Carleton Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Terms

ACCCR - Advisory Council on Campus and Community Relations.

ACE – Academic Civic Engagement

ACM – Associated Colleges of the Midwest.

A consortium of 15 independent liberal arts colleges located in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Colorado. Member colleges are: Beloit, Carleton, University of Chicago, Coe, Colorado, Cornell, Grinnell, Knox, Lake Forest, Lawrence University, Luther, Macalester, Monmouth, Ripon, and St. Olaf.

ACT – Acting in the Community Together.

ADCO - Administrative Council. The President’s council of senior administrators plus the faculty president.

ACAC – The Academic Computing Advisory Committee. Also, the Administrative Computing Advisory Committee.

Advance – Advance is the alumni and friends database system use by Development and alumni affairs.

AFAC – Admissions and Financial Aid Committee

AGH – The Alumni Guest House and Admissions building. Many Carleton meetings are hosted in the AGH Meeting Room or in the AGH Library.

A&I – Refers to the “Argument and Inquiry” first-year seminar requirement of the revised curriculum.

APC – Arts Planning Committee. An ad hoc committee of faculty, staff, and students that was formed by President Robert Oden in December 2004. The Committee’s charge was “to shape a vision and outline a plan to relocate the arts more centrally in the educational program at Carleton and to position the College to be a national leader in the arts for decades to come” (from President Oden’s Charge to the Arts Planning Committee).

Arb – The Cowling Arboretum. The "Arb" consists of approximately 880 acres (360 hectares) of land adjacent to the College and was created under the leadership of President Donald J. Cowling and Professor Harvey E. Stork in the 1920s.

ASC – Academic Standing Committee. Committee of faculty, students, and staff that adjudicates college regulations and makes decisions about students’ academic standing.

AU – The Arts Union, at the site of the former Northfield Middle School.
**Bridge** – The online library catalog shared by Carleton and St. Olaf.

**CAASHA** – Campus advocates against sexual harassment and assault.

**CAI** – Center for Academic Integrity.

**CALL** – Collaborative Assessment of Liberal Learning. Four-college project on student learning funded by the Teagle Foundation. (Carleton, St. Olaf, Macalester, and Grinnell)

**CarlTown** – An online social networking community for Carleton alumni.  
https://carltown.carleton.edu/

**Carleton Weekly** – The online faculty and staff newsletter  
(http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/weekly/)

**CASTL** – Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The CASTL Program seeks to support the development of a scholarship of teaching and learning that: fosters significant, long-lasting learning for all students; enhances the practice and profession of teaching, and; brings to faculty members' work as teachers the recognition and reward afforded to other forms of scholarly work.

**CAVE** – Carleton Alumni Volunteer Extravaganza. August alumni volunteer meeting on campus, hosted by Alumni Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs.

**The Cave** – The campus bar, located in the basement of Evans Hall.

**CBBC** – College Board of Business Consultants. Collaborative effort between Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges, Northfield’s banks, the Northfield Downtown Development Corporation, the Northfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Northfield Enterprise Center.

**CDF** – Curriculum Development Fund. Grants from this fund are awarded each winter by the Faculty Grants Committee to support curricular development. Very small CDF grants may be awarded any time by the Dean.

**CEDI** – The Community, Equity, and Diversity Initiative. CEDI is the successor organization to DIG, the Diversity Initiative Group (below). The work of the organization occurs through small task forces that will focus on specific topics related to community, equity, and diversity. The coordinators of these task forces will serve on the group’s leadership board, which will organize the actions of the task forces and plan the strategic direction of the group’s work across campus. CEDI reports to the College Council.

**CFD** – Consortium for Faculty Diversity. The goal of this program is to assist minority scholars in the early stages of their career and to produce a pool of minority scholars who will have firsthand experience teaching at liberal arts colleges. Our goal is to hire one of these applicants as a CFD Fellow each academic year.
CF&PC – Capital Funding and Priorities Committee. Committee that manages and prioritizes funding and projects for capital renewal and investment.

CIRP – Cooperative Institutional Research Program, coordinates several national surveys. Based at the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) at UCLA, CIRP runs the CIRP Freshman Survey, the Your First College Year (YFCY) and the College Senior Survey (CSS).

CISMI – The Carleton Interdisciplinary Science & Math Initiative. CISMI supports a broad array of multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and collaborative activities between the science and math departments.

CLA – Collegiate Learning Assessment. An assessment “tool” Carleton has administered as part of a grant.

