a two-year program, then into a four-year baccalaureate degree program, re-located in 1925 in a newly constructed annex at the Simmons Elementary School site in St. Louis, and soon after, took the historic name of Harriet Beecher Stowe, the slavery abolitionist and world-renowned author.

Harris Teachers College, like its counterpart, Harris Teachers College, received accreditation from the same nationally recognized accrediting agencies, reorganized itself into a new college structure with a junior college base and a senior college program in elementary teacher education, and finally re-located, for the second time in an entirely new building constructed exclusively for the College by the Saint Louis Public Schools.

Both colleges continued their separate entities until 1954 when, in response to the historic decision of the U.S. Supreme Court outlawing racial segregation in public education, the Nation, the Saint Louis Public Schools began the racial desegregation of the District at the very top of the academic level – its two teachers colleges – merging them into one college – Harris-Stowe College. Initially, the formal merger had already experienced a very unusual (at the time) precedent – the presidency of both institutions; in the early 1930s, was held by the same person, Dr. John L. Purdon.

In 1979, the General Assembly of the State of Missouri enacted Senate Bill 703 under which Harris-Stowe College became a State Public institution of higher education. The College then became known as Harris-Stowe State College, but its mission remained the same – elementary school teacher education. The junior college level had been abandoned in the 1960s, when the Saint Louis Community College came into existence.

In compliance with new State standards and teacher certification requirements, the College’s teacher education curriculum was realigned and separate teacher education majors were approved by the State; early childhood education, elementary school education, and middle school/junior high school education.

Later, in 1981, the College received State approval for a new degree program – a B.S. in Urban Education. This was a response to the large urban community at the time, the only one of its kind, at the undergraduate level, in the United States. It was designed to prepare urban specialists – not classroom teachers – who would be able to assist urban school districts in their efforts to resolve many of the urban related problems facing them.

In 1993, the Missouri General Assembly again enacted legislation which changed forever, the mission of Harris-Stowe State College. That legislation was Senate Bill 151 under which authorization was given to the college to expand its mission – from teacher and urban school-related education to a mission that addresses the unmet higher education needs of the Greater Saint Louis region in applied professional disciplines.

In response to the urgent need to significantly enhance accessibility to higher education opportunities for all Metropolitan St. Louisans, Harris-Stowe elected in 2004 to become an open-enrollment institution, with increased projects designed to enhance the preparation of many students for successful achievement in college.

Harris-Stowe State University offers twelve baccalaureate degree programs in the following broad applied professional disciplines: Business Administration, Urban Education and Teacher Education. In addition, the university has signed a collaborative agreement with The University of Missouri-St. Louis to offer several masters degree courses on our campus.

In keeping with its mission expansion, the University now – through general land gifts from the City of Saint Louis – has a campus that is well over three times its original size. To meet the need for additional space to house its growing Department of Business Administration Degree Programs, as well as to provide for its expanding Continuing Education Program, Harris-Stowe State University has acquired an extended campus in near South St. Louis.

Clearly, then, from its very beginnings as two normal schools in the mid- and late-19th Century, to its present status as a State institution of public higher learning, Harris-Stowe State University, and its predecessor institutions, have always been in the forefront of teacher education. Now, the University is forging ahead in Business Administration and other professional disciplines that are greatly needed to better serve the many Metropolitan Saint Louisans who, without this university, would probably not have the opportunity to prepare themselves for productive living in our state, nation, and world.

In 2003, The Emerson Physical Education and Visual/Performing Arts Center was dedicated.

In 2004, The College dedicated the US Bank Entryway Arch.

In 2005, the college celebrates its official change to Harris-Stowe State University and breaks ground on its Residence Hall and Student Center.

