NICE TO MEET YOU.

Not what you expected?
Yeah, I get that a lot.
Need a lift?
1840

Southwestern is Texas’ first institution of higher learning. There’s a whole backstory there, but I’ll save it for another time.

Texas Ivy

Yes, I’m here to tell you that there is ivy in Texas. (*Hedera helix*: an evergreen plant). We relegate it to just a couple of spots because it’s a bit of a social climber and the buildings don’t like it.

Purpose

Cultivating academic excellence; promoting lifelong learning and a passion for intellectual and personal growth; fostering diverse perspectives; being true to oneself and others; respecting the worth and dignity of persons; encouraging activism in the pursuit of justice and the common good.

A Free Ride (on the cover)

Isn’t everyone looking for one? With the Pirate Bike, you’ve got it. These bright yellow bikes scattered across campus are ready to ride anytime, day or night. Members of the campus community may ride the bikes from one campus spot to another and leave them outside their destination, unlocked and awaiting the next rider.
Engaging Minds

IN CASE YOU’RE WONDERING...
Southwestern is a four-year, independent, undergraduate national liberal arts college consisting of The Brown College of Arts and Sciences and The Sarofim School of Fine Arts.

DISTINCTION REDEFINED
Paideia is the embodiment of interdisciplinary study—an intensified liberal arts experience that is distinctive and holistic, transcending conventional approaches to teaching and learning. The program promotes connections between academic courses, offers intercultural and diversity experiences, encourages civic engagement, and supports collaborative or guided research and creative works. Pronounced pie-DAY-uh, from the Greek work paidos, Paideia means the “sum of one’s educational experiences” and emphasizes community, thought, action and creativity through a rigorous pursuit of knowledge.

ATTENTION, NOT ANONYMITY
With a student/faculty ratio of 10:1 and an average class size of 14 students, you’ll know your professors—and they will know you. It’s quite common for Southwestern faculty to include students on collaborative research and publications.

STUDENTS FROM 35 STATES AND 10 NATIONS (give or take) make up a total student body of approximately 1,350. Generally, 50 percent of enrolled students rank in the top 10 percent of their respective high school classes and nearly 30 percent are minority students. I know I promised not to bore you with statistics, but you’re going to ask, so: SAT middle 50 percent (critical reading and math): 1110–1340; ACT middle 50 percent: 24–30.

DEGREES:
BA Bachelor of Art
BS Bachelor of Science
BM Bachelor of Music
BSEd Bachelor of Science in Education
BFA Bachelor of Fine Arts
BFF Best Friends Forever (JK)

At Southwestern, it’s all about undergraduate education; no graduate degrees are offered.

“There are so many differing views here, yet everyone is so accepting and so nice.” Couple that feeling of friendliness with “phenomenal” professors and a campus full of natural beauty, and the attraction of this Hill Country college becomes clear.”

–Fiske Guide to Colleges

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS:
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Engineering
Pre-Law
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Ministry
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Veterinary Medicine

AREAS OF STUDY:
Accounting
Animal Behavior
Anthropology
Art
Art History
Biochemistry
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Classics
Communication Studies
Computational Mathematics
Computer Science
Economics
Education
English
Environmental Studies
Feminist Studies
French
German
Greek
History
Independent Major
International Studies
Kinesiology
Latin
Latin American Studies
Mathematics
Music
Philosophy
Physical Science
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religion
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre

I’M SELECTIVE.
There, I said it.

I surround myself with interesting high-achievers from all walks of life. Do-gooder code geeks, cowgirl scientists, garage band athletes and __________________________.

(fill in the blank)
I’M GREEN.

Literally and figuratively.

That part you glossed over earlier, about encouraging activism in the pursuit of justice and the common good? It’s for real, and it applies to the environment, too. Southwestern’s environmental initiatives include 100% “green” wind power for all electrical needs, computer-based effluent water irrigation systems, an alternative transportation Pirate Bike Program, use of sustainable and recycled products, low or no maintenance building finishes and products, low-volume shower heads, and LEED certification on all new construction projects—just to name a few.

Environment

Athletics

NINETY PERCENT of Southwestern students participate in intercollegiate, club, intramural and recreational activities. Southwestern Pirates compete in NCAA Division III basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, men’s baseball and football and women’s softball and volleyball.

As part of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, Pirates have won championships in baseball, softball, volleyball, women’s basketball and both men’s and women’s golf. Intramural and club sports include handball, rock climbing, ultimate frisbee and dodgeball to name a few.

Campus

THE 700-ACRE WOOD
Southwestern’s tree-shaded campus is everything you imagine when you dream about college, and then some. Grand buildings radiate around the heart of the campus offering a spacious sports/recreational center, research laboratories, two live-performance theaters, an observatory and a teaching greenhouse and community garden. Eighty-five percent of students live in roomy on-campus residential housing, which includes wireless Internet, cable TV and housekeeping service. Can you blame them?
Transforming Lives
On campus, around the world, and throughout your life

SOUTHWESTERN OPENS DOORS
Did you know that 78 percent of employers only hire candidates with relevant work experience? Not a problem at Southwestern. With New York (arts), Washington D.C. (politics) and London semesters, and numerous opportunities all over the world, Southwesterners have:
Interned at the U.S. State Department
Interned at Saturday Night Live
Interned at Glamour Magazine
Conducted on-campus research for NASA

Want to see more? Visit our Career Services office at www.southwestern.edu.

SOUTHWESTERN ABROAD
Go more places than that little garden gnome. Over 50 percent of Southwestern students parlez, habla, sprechen and parla in nearly 40 countries.

