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Meet Evana's Educational Strategic Partners

In a world of diverse perspectives and ideologies, the importance of a well-rounded education that aligns with personal and spiritual values cannot be overstated. While Evana Network does not have its own educational institution, we proudly collaborate with several Evangelical Anabaptist educational bodies. These partnerships facilitate the provision of comprehensive opportunities ranging from undergraduate degrees to gap year programs, all at reasonable costs. Here's a brief overview of our educational strategic partners, each offering unique learning experiences deeply rooted in shared values.

Malone University

Located in northeast Ohio, Malone University is the only member of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) in the region and offers a faith-integrated educational approach. Malone's liberal arts education equips students to consider a wide scope of disciplines in light of Christian principles, taught by professors who love Jesus Christ. We believe that our faith shapes how we understand the world around us and informs how we serve as leaders in the workplace, the Church, and our families. For Evana Network students, Malone will match financial aid offers of any four-year public university or private Christian college, making education more accessible. This includes tuition, fees, room, and board, after Federal and State aid. For more information, visit Malone University at <https://www.malone.edu> and search for "Partner Churches."

Rosedale Bible College



Rosedale Bible College (RBC) is an institution that recognizes the urgent need for Christ's ambassadors in today's tumultuous world. Their mission is to prepare Kingdom workers who know God, hold deep convictions with grace, and are equipped to serve a chaotic world. They do this by offering a 2-year collegiate education delivered in an intensive discipleship experience. Many of their graduates transfer to complete their bachelor's degree while others enter the workforce. With the launch of their trade school in fall 2024, RBC is set to further equip individuals with skills and commitment for Kingdom service.

Rosedale's largest scholarship, The Multiply Scholarship, dramatically reduces the first-year costs for Evana Network students, averaging to around \$4200. For further details, visit www.rosedale.edu.

Tabor College

Tabor College, a Mennonite Brethren institution, has been shaping lives since 1908 through its commitment to an academically excellent and globally relevant education. The college's core values emphasize a Christ-centered life, with a passion for learning and service. Tabor College sees its mission as a kingdom enterprise engaged in partnerships with churches, denominations, and strategic partnerships. Jesus did not say, "I will build my Christian college." He said, "I will build my church." Together with the Church, they partner together to

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February 15-19, 2024, Pastors and lay leaders alike will join us in sunny Bradenton, FL for a leader & spouse retreat of rest and renewal.

"Lead with Purpose" will focus on ways that further our mission of outreach and discipleship. Special guest Pastor Eric Rojas of Rolling Hills Community Church (Franklin, TN) will join us for a series of messages and a workshop track on leading well. Other seminars include activating leaders, living as women of the Word, embracing a life of hospitality, and looking to the Psalms as food for the leader's soul. With input that will challenge and equip, this is a Flourish you will not want to miss! Couples and individuals are welcome.

Visit EvanaNetwork.org for more info. Registration ends January 17, 2024.



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call out, nurture, equip, and send a new generation of called and gifted leaders for Christ's kingdom.

Tabor's partnership with the Evana Network shares a vision of preparing people for a life of learning, work, and service for Christ and His kingdom. Evana Network members are eligible for a significant \$24,000 scholarship, making the annual cost more manageable at around \$23,000. To explore this opportunity, reach out to Tabor College at www.tabor.edu.

Christian Community Center/World Gospel Mission

The Discovery Experience by World Gospel Mission is a unique opportunity for high school seniors and young adults at a critical juncture in their lives. This program is not just about finding one's ministry calling but also about discovering oneself in God's grand design. Through hands-on ministry opportunities and personal mentorship, participants gain invaluable insights and experiences. The program's partnership with Bethel University enhances its value by offering college credits. Interested individuals should visit wgm.org/discovery-experience for more information. For specific information on Christian Community Center's Peoria, AZ campus, visit www.c3peoria.org.

Rosedale International/Reach

If you're feeling a pull towards mission work or just trying to figure out if long-term overseas service is your calling, REACH might just be what you're looking for. It's perfect for those who want to dive deep into discipleship, learn to guide others in following Jesus, and really get a taste of diverse cultures. Imagine engaging directly in missions, offering hands-on service, and being part of a community that's all about expanding God's Kingdom.

REACH runs on a calendar similar to a typical school year, starting at the end of August and wrapping up by mid-May. For those interested in joining in 2024, applications will open in January. The program kicks off with a Home Assignment over the summer, followed by a three-month Discipleship Training School. This is where participants will get into team building, spiritual growth, local outreach, and even some cross-cultural training - all from the end of August to November. Then, from December to mid-May, you'll be in the thick of Cross-Cultural Outreach, working alongside long-term workers, getting involved in community service, building lasting relationships, and really immersing yourself in the culture, with a re-entry phase in late May. For more information, visit <https://rosedaleinternational.org/reach/>

Vida 220

Vida220, part of VidaNet's mission in Central America, offers a ten-month bilingual discipleship training program. This program challenges young adults to deepen their discipleship and ministry skills.

An immersive journey towards personal growth, relational depth, practical ministry, and leadership development, Vida220 fosters a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Daily activities like worship, prayer, and quiet time are cornerstones of the program, ensuring a transformational experience for the participants. The combined 3-month training phase and 5 month outreach phase gives participants an opportunity to leave their comfort zone in such a way that they have never done before. To take the next step in this journey of discipleship, visit <https://vida220.org> and click on "Apply Now."

Each of our strategic partners bring a unique aspect of Christian education and discipleship, aligning with the Evana Network's vision of affordable, value-driven learning opportunities. We encourage members to explore these enriching educational paths and take a step towards their spiritual and professional growth.



Thanks for Your Support!

As the year's end approaches, we thank all our financial supporters over the past year. Whether you have supported through individual gifts or through congregational support, we appreciate the Kingdom investment each you have made in Evana.

If you are considering year-end gifts, would you consider supporting our work via a one-time or continuing gift towards general operation costs, our church planting fund, or our events fund?

General operations support underwrites the staff costs in an organization that works hard to keep our costs primarily in human capital. A gift toward church planting allows us to bless new endeavors launched by members & partners. And support of events fund helps with our yearly Flourish Retreat for pastors. We offer this event at a loss because we believe strongly in providing quality support while keeping costs down for participants.

If you wish to join us in supporting pastors and resourcing congregations from a distinctly evangelical Anabaptist faith perspective, consider clicking "Donate" on EvanaNetwork.org or send a contribution via mail.

- Matt Hamsher, Executive Director