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LEADING THE WAY

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ALL ONE

All is what you give to everything you do.

It's who you are, how you move within the world.

A passionate pursuit of personal discovery.

A steady unfolding of ambition.

An inherent drive to see more, do more, know more, give more.

You may have an idea of where you want your college career to take you.

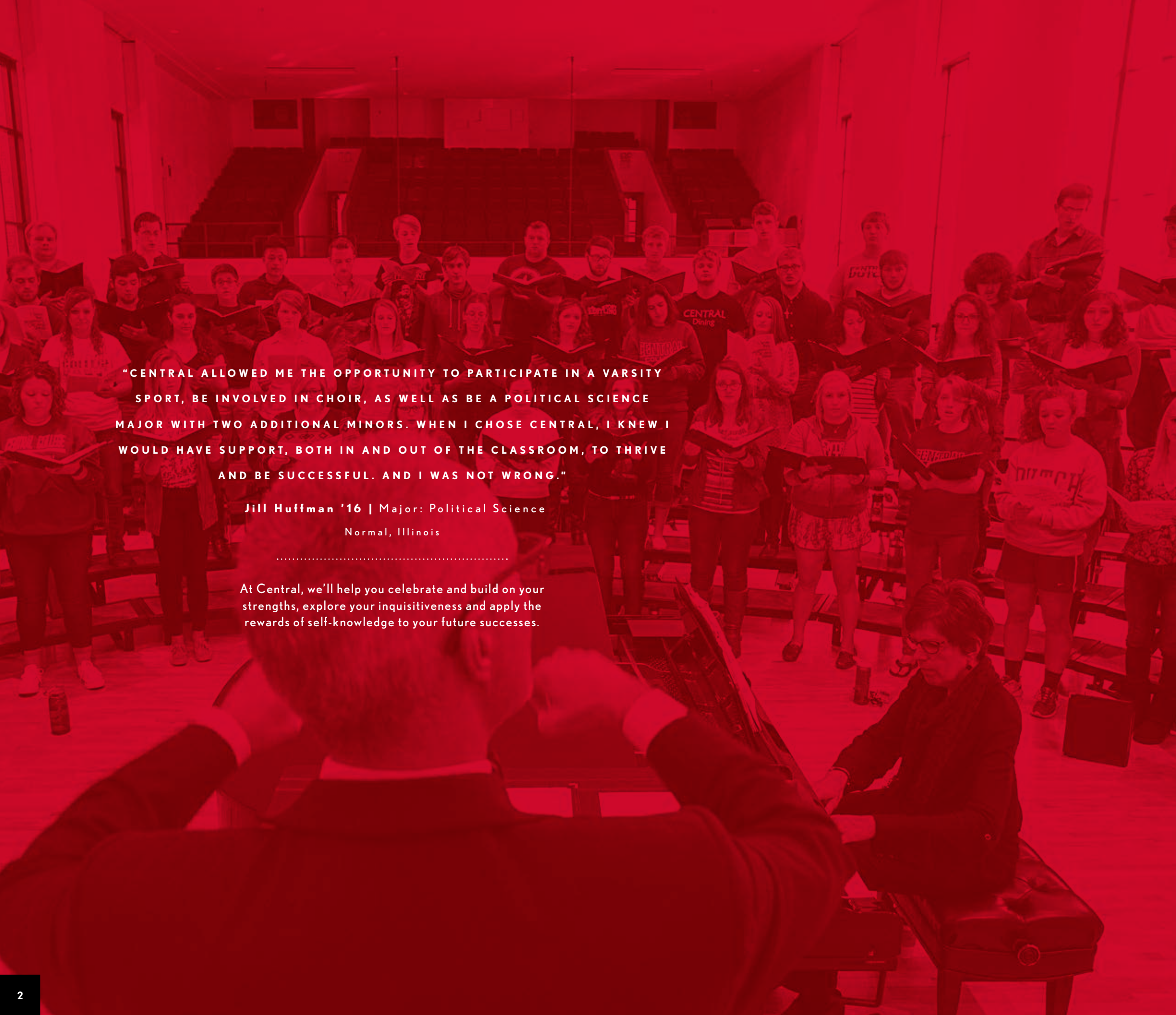
But you're not afraid to explore, extend your trajectory beyond a single path, even welcome a surprise or two.

