



# NASHOTAH HOUSE NEWS

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## **Nashotah House to bolster undergraduate partnerships with Association of Theological Schools grant funding**

Nashotah, Wisconsin (July 10, 2023) – Nashotah House Theological Seminary has received a \$25,000 grant from the Association of Theological Schools that will strengthen the seminary’s partnerships with undergraduate institutions and bolster its recruitment initiatives.

The *Moving Forward in Mission* grant, awarded by the ATS and funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., will allow Nashotah House to build on its current recruitment efforts, which rely primarily on its partnerships with dioceses of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Church in North America. The seminary will focus on building relationships with colleges and universities that have faculty and students in the Anglican tradition.

Recognizing that many students begin theological education immediately following undergraduate studies, Nashotah House aims to increase awareness of its programs among that demographic.

In addition to sending representatives from Nashotah House to colleges and universities, the grant funding will allow the seminary to host gatherings on its campus for both undergraduate students and decision-makers from undergraduate institutions.

“Nashotah House’s uniqueness can only be understood through a direct encounter. We’re grateful for the generosity of the ATS that will facilitate that encounter with the future leadership of the Church,” said Dr. Garwood Anderson, Dean of Nashotah House.



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Feedback from current students and alumni indicates that having the opportunity to spend time on campus and experience the residential community is often a determining factor in the decision to attend Nashotah House.

“Participants will worship with us, eat with us, visit classes, and see the education we offer. We will listen and discover how we can better serve undergraduates discerning a call to ministry. We will invite participants to collaborate with us as we explore how to develop marketing and recruitment tools for undergraduate students. Participants will build relationships with Nashotah’s faculty and staff as they collaboratively explore ways to serve the Church by training the next generation of ministry leaders,” said Dr. Jim Watkins, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

The grant supports the seminary’s five-year strategic plan, which sets goals around enrollment growth. Following the near doubling of enrollment from 2016 to 2021, Nashotah House is working to increase student enrollment by another 50% by 2027.

“It has been a challenging season for theological schools, but also a time of intense innovation and adaptation. Schools are shifting educational models, adapting organizational models, seeking to better meet the needs of students, and increasing access to reach new constituents,” said the Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Deasy, Director of Institutional Initiatives at The Association of Theological Schools. “*The Moving Forward in Mission* grants were designed to help schools move through this season of change with intentionality, supporting them as they develop and implement strategic plans that allow them to continue living out their missions. These grants are part of the larger vision of The Association of Theological Schools to promote the improvement and enhancement of theological schools in the United States and Canada to the benefit of communities of faith and the broader public. We are grateful to Lilly Endowment Inc. for funding the Organizational and Educational Models Project through which these grants were made possible.”

Undergraduate institutions interested in hosting Nashotah House on their campus or visiting our campus may contact the Rev. Ben Hankinson, Director of Admissions, at [bhankinson@nashotah.edu](mailto:bhankinson@nashotah.edu).

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*Founded in 1842, Nashotah House is a seminary located in Nashotah, Wisconsin, serving the Episcopal Church, Anglican Communion, and other ecumenical partners.*