Founded on the Frontier: Relations & Reciprocity Between Carlisle Borough and Dickinson College

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About Dickinson

• Founded by Benjamin Rush in 1773
• First chartered college in new nation
• Selective, private, residential liberal arts college
• 2,370 full-time students representing 44 states and territories
• 17% students of color, 10% international

“Dickinson College was created explicitly for high purposes—to prepare young people, by means of a useful education in the liberal arts and sciences, for engaged lives of citizenship and leadership in the service of society.”
About Carlisle

• Founded in 1751
• County seat, Cumberland County
• Revolutionary War—Carlisle Barracks second oldest Army post
• Civil War—Site of fighting, several stops on the Underground Railroad
• Current population 18,682
• Demographic composition
  ▪ 82.1% white, non-Hispanic
  ▪ 8.3% black or African American
  ▪ 4.5% Hispanic or Latino
• $46,614 Median household income (in 2014 dollars)

Dickinson’s Direct Investment in Carlisle

- More than $150 million in economic impact to Cumberland County
- $92.9 million to Carlisle
- 68.9% employees’ income spent in and around Carlisle
- $50,000 voluntary PILOT payment
- Approx. $350,000 paid in annual real-estate taxes
- $50,000 annual contribution to Downtown Carlisle Association
- $5,000 annual gift to Carlisle Fire Department
- More than 36,000 student community service hours
- Countless event sponsorships, grants, and in-kind gifts
- Intellectual capital: board memberships and service learning

And much, much more…

Source: “The Economic Impact of Dickinson College on Carlisle and Cumberland County 2010”
Carlisle, Dickinson, Preservation

Local History
- Carlisle Indian School Digital Resource Center
- House Divided Project

Physical Plant
- Old West
- New Residence Hall

Local Artifacts
- Carlisle Theatre
- Road Diet

Culture & Regional Voices
- Greater Carlisle Project
- Heart & Soul
Local History

Welcome

The Carlisle Indian Industrial School is a major site of memory for many Native peoples, as well as a source of study for students and scholars around the globe. This website represents an effort to aid the research process by bringing together, in digital format, a variety of resources that are physically preserved in various locations around the country. Through these resources, we seek to increase knowledge and understanding of the school and its complex legacy, while also facilitating efforts to tell the stories of the many thousands of students who were sent there.

Source: http://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu
With Dickinson College as a window, you are about to experience America during the period 1840 to 1880 from a fresh perspective. The school itself was a House Divided and its graduates were deeply involved in the sectional crisis. We have connected their records, documents and images to create a powerful new research engine that helps explain why a generation of Americans chose to wage war against each other. Begin your journey 150 years ago and see what you can discover.

Source: http://housedivided.dickinson.edu/
Physical Plant

Old West, 1900
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Local Artifacts

Source: http://carlislehistory.dickinson.edu/?page_id=32
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Dickinson’s First Friday

Join us for Dickinson’s First Friday, on Friday, Oct. 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. throughout downtown Carlisle on High, Hanover and Pomfret streets!
Culture & Regional Values
Winner: Strong Town National Contest
Questions?

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