



Historic Senior Hall

Mission Statement

"Historically committed to meeting the changing needs of women, Stephens College engages students in an innovative educational experience focused on pre-professional fields and the performing arts and grounded in the liberal arts. Graduates of Stephens are career-ready women of distinction, connected through a supportive network of alumnae across the world, confident in themselves, and inspired by our tradition of the Ten Ideals as core values that enrich women's lives."

— Adopted February 2004

Ten Ideals

Inherent in the culture at Stephens College is the tradition of the Ten Ideals, which originated in 1921. Each year, 10 students whose activities represent the overall ideals of Stephens College are selected as personifications of individual Ideals.

The Ten Ideals are as follows:

1983 through today:

1. **Respect** for our own dignity and the dignity of others, embodied in a sense of social justice
2. **Courage** and persistence
3. **Independence**, autonomy and self-sufficiency
4. **Support** for others through the willingness to take and give criticism, acceptance and love
5. **Sensitivity** to the uniqueness and fragility of the natural world of which we are part
6. **Responsibility** for the consequences of our choices
7. **Belief** in our changing selves and in our right to change
8. **Creativity** in the spiritual and aesthetic dimensions of life
9. **Intelligence** that is informed and cultivated, critical yet tolerant
10. **Leadership** which empowers others

From 1921:

1. **Courtesy**
2. **Forcefulness**
3. **Health**
4. **Self-discipline**
5. **Reverence toward the Spiritual**
6. **Honesty**
7. **Love of Scholarship**
8. **Service**
9. **Cheerfulness**
10. **Appreciation of the Beautiful**



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