Giving briefings at the CIA  Sara Alvis Daly

“I WAS SMART AND CURIOUS BUT PAINFULLY SHY IN COLLEGE. I was terrified to speak in class but Dr. Selbin pushed me, convincing me that I had something important to say and needed to say it. Over the next several years, I conquered my fear of speaking in public. Today, giving speeches or briefings is, I believe, one of my best professional skills. Southwestern taught me how to think critically about issues and how to challenge myself intellectually.” These skills have served Sara Daly well in her career as a terrorism and international policy analyst, first with the CIA and now with RAND Corporation.

Acing Harvard Law School  Daria Russell

“MY ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SOUTHWESTERN—where I was challenged not just to write, but also to back up my writing with solid research and analysis—made my experience at Harvard Law School a lot less stressful. I am grateful to Southwestern for the opportunity to have been a Dixon Scholar… The University [was] supportive and interested in my growth both as a student and as a person. Professionally, it made my decision to attend Harvard Law School one of ‘What do I want to do?’ rather than ‘What can I afford to do?’”
"Southwestern offers a college education that is $10,000 to $15,000 lower than what you would expect of a liberal arts college of its academic caliber."

---The Princeton Review’s America’s Best Value Colleges

"Academic excellence abounds, the administration is earnest and helpful and financial aid packages are frequently tremendous."

---The Princeton Review’s The Best 376 Colleges

Getting In and Getting to Go
Scholarships, grants and financial assistance tailored to fit your needs

ADD IT UP
Scrounging for change between sofa cushions or the floorboard of your car isn’t going to pay for college (a Caramel Macchiato...possibly). Seriously, this is a significant investment—one that will influence the rest of your life. When comparing college costs, make sure you’re looking at the bottom line. Tuition at public universities may seem lower at first glance, but when you factor in hidden fees, financial assistance and average graduation rates (Still in your 2nd senior year?) it can be quite a different story.

WORKING TOGETHER
When it comes to financial assistance, everyone’s situation is different, and Southwestern takes that into account. We partner with students and their families to explore every possible financing option available, whether it’s assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, work-study, low-interest loans or payment plans.

ROBUST MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
At Southwestern, you can automatically qualify for nearly $100,000 in scholarships without involving a single acronym. Well, technically, there’s really no getting around SAT/ACT. But other than that, all admitted students who meet straightforward academic requirements can automatically qualify for SU Merit Scholarships without a FAFSA, SAR or ARRGH (okay, we made that last one up). Cody, Mood and Ruter Scholar Awards, for example, award up to $27,000 per year. $108,000 over four years—just for being you.

Visit southwestern.edu for a full list of scholarships, including talent awards in the Sarofim School of Fine Arts.

I’M GENEROUS.
I have one of the highest endowments per student in the nation, and I use it.

The probability that I’ll finish this paragraph with a probability? Pretty high! At Southwestern, the odds of getting a Merit Scholarship are two out of three.
Live Music, Art Shows, Festivals. Get in the car? Nah, it's all a few blocks away at Georgetown's historic town square. If you're jonesing for a quick drive, Austin is only 26 miles/minutes away, depending on your interpretation of speed limits. Me personally? I don't mess with Texas!

Georgetown

Nestled between the cool, clear waters of the North and South San Gabriel Rivers and the gently rolling hills of Central Texas is the beautiful City of Georgetown.

Just north of Austin, Georgetown (population 51,000) includes one of Texas' “Best Historic Town Squares,” where the Williamson County Courthouse serves as the centerpiece to the finest collection of late Victorian commercial architecture in the state.

Georgetown was the first city in Texas to be named a Great American Main Street City in 1997, the highest honor bestowed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Today, three National Register Districts host more than 180 historic businesses and homes.

Austin

The first thing you need to know about Austin is that it's only a stone’s throw from Georgetown.

THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL of the world, Austin is one of the country’s top five “intellectual capitals” according to Fortune magazine. So, there’s anecdotal proof that musicians are wicked smart. Old-school Austin musicians: Stevie Ray Vaughan, Willie Nelson. New-School: Kelly Willis, Spoon.
Austin ctd.

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS FESTIVAL
Ah, early fall. The sun, Zilker Park, the buzz of amplifiers turned all the way up to 11. Check out the latest lineup at www.aclfestival.com, where you can hear clips of hot shows. 2012 performances include: Red Hot Chili Peppers, The Black Keys, Florence + The Machine, The Roots, The Shins, Weezer, Gotye, M83, Jack White, and The Civil Wars, to name a few.

KEEPING AUSTIN WEIRD
Are you a connoisseur of kitsch? In Austin, being delightfully over-the-top is the rule rather than the exception. Grab some friends and experience Spamarama (as in potted pork, not the fiesta for unwanted e-mail), wear a costume to Eeyore’s Birthday Celebration or face your fears at Bat Fest.

AUSTIN NEWS AND GIGS ON THE WEB:
Check out www.austinchronicle.com

VISIT GEORGETOWN ON THE WEB:
Tour historic downtown: www.visitgeorgetown.org, mainstreet.georgetown.org
Natural beauty (shown above) and nine miles of hike and bike trails: parks.georgetown.org

THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER, GEORGETOWN
Photo by Lucas Adams

I know we just met, but you can be honest. I’ve attached this postage-paid postcard (generous, no?), and I’d love to hear back from you. I left a side blank, so you can tell me something about yourself: Diagrams, doodles, snapshots, formulas, poems, top ten lists, anything—as long as it’s mailable, of course.

Want instant gratification? Skip the snail mail and check-in with me online:

www.southwestern.edu

It’s very easy to find yourself
Joey Banks

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