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### **COFHE to add Emory, Haverford, Macalester, and Vassar**

The Consortium on Financing Higher Education (COFHE) announced today that four institutions will formally join the organization on July 1, 2022: Emory University, Haverford College, Macalester College, and Vassar College. The addition of these four members will be COFHE's first expansion since 2015, and will bring the consortium's membership to 39 private, nonprofit institutions of higher education.

"We are pleased that these four outstanding institutions will join COFHE," said Phil Hanlon, chair of the COFHE Board of Directors and president of Dartmouth. "They share COFHE's commitment to educate students from every background and provide the financial aid to support them, while bringing new perspectives and expanded geographic representation to the membership."

Founded in the mid-1970s, COFHE is an organization of private colleges and universities that share a commitment both to excellence in residential undergraduate education and affordability through generous financial aid programs offering significant grant aid that meets the full need of admitted domestic students. COFHE collects historical data and conducts research and policy analysis on matters related to access, affordability, and assessment, particularly as they relate to undergraduate education, admissions, financial aid, and the financing of higher education. Its activities are intended to inform and support institutional decision-making by its members. It follows a practice of reviewing its membership approximately every five years.

Janet Rapelye, president of COFHE said, "We are delighted to welcome these new members to our consortium. These institutions offer an exceptional undergraduate education, value diversity and inclusion, support avenues of access for students from low-income backgrounds, and provide substantial financial aid that meets the full demonstrated need of enrolled students. Their contributions will strengthen our community."

COFHE's main office is located on the campus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, MA. It also maintains an office in Washington, DC at Johns Hopkins University, to track legislative issues pertaining to financial aid, tax policy, and other policy areas that promote access to higher education.

### **New members**

Emory is a research university of 7,130 undergraduate and 7,649 graduate students located in Atlanta, Georgia with an additional 1,067 two-year students located at Oxford College. Haverford is a liberal arts college with 1,420 undergraduates in Haverford, Pennsylvania.

Macalester is a liberal arts college of 2,200 undergraduates located in Saint Paul, Minnesota.  
Vassar is a liberal arts college with 2,371 undergraduates in Poughkeepsie, New York.

The 35 current members of COFHE are Amherst College, Barnard College, Bowdoin College, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, California Institute of Technology, Carleton College, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Middlebury College, Mount Holyoke College, Northwestern University, Oberlin College, Pomona College, Princeton University, Rice University, Smith College, Stanford University, Swarthmore College, Trinity College, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, University of Rochester, Vanderbilt University, Washington University in St. Louis, Wellesley College, Wesleyan University, Williams College and Yale University.

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