Because this is the time. Your time.

To harness your curiosity to your ambition – and see all the amazing places they'll take you.

One college opens the door to more opportunities to achieve your All.





TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FUTURE.

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True leaders fine-tune their strengths by trying different things. Some endeavors may be more successful than others, but all are rich in personal discovery.

Embrace the “what ifs?”
By taking the opportunity to try something new at Central, you will start to answer important questions about your career path. Is this really what I want to study? Can I continue to challenge myself and grow in this pursuit?

The answer may be a resounding YES. Or an equally emphatic NO. But college is the right time to explore your talents and interests. The worst that can happen is you decide to move in a different direction. The best – that you’ve found what will become a lifelong passion.

Central lets you start exploring early. You’ll find plenty of hands-on opportunities, both academic and extracurricular, that will let you get involved beginning your freshman year.

Curiosity will take you places.
Graduate programs and employers are consistently impressed by Central applicants who possess well-rounded backgrounds. This active curiosity demonstrates ambition, a commitment to lifelong learning and an ability to approach challenges from a variety of perspectives. It’s something Central students have in abundance.



“CENTRAL ALLOWED ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A VARSITY SPORT, BE INVOLVED IN CHOIR, AS WELL AS BE A POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR WITH TWO ADDITIONAL MINORS. WHEN I CHOSE CENTRAL, I KNEW I WOULD HAVE SUPPORT, BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM, TO THRIVE AND BE SUCCESSFUL. AND I WAS NOT WRONG.”

Jill Huffman '16 | Major: Political Science
Normal, Illinois

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At Central, we’ll help you celebrate and build on your strengths, explore your inquisitiveness and apply the rewards of self-knowledge to your future successes.

DISCOVER JUST HOW FAR YOU CAN GO.

Dynamic curiosity. Zest for getting involved. Desire to make a difference. Constant quest to achieve your personal best. This is the type of student who thrives at Central College.

Life at Central is not a spectator sport.

Here, curiosity is encouraged, exploration expected. You'll tackle challenges head on and achieve new heights of success while developing your character along with communication and teamwork skills. This is also when you'll begin building a strong resumé that will seize the attention of great employers and top-ranked graduate schools.

You'll fit right in.

You want to feel like you belong, because only then are you truly free to explore. Central is a safe and supportive social community, where you'll feel free to be yourself. There are no limitations here. Central students are fully dimensional, mixing academics with athletics with choir with you-name-it. Get involved in all the ways that speak to you.

Lead the way at Central.

You'll be welcomed by like-minded classmates along with a plethora of life-transforming opportunities that will exercise your leadership abilities, help you discover new aspirations and develop the expertise you need to achieve them.

Your endeavors will be met with the qualified guidance you seek, so you can realize your personal potential in a variety of different and unexpected ways, both inside and outside the classroom.



"SOME FRESHMEN COME IN KNOWING EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. OTHERS HAVE SOME IDEA. STILL OTHERS HAVE NO IDEA AT ALL. THAT'S FINE. ALL ARE WELCOME."

Mark Putnam, President

REACH OUT, REACH BEYOND.

At Central, you'll find countless above-and-beyond opportunities that will not only challenge you academically, philosophically and creatively, but will also get your resumé noticed when it comes time to apply for work or graduate programs.

Gain Experience with Quality Opportunities like:

- **Roll-up-your-sleeves, hands-on learning** – gain tangible, real-life experience in the classroom, while studying abroad and through exclusive internships
- **Intercultural Educators** – you'll help create a welcoming campus by connecting students to intercultural issues through movies, exhibits, activities and speakers
- **Campus Ministries** – join the Justice Team, Action Team and others to raise awareness and contribute to social needs on both a local and international basis
- **Choir Leaders** – lead musically as a section leader, be elected to serve as an officer and take ownership of plans for tours, festivals, Rock-A-Pella, Candlelight Concert and fundraising



Make Valuable Connections

Along the way, you'll meet and work alongside accomplished and influential people – professors, community leaders, business professionals and successful Central alumni. These are the people who can influence the trajectory of your career along with the development of your character.