CLAE – Carleton Liberal Arts Experience. A summer program founded by a Carleton trustee, which brings talented high school juniors of African American descent, or students who have an interest in African American culture, to campus for a week-long academic college-prep program.

CMC – Center for Mathematics and Computing

COACHE – The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education is a consortium of over 150 colleges, universities, and systems across North America committed to making the academic workplace more attractive and equitable for early-career faculty--the cohort most critical to the long-term future of their institutions. Hosted at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

COFHE – Consortium on Financing Higher Education. An institutionally supported organization of thirty-one private colleges and universities, hosted at MIT: Amherst, Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Carleton, Mount Holyoke, Oberlin, Pomona, Smith, Swarthmore, Trinity (CT), Wellesley, Wesleyan (University), and Williams colleges and Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, MIT, Northwestern, Princeton, Rice, Stanford, Chicago, Pennsylvania, Rochester, Washington (MO), and Yale Universities.

Colleague – Datatel’s Colleague is the primary administrative computing system for financial aid, student and academic records, human resources, and finance.

College Council – All-campus governing body, composed of administrative officers, staff, faculty, students, an alumnus/a, and a Trustee, chaired by the President. Makes budget and policy recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Comps – Comprehensive exercise for seniors, also known as the “Integrative Exercise”.

CSA – Carleton Student Association

CSEQ – College Student Experiences Questionnaire. The predecessor to the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).
CSL – Committee on Student Life. Committee of students that advises the Dean of Students; can recommend social policy issues to the College Council. Chaired by the Dean of Students with a student co-chair.

CSSI—Carleton Summer Science Institute, a summer program for high school students which originated in 2009 with 36 participants.

C-TAK – Carleton Technology Assistance and Knowledge.

Conv – “Convocation”. On Fridays at 10:50 a.m. students, faculty and staff from across campus gather for one hour for a lecture, presentation or performance from specialists in a variety of disciplines. The goal of the convocation series is to stimulate thought and conversation outside the classroom on a broad range of subjects.

Data Management Group – A working group of administrators reporting to the Administrative Computing Advisory Committee who make recommendations about data policy across College administrative computing systems, who coordinate changes to data structures in various data systems.

DARC – Digital Asset Resource Center. [name change?]

DJJD – The Defeat of Jesse James Days. Annual re-enactment in September of the raid on the First National Bank. The citizens of Northfield joined forces to foil the attempted robbery by the James Gang.

DIG – Diversity Initiative Group. DIG existed to discuss, assess and strengthen the College’s campus climate, work culture and institutional commitment to diversity. DIG also made recommendations and proposals for changes in diversity policies and programs to College Council, of which it is a subcommittee. DIG was re-organized in 2008-09 as the CEDI, the Community Equity, and Diversity Initiative.

EAC – Environmental Advisory Committee

ECC – Education and Curriculum Committee. Major policy development committee that reports to the faculty, co-chaired by the Dean. Membership includes Associate Dean Liz Ciner, a faculty co-chair, four other faculty, and five students.

ENTS – Environmental Studies, and formerly Environmental and Technology Studies.

ESL – English as a Second Language.

EthIC – Ethical Inquiry at Carleton. EthIC is a relatively new college initiative that grew out of the Program in Ethical Reflection at Carleton (PERC). In response to efforts by the President and Dean’s Offices, EthIC is designed to encourage and facilitate the ethical inquiry which is integral to a liberal arts environment.
EXCO – Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. Meets during months the full Board does not meet. The Dean and other members of Administrative Council attend.

FAC – Faculty Affairs Committee. Faculty "ombuds" committee that promotes faculty interests, mediates faculty issues with each other or administrators, etc. Oversees changes to the part of the Faculty Handbook that requires faculty approval.

Faculty Council – The chairs and heads of faculty governance: President of the Faculty, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, Faculty Members of the College Council and the faculty co-chair of the Education and Curriculum Committee.

FCC – Faculty Compensation Committee. Faculty committee reporting to the FAC. Dean of the College and Vice President and Treasurer sit on it ex-officio.

FCPC – Faculty Curricular Planning Committee. Chaired by the Dean, with faculty elected to ECC plus Associate Dean Liz Ciner as members, the FCPC advises the Dean on curricular planning and allocation of faculty positions.

FDE – Faculty Development Endowment. Fund that supports faculty fellowships on a competitive basis. “Large” grants provide up to one term’s salary and "small" grants of up to $2,500 support smaller projects.


FGC – Faculty Grants Committee. Committee that awards Targeted Opportunities, FDE, and CDF grants. Made up of four elected faculty members, one from each division, and the Dean.

