

The Scottish Heritage Program

Founded by Presbyterians in 1872, Lyon College has, over the years, celebrated its Scottish heritage in many ways. From the choice of its athletic mascot, the Scots, the College has developed a distinctive and multifaceted program that is known and respected throughout the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. In addition to an international prize-winning pipe band, Lyon's Scottish heritage is promoted through a Scottish arts bagpipe minor, college credit courses in Highland dance and drumming, and an instructional outreach program. Our unique Lyon College tartan is registered in Scotland.

From the humble beginning of three members, the Lyon College Pipe Band has grown into a highly competitive group. The band earned the distinction of placing second in its grade at the 2001 World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. The College offers Scottish Heritage scholarships to pipers, drummers, and dancers, within a range of skill levels.

Founded in 1979, Lyon College's annual *Arkansas Scottish Festival* combines a three day Scottish festival with games, music, and food, with the College's fall homecoming celebration, and has become one of the best known Scottish festivals in the south, with thousands of attendees each year.