BARNARD COLLEGE:
HISTORY & INTRODUCTION
For over a century, Barnard College has been known for its distinctive academic culture. Founded in 1889 and named for Frederick A.P. Barnard, the tenth president of Columbia University and a strong proponent for women’s rights, Barnard began as the only college in New York City where women could receive the same rigorous instruction as men. Today, Barnard continues to be at the forefront of education, enabling students to find new ways to think about themselves, their world, and their roles in changing it. Barnard enrolls approximately 2,600 undergraduates from almost every state and more than 40 countries. Across the globe, Barnard alumnae are renowned for their intellectual curiosity, ambition, and innovation in the many fields they pursue. In fact, Barnard alumnae have collectively written over 3,000 books and earned seven Pulitzer Prizes. Some notable alumnae include authors Anna Quindlen, Erica Jong and Jhumpa Lahiri; dancer and choreographer Twyla Tharp; NPR host Maria Hinojosa; actresses Cynthia Nixon and Lauren Graham; epidemiologist Helene Gayle; former Chief Judge of the State of New York Judith Kaye; entrepreneur Martha Stewart; and President of the American Museum of Natural History Ellen Futter. Barnard students benefit from a small close-knit community, while a unique partnership with Columbia University gives them unparalleled access to the wealth of resources of an Ivy League university. Barnard and Columbia students share open registration for undergraduate courses on each other’s campuses and participate in joint clubs and organizations, resulting in a vibrant intellectual climate and active social life. Barnard students also regularly engage with New York City, drawing on its boundless opportunities through internships, cultural and social events, research, and more.

You are welcome to enter and explore any open-access building throughout our campus. Please note that the residential halls are secure, and you may only visit the floors on an official tour or if accompanied by a resident.
The Quad has several lounges for student use which provide access to kitchens, télévisions, and additional study space. The Quad also houses the Offices of Residential Life and Housing, Financial Aid, Registrar, Bursar, and the Office of International & Intercultural Programs. The following academic departments are located in Milbank Hall: Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, Bursar, and the Office of International & Intercultural Programs. The staff provides guidance to students and alumni to clarify interests, strengths, and ambitions in order to help them make informed career and post-graduate decisions. Students are encouraged to participate in internships, community service, jobs, and career programming. Beyond Barnard lists nearly 16,000 jobs and internships each year, and 75% of our students complete at least one internship during their time here.

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