FOCUS – Focusing on Cultivating Scientists. FOCUS is designed for students interested in science and promoting diversity in the sciences. FOCUS supports students through their entry into the study of science/math at Carleton and as they continue in the curriculum by creating a cohort which enrolls in classes together (in so far as this makes sense), meets regularly in a colloquium throughout the first year, and has an opportunity for work study in the sciences.

FORUM – Organization of exempt staff at Carleton

FPC – Faculty Personnel Committee. Committee that makes tenure recommendations to the President and Dean and oversees third-year reviews. Composed of five elected tenured faculty, the Dean, and President.

FRISCE – Freshman Interdepartmental Science Cohort Experience.

FYILLAA – First Year Information Literacy in the Liberal Arts Assessment. A collaborative project that looks at student self-assessment as well as ability to apply skills in the area of information literacy.
GLCA – Great Lakes Colleges Association. A consortium of twelve, private liberal arts colleges located in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. The member institutions are: Albion College, Antioch College, DePauw University, Denison University, Earlham College, Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Kenyon College, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Wabash College, and College of Wooster.

Headley House – Headley House offers faculty and staff a place for collegial discussion, dinners and gatherings, and group meetings. It may be used for departmental and program receptions or retreats, special celebratory events, as well as short residences from distinguished speakers invited to stay for several days or weeks to engage with the community in formal and informal settings.

HEDS – Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium. A group of 140+ private liberal arts colleges who share data on specific topics. HEDS also coordinates or produces comparative information for a number of national or HEDS-designed surveys. HERI – Higher Education Research Institute. Host to the CIRP suite of surveys (Freshman Survey, Your First College Year, and the College Senior Survey. HERI also runs the HERI Faculty Survey every three years.

HHMI – Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Major granting agency which significantly supports student research, equipment, and outreach programs in biochemistry, biophysics, and neuroscience fields at Carleton.

The Hub – The Hub (https://thehub.carleton.edu/) is an online portal where members of the Carleton community can view information such as budgets, human resources information, course information, student bills, etc.

IACUC – Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. The committee is responsible for overseeing all activities involving animals at Carleton. As mandated by federal law, the committee must review and approve all research and teaching activities involving animals, to ascertain that these activities meet ethical standards for humane animal care and use, in accord with the standards set out by the NIH and USDA.

IFSA – Interfaith Social Action. Student group that meets to reflect on the social justice commitments within each faith and to take action.

ILP – Integrative Learning Project. A grant from the AAC&U and the Carnegie Foundation to examine students’ skills across the curriculum.

IRA – Institutional Research and Assessment (since 2008). Formerly Institutional Research and Analysis.

IRAAC – Institutional Research and Assessment Advisory Committee. A committee established to advise Institutional Research and Assessment and to help set priorities for research and data needs and to recommend policies on access and uses of data.
IRB – Institutional Review Board. The IRB is responsible for overseeing all research done at Carleton by faculty, students or staff that involves human subjects. The goals of the IRB are to ensure that researchers understand and uphold the following two standards dictated by federal law: 1) Human subjects should not be placed at undue risk; 2) Subjects should give uncoerced, informed consent to their participation in the research.

ITS – Information and Technology Services. Provides technological assistance and support to the Carleton community.

IPEDS – Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System – A collection of mandatory annual surveys collected by the National Center for Education Statistics of the U.S. Department of Education.

JFAC – Junior Faculty Affairs Committee. A committee reporting to the FAC to support untenured Carleton faculty.

KRLX – campus radio station

LDC – Language and Dining Center

LGBT – Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender.

LTC – Learning and Teaching Center (The Perlman Center for Learning and Teaching). Led by a faculty coordinator, the Center supports learning and teaching at Carleton, runs a student observer program, organizes the mentoring program, sponsors numerous workshops and seminars and maintains a teaching and learning library.

MCAN – The Multicultural Alumni Network

MIAC – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletics Conference: Carleton’s primary athletic league. Includes Carleton, Augsburg College, Bethel University, Concordia College, Gustavus Adolphus College, Hamline University, Macalester College, College of St. Benedict, St. Catherine University, St. John’s University, St. Mary’s University, St. Olaf College, and the University of St. Thomas.

Moodle – Carleton’s open-source course and content management system.

MPCC – The Minnesota Private Colleges Council – An organization of 17 private, four-year liberal arts colleges whose mission is to preserve and enhance quality private higher education to serve the education and economic needs of Minnesota.

MSC – Math Skills Center.

