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## **ELCA Synod Assemblies 2010**

Greetings from St. Olaf College!

Since 1874, St. Olaf College has educated students in an academic community shaped by its commitment to the Lutheran tradition. At St. Olaf, students work closely with dedicated faculty who challenge them to grow in mind, body, and spirit. St. Olaf has always seen its vital connection to the Lutheran tradition as enhancing its standing as one of the leading liberal arts colleges in the United States.

Like its predecessors, this year's entering class brings outstanding academic talent to campus. The majority of first-year students ranked in the top 10% of their high school class. Their average academic grade point average in high school was 3.63. The class' median ACT composite score was 29 and the median combined SAT score was 1300.

St. Olaf continues to enroll a higher percentage of Lutheran students than most ELCA colleges. Forty two percent of this year's incoming students who indicated their religious affiliation identified themselves as Lutheran. Among these Lutheran students, the academic indicators such as ACT score, GPA, and rank in class are higher than for the class of 2013 as a whole.

St. Olaf graduates make a significant contribution to the church and to the study of religion. St. Olaf continues to be among the top three colleges where rostered ELCA clergy receive their undergraduate degrees. Among all baccalaureate colleges, St. Olaf is second in the number of graduates who go on to earn doctorates in religion and theology.

I invite you to visit St. Olaf in two ways, in person and online. Come to campus to join us at concerts, lectures, conferences, and summer camps. Or visit the St. Olaf website at [stolaf.edu](http://stolaf.edu) to join in many of these events online. Upcoming events include the biennial St. Olaf Conference on Worship, Theology and the Arts, which will be held July 19–23. The conference theme is "The News and The Good News," exploring how media and the arts further (or hinder) the church's work. Summer camps for 2010 include chess, music, swimming, basketball, and engineering. During the academic year, daily Chapel and Sunday morning worship services are held at Boe Memorial Chapel and streamed online at [stolaf.edu/church/chapel](http://stolaf.edu/church/chapel). We look forward to welcoming you to St. Olaf either in person or online.

We thank you for your prayers and support; we encourage you to send students to St. Olaf; and we wish you well.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David R. Anderson".

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