CENTRAL STUDENTS ARE SELF STARTERS.

Explore your passions and expand your insights through exceptional academic programs, enriching pursuits and internship opportunities. Central also supports off-campus programs around the world as part of our commitment to global experiential learning.



Take to the Stage

You don't have to be a theatre major to get involved in making drama happen at Central. Join the student-led Improv Club and put on shows around campus. Take a directing class and learn to manage actual theatre productions. Or volunteer to assist with major Theatre Department productions, working alongside experienced professors.

Community-Based Learning

Community-based learning engages students, faculty and community members in sustained partnerships, providing you with valuable opportunities to engage in service that is connected with your academic goals. Over forty courses at Central include a service-learning option or requirement.

99%

OF CENTRAL STUDENTS COMPLETE AN INTERNSHIP, INTERNATIONAL STUDY, RESEARCH PROJECT OR COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

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Internships

Central College students gain vital real-world experience during internships, which often lead directly to future careers. Many take on three or four internships over semesters and summers. These hands-on learning opportunities provide a proven competitive edge for job and graduate school placement.

Central College has active connections at more than 500 internship sites across the U.S. and around the world, including:

- + Alliance Technologies
- + Army Corps of Engineers
- + British Parliament
- + CBS News
- + Detroit Lions
- + Iowa State Capitol
- + Mayo Clinic
- + Morgan Stanley
- + Paramount Studios
- + Pella Corporation
- + Pfizer
- + The White House
- + Vermeer Corp.



"I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD WITH DR. WACKERLY SINCE I WAS A FRESHMAN, SO IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT I WOULD WANT TO WORK FULL TIME THIS SUMMER AND TO ADVANCE THE RESEARCH BEFORE I HAVE TO LEAVE CENTRAL. I ALSO WANTED TO EXPERIENCE A FULL-TIME ACADEMIC RESEARCH LAB BEFORE I GO TO GRADUATE SCHOOL."

Andrew Johnson '15 | Majors: Chemistry, Physics
Rockton, Illinois



THE HONORS PROGRAM WILL ADD A COMPETITIVE EDGE TO YOUR CENTRAL RESUMÉ. HONORS SEMINARS, ENRICHMENT CREDITS, A SENIOR THESIS AND FACULTY MENTORS ARE CENTRAL TO THE HONORS PROGRAM, WHICH HELPS STUDENTS MOVE TOWARD GREATER INDEPENDENCE, MORE ADVANCED WORK IN A DISCIPLINE AND INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL INITIATIVE. WITH THE RIGHT CREDENTIALS, YOU CAN GET INVOLVED AS SOON AS THE FIRST SEMESTER OF YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR AT CENTRAL.

**THE ARTHUR J. BOSCH
ENDOWMENT FOR
STUDENT RESEARCH**

Established in 2013, this program makes undergraduate summer research opportunities possible for Central students across a variety of academic disciplines.

Andrew Johnson, one of Central's first Bosch Fellows, spent his summer conducting research on oxaquinonacyclophanes, which are large, multi-atom molecules capable of binding other molecules inside them.

That same summer, four other Bosch Fellows tackled academic research in areas ranging from music and prairie agriculture to left-handedness and the therapeutic benefits of reminiscence.

What they all had in common was an uncommon desire to achieve beyond even their own expectations and become leaders in their fields.

RECENT HONORS SEMINARS

- + Discovering Sports Analytics
- + The World of Downton Abbey: Revolution, Rebellion and Re-creation
- + In the Footsteps of Gandhi and King: Narratives of Nonviolent Social Change
- + Hieroglyphs and Mathematics of the Ancient Maya
- + A Place at the Table for All: Sustainable Solutions to Global Poverty

TAKE THINGS TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

Well-rounded leaders look beyond the classroom for opportunities that offer refinement of personal skills – like ushering a project from inception to fruition, negotiating change and finding comfort in new experiences. Central encourages students to bolster their resumés with a broad range of extra-curricular activities.

