

# CLARION UNIVERSITY MULTICULTURAL *Life*

As a prospective college student from a diverse background, we know it is important to select a campus that offers the *support* and *services* which allow you to succeed *academically* and *socially*.

Our **5,000 students** hail from **42 states** and **15 countries** around the world, attesting to the level of *diversity* you will enjoy on a mid-sized campus like Clarion.

As part of our community, you have the opportunity to stand out as a *student leader* as early as your freshmen year. That is possible because of *small class sizes* and low *student-to-faculty* ratio.

*more than*  
**\$5**  
**MILLION**  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED LAST YEAR



**CLARION  
UNIVERSITY**



*ranked*  
**TOP**  
**REGIONAL**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, 2020



**#3 SAFEST**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
IN PENNSYLVANIA  
SECURITY CENTER,  
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR  
HOME SAFETY & SECURITY, 2019

**140+** ORGANIZATIONS  
STUDENT

### *Performance Groups:*

Hip-Hop Dance Team, KUDETS, Lift Every Voice (LEV) Choir

### *Social Groups:*

Allies, Asian Students Integrated Association (A.S.I.A.), Black Student Union (BSU), Clarion International Association (CINTA), Men of Color Think Tank, NAACP, Rise Up Beautiful Intellectual, Exceptional Sisters (R.U.B.I.E.S.), Spanish & Latino Student Association (S.A.L.S.A.), University Activities Board, Study Abroad Club, Women United

### *Spiritual Organizations:*

Brothers & Sisters in Christ (BASIC), Crossroads Christian Fellowship, Cru, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Muslim Student Association, Newman Association, UNWIND

**COURAGEOUS. *confident.* CLARION.**

## **ACADEMIC *and* SOCIAL LEADERSHIP**

### **GEMS (Golden Eagle Male Success)**

Focuses on retaining freshman minority males through mentoring and programming.

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Speaker Series**

Features guests who mirror King's dream for this country in the realm of social justice.

### **Mary L. Seifert Cultural Series**

Inspires learning through thoughtful discussions. Past speakers have included Spike Lee and Maya Angelou.

### **Mentoring Program**

Faculty and staff mentor minority students to help make the transition to college life.

### **Minority Alumni Network**

Unites minority alumni and current students to network, providing a foundation for professional success.

### **Minority Student Recognition Dinner**

This awards banquet honors minority students who have excelled at Clarion.

### **Queens**

Freshmen women of diverse backgrounds are paired with student mentors who focus on leadership and academic success.

### **R.U.B.I.E.S. (Rise Up Beautiful Intellectual Exceptional Sisters)**

Empowers African American females through mentoring partnerships so that they may live, learn and grow as part of the academic community.

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## **OFFICE OF MINORITY STUDENT SERVICES**

The Office of Minority Student Services provides support for minority students' psychological, emotional and social adjustment to college life. It also coordinates minority organizations and services. For more information, contact Rogers J. Laugand III at [laugand@clarion.edu](mailto:laugand@clarion.edu), or Isaac Leonard at [admissions@clarion.edu](mailto:admissions@clarion.edu).

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE *and* SCHOLARSHIPS**

All students are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) each year for government grants. Students may start filing their FAFSA October 1 of their senior year. The FAFSA form must be received from Pennsylvania residents by May 1 to be eligible for state grants. File your FAFSA online at [WWW.FAFSA.GOV](http://WWW.FAFSA.GOV).

Scholarship opportunities are available for students upon application review. Those available specifically for minority students include:

- State Board of Governor's Scholarship Program
- Ruth A. Hill Scholarship
- John F. Kuhn Mathematics Scholarship
- John S. Shropshire Scholarship
- Sanders Dede Selfless Love Scholarship
- Study Abroad Scholarships  
Available from Clarion, PASSHE, and private benefactors.
- W.E.B. DuBois Scholarship

Get more information at [WWW.CLARION.EDU/SCHOLARSHIPS](http://WWW.CLARION.EDU/SCHOLARSHIPS).

Others scholarship contacts include:

- Hispanic Scholarship Fund—[www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)
- National Urban League—[www.nul.org/scholarships.html](http://www.nul.org/scholarships.html)
- Philadelphia Public School District Scholarship Funds—  
Contact your high school guidance office.
- Pittsburgh Promise—Contact your high school guidance office.
- United Negro College Fund—[www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)
- USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships—[www.usafunds.org](http://www.usafunds.org)
- FAST WEB—[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

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## **THE BUILDING BRIDGES PROGRAM**

Building Bridges promotes better communication and understanding among students of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds by creating a partnership between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, linking the classroom with the campus community. Trained students from all backgrounds visit classes to share their personal experiences with prejudice, leading discussions about intergroup relations with their peers. Lively, open discussion about interracial dating, affirmative action, segregation, the effect of the media on racism and more, produces a different perspective for most students.

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