In 2005, the former Vashon Community Center facility, now a part of the Harris-Stowe campus, is officially listed by the Federal Government in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Important Dates in HSSU History**

- **1857** The earliest predecessor institution, Harriet Beecher Stowe Teachers College was founded by St. Louis Public Schools as a normal school to prepare white teachers.
- **1890** The second predecessor institution was founded by St. Louis Public Schools as an extension of Summer High School to prepare black teachers.
- **1929** Summer Normal School name was changed to Stowe Teachers College, in honor of the abolitionist and novelist, Harriet Beecher Stowe.
- **1954** The merger of the two teacher education institutions was the first of several steps employed to integrate the public schools of St. Louis.
- **1957** The College received state approval for a new degree program – a B.S. in Urban Education.
- **1979** The General Assembly of the State of Missouri enacted Senate Bill 703, under which Harris-Stowe College became the newest member of the State system of public higher education.
- **1981** The College received state approval for a new degree program – the Bachelor of Science in Urban Education.
- **1993** The state Governor signed into law Senate Bill 153, which authorized the College to expand its mission with the addition of the Business Administration Department.
- **1998** The Southwestern Bell Library and Technology Resource Center was dedicated.
As a college student, it is important to experience feelings of accomplishment and well-being. The Harris-Stowe State University family believes in providing an environment in which our students will excel and gain fruitful experiences.

By providing a wide variety of degree offerings, along with numerous social, academic, and athletic activities, Harris-Stowe fulfills its mission of providing an attractive and engaging learning experience for our students.

Like all exceptional institutions, Harris-Stowe State University requires a great deal of commitment from our students. Our degree programs are designed to prepare students to be competitive on a global scale, thus enabling them to make positive and significant contributions within the metropolitan St. Louis area and beyond.

If you are a first-time freshman, transfer, international or perhaps a continuing education student, we encourage you to explore the various educational and extracurricular opportunities available at Harris-Stowe State University.
“Harris-Stowe State University has been a second home to me. The faculty and staff as well as the students speak to you and make you feel welcome; you don’t get that at every college or university. Everyone here provides the students with an environment to allow us to open up and be ourselves!”
Applicants seeking admission to Harris-Stowe State University must submit the following:

**NEW AND TRANSFER STUDENTS**
- A completed, signed application for admission
- $15.00 non-refundable admissions application processing fee
- Official high school transcripts or GED scores
- Official ACT or SAT scores
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities previously attended (if applicable)

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
- A completed, signed application for admission
- $15.00 non-refundable admissions application processing fee
- Official high school transcripts translated in English
- Official college/university transcripts translated in English
- Official ACT or SAT scores
- Official copy of TOEFL scores, (required of all students for whom English is a second language)
- Notarized letter of support
- Money on deposit of funds to the University to cover all tuition and fees for non-Missouri residents for at least two semesters.

**CAMPUS VISITS**
We encourage all interested future students to come meet with an Admissions Officer, tour our campus, sit in on a class lecture and talk with faculty and current students. A campus visit can provide an important exchange of information in the admission process.

**FOR AN APPOINTMENT CONTACT OUR ADMISSIONS OFFICE AT:**
Office of Admissions
3026 Laclede Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63103
(314) 340-3300
admissions@hssu.edu
“My tenure at Harris-Stowe State University has been an enjoyable one. Interacting with students brings me great joy because we truly work as a team in the teaching/learning process.”

Dr. Patricia A. Johnson
director, Early Child Development/Parenting Education Center
The Harris-Stowe State
University Office of Financial Assistance

makes every effort to help each student receive
the maximum amount of financial assistance pos-
sible. This office helps to administer various awards
and scholarships from sources such as the Board of
Regents, gifts from alumni, faculty, community organizations,
and other friends of the University. The University participates in
a variety of federal and state programs including:

Federal Pell Grant Program

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program
(FSEOG)

Charles Gallagher State Grant

Federal Work Study Program (FWSP)

Federal Stafford Loan Program

There are also other local and community funded programs which are part of the
University's financial assistance program. In addition, there is also a University
Employment Program (UEP) funded by the University.
“Harris-Stowe State University is a great institution! All of the instructors are willing to help and it’s a really friendly environment!
Harris-Stowe State University offers a wide variety of social fraternities and sororities, clubs and student organizations that provide students the opportunities to develop their social and leadership skills.

The following is a list of diverse organizations available at Harris-Stowe State University.