Campus Activities

Explore your passions while getting involved in one or more campus activities groups. Below is just a sampling – there are more than 100 clubs and organizations on campus to choose from!

Interested in Writing?

Consider:

- + Knickerbocker Literary Magazine
- + Writing Anthology

Interested in Athletics?

Consider:

- + Student Athlete Advisory Council

Interested in Psychology?

Consider:

- + Counseling Peer Educators
- + Resident Assistants

Interested in Music?

Consider:

- + College-Community Band
- + A Capella Choir

Interested in Multiculturalism?

Consider:

- + Coalition for a Multicultural Campus (CMCC)
- + Intercultural Educators

www.central.edu/campus-life



CURIOSITY IS ENCOURAGED.

Organic Garden and Sustainability

Serve as a field assistant, coordinate campus and community activities, conduct research and become a garden summer camp counselor.



Become a Peer Educator

Apply and interview for this rewarding leadership position. You can be a valuable sounding board for your peers, a welcome resource for advice, support and empowerment. This is a great opportunity for creative, compassionate students who are good listeners.

Student Senate

Student Senators are elected by the student body to be the voice of students. Senators decide how the student activity fees are spent, and also serve on faculty and campus-wide committees that make decisions affecting all students. If you've been active in student government in high school, you'll enjoy serving on student senate, although prior experience with government is not required.

Student-Athlete Advisory Council

Composed of at least two student-athletes from each sport (along with student representatives from athletic training and the cheerleading squad), Central College Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) is designed to build community between teams at Central. You'll participate in conversations with the NCAA about Iowa Conference rules, regulations and sportsmanship. And you'll get to help teams with service activities and the year-end "Dutchies Awards" event.



Athletics Leadership

Are your athletics skills matched by an ability to rally your players, inspire when the going gets tough and help settle personal differences for the good of the team? Those traits are invaluable in team leadership roles.



CENTRAL IS 1 OF ONLY 16 U.S. COLLEGES TO RECEIVE THE FINALIST DESIGNATION ON THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOR ROLL.



**GOOD ENOUGH HAS NEVER BEEN
GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU.**

THE CENTRAL ENGINEERING CLUB RECENTLY PURCHASED A
250,000 VOLT TESLA COIL – THEN CREATED A PROGRAM
TO PLAY MUSIC ON IT.

“CENTRAL HAS PREPARED ME FOR MY NEXT STEP IN LIFE NOT JUST BY
TEACHING ME THINGS THAT COME OUT OF A TEXTBOOK, BUT BY ARMING
ME WITH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE, AND HELPING ME
CREATE A NETWORK OF PEOPLE WHO CAN ASSIST ME IN GETTING
TO WHERE I WANT TO BE.”

Sam Norgaard '17 | Major: Biology
Naperville, Illinois

“CENTRAL IS DIVERSE AND UNIQUE, AND PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH
SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO DO INCREDIBLE THINGS.”

Logan Moeller '17 | Majors: Communication Studies and Spanish
Washington, Iowa

“AT CENTRAL, IT IS SO EASY TO GET INVOLVED. BECAUSE IT IS A
SMALL SCHOOL, I AM ABLE TO BE A PART OF SO MANY DIFFERENT
THINGS ON CAMPUS.”

Paige Wilkin '17 | Majors: Mathematics with
Secondary Education Endorsement
Center Point, Iowa



"THE VAST MAJORITY OF CENTRAL CHOIR MEMBERS ARE NOT MUSIC MAJORS; THEY'RE AMATEURS. THE LATIN ROOT OF THE WORD 'AMATEUR' MEANS 'TO LOVE.' WHICH MEANS THESE STUDENTS ARE IN CHOIR SIMPLY FOR THE LOVE OF DOING IT. WE ENCOURAGE THAT KIND OF INVOLVEMENT AT CENTRAL."

Mark Putnam, President



BE A PART OF IT ALL
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