

2001 – present

Numerous building projects changed the face of the Hendrix campus in the early years of the 21st century:

- The Donald W. Reynolds Center for Life Sciences (2001);
- The Bertie Wilson Murphy Building (2002) provided a home for the Hendrix-Murphy Foundation Programs in Literature and Language.
- A trio of new art buildings on Front Street (2003) expanded academic space further to the south.
- Upgrades to the area in front of Staples Auditorium resulted in the Butler Plaza and Pecan Court (2005).
- The Wellness & Athletics Center (2007) added an aquatics center with retracting roof, competition and recreational gymnasiums, climbing wall, fitness center, sand volleyball court, and space for dance and aerobics. It also provided an indoor space adequate for Commencement ceremonies.
- The Hendrix Corner Apartments (2008) increased student living space options.
- The Student Life & Technology Center (2010) provided a new home for Student Affairs, Career Services, Religious Life, Residence Life, the Odyssey Program, Academic Support Services, the Volunteer Action Center, the Educational Technology Center, the post office, performance spaces, offices for student organizations, a dining hall with a cathedral ceiling, a game area, and a café.
- The Young-Wise Memorial Stadium and Plaza, Sturgis Athletics Center, and the Hatcher Tennis Center (2013) expanded space for fitness pursuits and for the growth of intercollegiate athletics to 21 sports, including the return of the football program.
- In 2015, the estate of Mary Ann Dawkins bestowed the largest gift in the College's history, \$26 million. The gift supported scholarships, promoted college affordability, and launched the fundraising effort for the new welcome center at the northeast corner of the campus, now known as the Mary Ann & David Dawkins Welcome Center (opened September 2017).
- The new Miller Creative Quad, currently under construction and projected to open at the start of the Fall 2019 semester.

Dr. Timothy Cloyd served as president of Hendrix College from 2001 to 2013. During Cloyd's tenure, the College established the [Odyssey Program](#), in which students carry out projects in at least three of six Odyssey categories as requirements for graduation. Odyssey projects provide an avenue for all Hendrix students to personalize their educational adventures to their own interests and abilities. Since its inception in 2005, the Odyssey Program has provided more than \$4 million in grant funding for student and faculty projects centered on engaged learning.

In 2014, Dr. William M. Tsutsui became the 11th president of Hendrix College. His accomplishments have included shepherding the formation and implementation of a [five-year strategic plan for the College](#), and the approval of a [Statement of Purpose](#) to elaborate upon the long-held mission of the College, "unto the whole person."

In 2015, the addition of the Murphy Scholars Program in Literature and Language provided a new avenue for students in any major to deepen their knowledge of literature and language through a variety of enhanced experiences. Students join the program as sophomores, select and complete

program-specific activities, and graduate with an added layer of distinction in literature and language to enrich their lives and attract the notice of future employers and graduate and professional schools.

In 2016, the College named its first Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Dionne Jackson '96. The CDO supports the [Hendrix Aspire Scholarship](#) partner network and develops programming to recruit and mentor Hendrix Aspire Scholars, promoting their success and ensuring their full inclusion in the campus community; and works with constituencies across campus toward the creation of a Center for Inclusive Community to serve as the space on campus for diversity and inclusion initiatives.

Hendrix student-athletes continue to compete in NCAA DIII, moving from the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference to become a founding member of the Southern Athletic Association. The number of intercollegiate sports teams grew to 22 with the planned debut of beach volleyball in 2020.