

# How You Know You're a **Hendrix** Student

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**W**e've all been asked this question in some sort of fashion. Every time I'm around a group of people who aren't from Hendrix, I somehow stumble into the "so, what's it like to be a Hendrix kid?" conversation.

Obviously, some Hendrix students feel that the question is silly. You know that you're a Hendrix kid because you pay the tuition and you attend the classes - duh. That's the same for every college kid.

But from a cultural perspective, you can't deny that our experience at Hendrix is very unique compared to other colleges across the U.S.

For starters, most people know "Martin" to be a common name, but a Hendrix student knows Martin to the definition for Friday night plans.

These students also know that most of us have an entire bag dedicated to themed parties. I'm not talking just two or three accessories, but a collection of enough pieces to open up your own costume store. And, every

student admits that when the radio plays a song that you recognize from your Shirttails dance, you can't help but perform the moves.

When I asked students on campus this question, most had to think about their answers.

"I know that I'm a Hendrix student when I find trails of glitter from the party thrown the night before," senior Ruthie Daniels said. "Or when I find it everywhere else, including in my mini fridge on move out day."

Calling Hendrix home goes beyond glitter. Junior Joshua Knight said he knew he was a Hendrix student when he began to "dream [of being] in a school-sponsored drag show."

But some of the answers I got were not about the amount of wristbands collected, the number of t-shirts from every campus event, or even the pecan shells that always appear in students' shoes. These students immediately focused on the community.

"I know I'm a Hendrix student when I can find a professor at lunch that I've had previously for a class and talk about anything," senior Grant Zurcher said.

"Hendrix students are special because we truly have each other's backs," senior and Student Senate president, Mimi Spjut, said.

After other opinions, I really felt that one particular comment seemed to sum up how to point out a student from Hendrix.

"A Hendrix student is defined by the student's pursuit of a college experience like no other through the challenge of not just surviving the classroom, but thriving in it, while knowing when to put the books down and have a good time," junior Gray Stanton said.

The "Hendrix Bubble" thrives on Stanton's comment. Yes, we do have unique parties and traditions. But, Hendrix students strive for excellence in all aspects of college, whether it's in the classroom, in extracurricular activities, or even in competing for the best Ghost Roast costume. We work hard and aspire to make a difference.

So, how do you know you're a Hendrix student? You live in the moment, you work towards excellence, and you wish to make your school a better place. Enough said.