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## Question:

Dear Abbot Pennings,

I heard that astronaut John Glenn attended St. Norbert College in the 1960s.

## Answer:

Never an official student, Col. John Glenn was awarded an honorary degree from St. Norbert College in 1965. Glenn, the first American to orbit the earth in a spacecraft, addressed the 184 students of the class of 1965 at commencement ceremonies. His words of wisdom included forewarnings to graduates to expect to make mistakes and to know that the best ideas are not always accepted.

According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration web site, Glenn attended Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering.

*Responses to "Ask the Abbot" questions are penned by St. Norbert College staff in the name of Abbot Bernard Pennings, O.Praem., who founded St. Norbert College in 1898.*



## Ask the Abbot

As the founder of St. Norbert College, and having a prime seat in the center of campus throughout the years, I, Abbot Bernard Pennings, hold the answers to many of your burning questions about the college.

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