

Dr. David L. Sallee
President, William Jewell College

Dr. David L. Sallee is the fourteenth president of William Jewell College, a national liberal arts institution located in Liberty, Missouri.

Since Dr. Sallee assumed the presidency in 2000, William Jewell has been named “Liberal Arts College of the Year” by TIME Magazine for 2001-02. *U.S. News & World Report* included William Jewell among the top 184 national liberal arts colleges in its 2008 edition of “America’s Best Colleges,” and cited its orientation and assimilation activities for first-year students among its “Programs to Look For” in 2006. Jewell was named by *The Princeton Review* as one of “The Best 366 Colleges” in its 2008 edition. Only about 15% of the four-year colleges in the U.S. appear in the student survey-based rankings. Princeton also listed William Jewell in America’s “Top Ten Best Values” among all private colleges and universities in 2006.

Founded in 1849, William Jewell is widely regarded as a campus of achievement, offering students an outstanding liberal arts education with a unique focus on cultivating leadership, service and spiritual growth within a community inspired by Christian ideals and committed to open, rigorous intellectual pursuits.

Distinctive programs are the hallmark of the William Jewell experience. The internationally recognized Oxbridge Honors Program combines British tutorial methods of instruction with opportunities for a year of study in Oxford or Cambridge. The Applied Critical Thought and Inquiry major (ACT-In) allows most students to graduate with a second major by completing the liberal arts core plus three applied learning experiences. Jewell’s Nonprofit Leadership major is one of only 13 undergraduate programs nationwide. The Harriman-Jewell Series is considered the Midwest’s premier presenting program in the performing arts. The Pryor Leadership Studies Program includes course work, community service projects and internships that help students enhance their leadership skills in a variety of settings.

Dr. Sallee was awarded a doctorate of philosophy in adult and higher education from the University of Oklahoma in 1993 and a master of science in physical education in 1976 at Pittsburg State University. He earned a bachelor of arts in physical education from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1973, after spending two years at Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri. He received the Alumni Meritorious Achievement Award from Pittsburg State University in 2007 and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Missouri Community Colleges Association in 2001. Professional and civic activities include service on the American Humanics Board of Directors; the Center for Practical Bioethics Board of Directors; the Midwest Research Institute Board of Trustees; and the Clay County Economic Development Council.

Dr. Sallee and his wife, Mary, have two sons: Andrew, a 1999 graduate of William Jewell, and Patrick, a 2002 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University.