

# THE GARFIELD CENTER FOR PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

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The Garfield Center honors James A. Garfield, student, teacher, and then president of Hiram College who became an incorruptible icon of American statesmanship and inspired the nation to establish the modern merit-based civil service system. The Garfield Center, grounded in the liberal arts education that Hiram College has maintained throughout its history, prepares students for leadership in matters of public policy, both foreign and domestic.

## Areas of Distinction

- The innovative Garfield Scholars program attracts students from across campus, engaging them in matters of public policy by connecting them with scholars and expert practitioners both on and off campus.
- The Center serves to attract students and faculty from across campus by developing collaborative programs related to cross-disciplinary issues such as global warming, finance and economics, intelligence, security.

## Primary Academic Programs Associated with the Center (others may also be influenced by the Center)

- Public Leadership Minor
- Political science
- Economics
- Management
- Communication
- Sociology

## Key Personnel

- James A. Thompson, Director of the Garfield Center for Public Leadership; Professor of Political Science
- Kathy Lusчек, Operations Director