

It's not what, but who, you will become



he Shimer Great Books School at North Central College provides you with the tools to lead a well-examined life. As you learn to approach complex issues, solve problems and embrace differences in opinion, you will find you become a better citizen and leader. While Shimer graduates can be found holding careers as successful entrepreneurs, lawyers, authors, researchers and more, the real value of a Shimer education is the someone, not the something, it allows you to become.



CONFIDENT

Sitting at the Shimer table, you will find the freedom to explore and change your mind. The Socratic style of learning ensures an equal playing field where all voices are heard. As you wrestle with compelling arguments of great authors and challenging insights of peers, you will gain the courage to engage — not run from — opposing opinions. You'll learn to see the world from hundreds of different angles, seek truth from every perspective and build an opinion that is truly informed. Here you will become an active agent in your own life and society, bolstered by the confidence of a mind firmly rooted in wisdom.



PREPARED

You will not leave North Central with all the answers. In fact, you will most likely leave with more questions. You will, however, graduate with the tools to solve any problem. You will learn how to argue respectfully, to interpret truth and to seek reason. You will develop skills to work collaboratively and to analyze ideas with discernment. You will learn to be adaptable, accountable and independent. But most importantly, you will learn how to think and how to ask questions that make others do the same.



ENRICHED

At the Shimer Great Books School at North Central College, your education extends beyond the discussion table. Explore the museums and rich art scene of Chicago, just a short train ride away. Discover a warm campus community within the vibrant city of Naperville. Deepen your knowledge with a second major in any number of degrees offered at North Central College. Join student government and make an impact across campus. Get involved with forensics or Model U.N., exercise your creativity through fine arts groups, enjoy athletics or study abroad to expand your world. The possibilities are endless.