NCA – North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Our regional accrediting organization. Accreditation is handled through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the NCA.
NCIF – Northfield Community Investment Fund.

NESNA – Northfield East Side Neighborhood Alliance

NDDC – Northfield Downtown Development Corporation.

NNB – Noon News Bulletin--for students to inform one another of the many opportunities on-campus. It publicizes events, provides a forum for personal ads, and serves as a means for campus offices to relay information regarding their programs. The NNB is published by students Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the term. Printed copies of the NNB are distributed to both dining halls (Burton and LDC) and the newspaper rack near the Sayles-Hill Post Office.

Northfield Option – Students with permission to live in Northfield outside of Carleton-controlled housing.

NSF – National Science Foundation.

NSSE – National Survey of Student Engagement.

OCS – Off-Campus Studies. Usually refers to the faculty committee which oversees the off-campus studies program, setting calendar and making policy. Sometimes refers to the office administering the programs or the programs themselves.

Ole – One who is affiliated with a certain college on the other side of the Cannon River.

OIIL – Office of Intercultural and International Life.

PAC – Parents Advisory Council.

PDA – Professional Development Account. An account available to tenured and tenure-track faculty against which they can draw for professional expenses.

PEPS – Presentation Events and Production Support.

Planet Carleton – A web site with a compilation of blogs published by members of the Carleton community.

POSSE – A team of underrepresented students selected to attend Carleton College by The Posse Foundation. A Posse is a simple concept that works for both students and college campuses, a concept rooted in the belief that a small, diverse group of talented students, a Posse, carefully selected and trained, can serve as a catalyst for increased individual and community development.

Recruitment Plus – The database system (from the College Board) used by the Admissions Office.
QuIRK – Quantitative Inquiry, Reasoning and Knowledge.

Quantitative Reasoning Encounters: XXXXX of the revised curriculum.

RAD – Recognition and Affirmation of Difference. RAD was adopted in 1988 as a graduation requirement. Students must take one course certified as centrally addressing diversity issues in a country, tradition, or art from outside Europe or the United States, or with issues or theories of gender, class, race or ethnicity found anywhere in the world. [keep/drop?]

SAC – Staff At Carleton. Organization of Carleton non-exempt staff.

SAGE – Study Abroad for Global Engagement. Is an undergraduate survey designed by the University of Minnesota to discover how study abroad influences civic commitments.

Schiller -- Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller (10 November 1759 – 9 May 1805) was a German poet, philosopher, historian, and playwright. A purloined bust of Schiller often appears at key Carleton events, or at famous places around the world. Also, a unit of Carleton “virtual currency”, stored as OneCard value with the exchange rate permanently fixed at 1 Schiller = $1 US.

SCIC – Student Computing Information Center.

SCRNC – Pronounced “scrunch”—an old term used for taking a term credit/no credit as opposed to the norm of taking the course for a grade.

SERC – Science Education Resource Center. SERC works to improve education through projects that support educators. Although the work has a particular emphasis on undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education, SERC works with educators across a broad range of disciplines and at all educational levels.

SFA – Science Fiction and Fantasy Alliance (student organization)

SLOs – Student Learning Outcomes.

SFDP – Senior Faculty Development Program. Year of reflection, self-designed, special activities, and planning in which tenured faculty participate roughly every ten years.

SMP – Summer Math Program.

SoTL – Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

SSS – Student Support Services

STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

STI – Summer Teaching Institute
SWA – Student Wellness Advisor

SWP – Three week Summer Writing Program for high school students, held on campus.

TMM – The Monthly Meeting. Meeting of deans, directors, and department heads organized by
the President.

TP&PC – Technology Priorities and Planning Committee. Committee charged with
understanding, keeping abreast and discussing important initiatives undertaken by ITS and
helping to articulate and establish strategic priorities for future initiatives.

TRIO/SSS – TRIO/Student Support Services (TRIO/SSS) program is federally funded by a
grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Viz – “Visualizing the Liberal Arts” initiative, funded by a grant from the Mellon Foundation

WNSLAE -- Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education -- A large-scale, longitudinal
study investigating critical factors that affect the outcomes of a liberal arts education. The study,
which Carleton joined in the fall of 2008, includes about fifty diverse colleges and universities.
The purpose of the study is to provide both the evidence and support necessary to help liberal
arts institutions systematically improve student learning

WAC – Writing Across the Curriculum.

WSG – Web Services Group

Zimbra – Carleton’s open-source e-mail system

Additional Resources:
Carleton’s web site A to Z guide: https://apps.carleton.edu/az/