



O'MORE

COLLEGE of DESIGN

Fashion • Graphic • Interactive • Interior

announces a national search for the

President

Franklin, Tennessee



Presidential Search

The Board of Trustees of the O'More College of Design is conducting a national search for a visionary leader who is student and community oriented, promotes academic excellence, and is a proven innovator. Applications, nominations, and confidential letters of inquiry are invited.



The Opportunity

O'More College of Design is a shining gem in design education. The college is well poised for a new president to lead it to the next level of creative, academic, and operational excellence.

Located in the highly accoladed city of Franklin, Tennessee, just 14 miles southwest of Nashville, the college has a national reputation for preparing and educating outstanding designers in their areas of study.

Many of Nashville's most accomplished interior designers are O'More alumni. Four of the 10 Emerging Fashion Designers in Nashville's 2014 Fashion Week and three designers in New York Fashion Week were O'More graduates.

Alumni learn success as students. To date, eight students have won scholarships from the prestigious Angelo Donghia Foundation in nationwide, juried

competitions. Twelve Student Addy awards were won at the 2014 Tennessee competition. More than 5,000 people from across the country visited the O'More Alumni Show House last April.

The Presidency

Reporting directly to the Board of Trustees, the President is the chief executive officer of the college. This executive officer is responsible for leading the academic standard, fundraising, and overall administration of the college.

The President will:

- ensure, in collaboration with the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff, the development and maintenance of viable and distinctive programs, as well as the continuing financial strength of the institution
- have a leadership style that preserves and enhances the connectedness within the college community and



fosters appreciation for the talent and work of the Trustees, faculty, staff, and students

- engage the community and the design profession on behalf of the college, establishing relationships, partnerships, and connections that benefit the institution and its future
- be committed to resource development, including fund-raising activities

Qualifications

A MFA or Master's degree is required; a doctorate is preferred. The successful candidate will have documented experience in higher education and/or design culture.

The candidate must:

- Have an understanding of design culture and a demonstrated commitment to design education



Mission Statement

O'More College of Design cultivates a passion for design through a distinctive undergraduate education in a student-centered environment, leading to fulfilling careers as design professionals.

THE REAL ISSUE IS NOT TALENT AS AN
INDEPENDENT
ELEMENT, BUT TALENT IN RELATIONSHIP TO
WILL, DESIRE & PERSISTENCE

- MILTON GLASER





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O'More School of Interior Architecture and Design opened on W. Main Street and, in 1980, moved to the Abbey Leix mansion. Today, O'More College offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Interior Design and the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Fashion Design, Fashion Merchandising, Visual Design, and Interactive Design.

The four-year College is nationally accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges. The Interior Design program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, the national accrediting agency for interior design programs.

The College is known for its success in adapting student interests and talents to professional directions and careers. Its low student-to-faculty ratio and professional faculty ensure a positive educational experience with notable outcomes. Placement and satisfaction rates of students are more than 90 percent.

O'More's greatest sources of pride are the student body and the faculty. The students are, of course, creative,

- Be a persuasive, articulate, and active spokesperson for the institution and its mission and future
- Possess documented effectiveness in management and development
- Demonstrate good judgment, personal ethics and integrity, and effective communication skills
- Have the ability to interact successfully with multiple constituencies

- Understand and employ sound economic and business principles
- Embrace the value of diversity

O'More College of Design

Interior designer and artist Eloise Pitts O'More wanted to provide an elite design education that would create designers as thinkers, problem solvers, and communicators. In 1970, the

Vision Statement

O'More College of Design is recognized as a college of first choice for excellence in design education.

In support of its vision, O'More College of Design:

- Promotes a service-oriented, intellectually stimulating community that is a hub of creative activity.
- Provides innovation in financial and cost leadership.
- Emphasizes academic excellence and global engagement in a student-centered environment.
- Celebrates its unique setting for learning, which includes attention to tradition, aesthetics, functionality, innovation, and technological advancement.
- Attracts highly qualified and respected students, faculty, staff, and Board members.





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but there is also a heart and a desire to understand the process and hone their skill with critique, practice, and instruction. The faculty is just as dedicated to nurturing that desire to rise to the highest standard and excel in all aspects of their knowledge and practice.

While O'More is a design school, students learn beyond the expression of their creativity. They are taught how to do better work within a business world.

Many faculty members are practicing designers, giving students access to current design trends, business practices, and valuable insights. Many of their tenures exceed 12 years with the college.

To gain first-hand experience in their fields, all students must do at least one internship. A required course, an internship is a collaborative effort between the supervisor, the instructor, and the student.

About Franklin, Tennessee

The College's seven-acre campus is only blocks from historic downtown Franklin, which has a 16-block National Register District and a nationally recognized Main Street. The historic town has received many awards and mentions, such as "Best Small Town in Tennessee,"



"America's Most Romantic Main Street," and "One of America's Greatest Antique Destinations," among others.

For more urban offerings, Nashville is only 14 miles away by interstate. Renowned for its music industry and historic sites, Nashville also has a vibrant visual and performing arts community.

A prospering city, Nashville has a high quality of living. The city is home to cutting-edge healthcare and medical research. The state of Tennessee has no personal income tax, and the city of Nashville has a low overall tax burden.

Best known as "Music City," Nashville has a wide selection of entertainment, shopping, and dining offerings. Residents and visitors alike enjoy professional sports, festivals, museums, parks, and gardens.

O'More is an EEO/AA employer.



Nomination and Application Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed; nominations are invited. They should include the name, current position, e-mail address, and telephone number of the individual being nominated.

An application should include a letter describing relevant experiences and interest in the position, a resume, a statement of leadership vision and interests, and four professional references.

Nominations and application materials must be submitted to:

omore-president@myersmcrac.com

Initial screening of applications *begins immediately* and will continue until an appointment is made. For best consideration, materials should be submitted by **March 1, 2015**.

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