- Alpha Chi Honor Society
- African American Studies Society
- American College of Healthcare Executives
- Art Club
- Concert Chorale
- Collegiate 100
- Council of Exceptional Children
- Gospel Choir
- Harris-Stowe Players
- Honda Academic All Star Team
- HSSU Dance Troupe
- International Student Association
- Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society
- Kappa Mu Epsilon Honor Society
- Math Club
- Missouri State Teachers Association
- Multicultural Council
- National Education Association
- Organization for Cultural Progress
- Shades II Dance Team
- Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Government Association
- Students in Free Enterprise
- S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
- Urban Education Specialists

Fraternities and Sororities

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Athletic Department

Harris-Stowe State University sponsors various athletic endeavors for students. In 2003, HSSU opened the Emerson Performance Center, which is now home of the Hornet’s Basketball team. The facility also includes a state-of-the-art fitness center and theater.

Men’s Soccer
Women’s Soccer
Women’s Volleyball
Men’s Basketball
Women’s Basketball
Men’s Baseball
Women’s Softball
Cheerleading
Men’s Tennis
Women’s Tennis
Men’s and Women’s Track & Field
“Being a Student Athlete at Harris-Stowe State University has been a rewarding experience!”

William Boeser III
Criminal Justice/Juvenile Justice
The department of Academic Support Services provides comprehensive academic support programs and operates an Academic Support Center that provides activities, materials, and personnel to assist all students and faculty. The services and programs provided include media resources, communications skills, and mathematics labs. In addition, we offer basic skills and test preparation courses, an academy for college preparation, a college testing service, as well as GED testing.

For more information, contact the Academic Support Center at (314) 340-3649
Student Support Services

Student Support Services is a federally funded educational program that aids qualified students academically, financially and socially, by providing academic support and moral inspiration for individual and personal development. Freshmen and sophomores who are Pell eligible can qualify for a retention scholarship. In addition to supporting funds, Student Support Services provides one-on-one tutoring for students in all areas. Counseling is also provided for student wellness. Finally, students with disabilities are provided with advocacy and disability management counseling. To qualify for Student Support Services, a student must be low-income, and/or a first generation college student, or a student with a disability.
Career Services

Resources are available in the Office of Career Services to provide students with information about occupations, career fields, résumé writing, job search strategies, interviewing techniques, labor market trends and employers. Individual career counseling appointments can be made for assistance with issues such as exploring career alternatives, career transitions, résumé development, interviewing skills and job search strategies.

Each Spring a Teacher Career Fair and a General Career Fair are held to assist students with meeting employers who are hiring for co-ops, internships and career positions. The Office of Career Services also schedules employers for on-campus information sessions, recruiting and interviewing.

Continuing Education

The Department of Continuing Education provides innovative educational programs and delivery systems designed to extend the resources of the university to the community and statewide. We work with the academic departments and skilled practitioners to offer a variety of courses and conferences for personal and/or professional development, as well as location and skill specific training for individuals, groups and organizations via courses on-campus, off-campus or online. Training is also available for individuals to earn professional certificates in business and cutting-edge technology.

To set up an appointment to discuss how Harris-Stowe State University can meet your continuing education needs, contact the Department of Continuing Education at (314) 340-5996.
Harris-Stowe State University is conveniently located in the heart of St. Louis on Laclede Avenue between Compton Avenue and Garrison Street. The campus is easily accessible from interstates 44, 55, 64 and 70. MetroBus has bus stops located at the entrance of the campus and a MetroLink station is less than one mile from our campus. Well-lighted free parking is available and patrolled by full-time public safety officers to provide additional security, both day and night.

See for yourself

what Harris-Stowe State University has to offer you. The only way to truly determine this is to come visit our campus. There are several different options you can choose from to pursue more information. You can tour the campus with a current student, sit in on a class or two, visit with faculty or an athletic representative or schedule an appointment with an Admissions Officer. Below you will find a list of pertinent numbers and contact information that will help you begin the journey at Harris-Stowe State University, where your education will be Affordable, Accessible and Diverse.