

Message from the President and the Provost

Message from the President



Liberty University, founded in 1971 with 154 students, has grown to become the largest private, nonprofit four-year college in the nation, the largest university in Virginia, and the largest Christian university in the world. More than 15,000 students now call our residential campus in Lynchburg, Va., home, and nearly 95,000 others are studying with us through our online programs.

At Liberty, we recognize that you are more than the career you pursue. That's why we will teach you not only how something is done, but also why it should be done — and how you can transform the world by doing it. More than 550 unique programs of study are available to you, many of which combine collaboration between disciplines with hands-on opportunities to simulate the real world environments you will encounter when you graduate.

Our passion for excellence stems from our deep commitment to Train Champions for Christ. All of our courses are taught from a biblical worldview and support our mission to develop Christ-centered men and women with the values, knowledge, and skills essential for impacting tomorrow's world. Every faculty member is a professing Christian who believes that teaching is a calling, not just a job, and every student is prepared for a life of meaningful service to God and to others. Social responsibility, humanitarian aid, and service-learning opportunities are all intentionally integrated into the Liberty experience.

The same standard for excellence that we invest in our programs, we are also investing in our campus. Nearly \$1 billion has gone into new state-of-the-art academic and athletic facilities over the last decade because students who learn and compete in cutting-edge environments are primed for success anywhere. While our top priorities remain academic and spiritual in nature, Liberty also gives students the DI college experience, with 20 NCAA Division I athletic teams, over 40 Club Sports teams, and a wide variety of student activities, intramural sports, and recreational opportunities that you will not find at other Christian colleges.

I invite you to explore our courses and learn more about how Liberty can help prepare you for the career you have dreamed of, joining a community of others who share your vision for making the world a better place.

Jerry Falwell
President

Message from the Interim Provost



Many adjectives might serve to describe Liberty in its fourth decade. To many we are huge, and our story is exciting. People everywhere marvel at our rapid growth and our ascendance to a position of leadership in Christian higher education. The comprehensive rebuilding and refreshment of our school under the leadership of our president has produced a beautiful and functional campus beyond the dreams of our founder and those of us who came to serve alongside of him. Newly constructed, state-of-the-art educational facilities, attractive dorms, and an abundance of recreational facilities provide an unparalleled opportunity for students desiring a Christ-centered education to pursue their dreams in a context that is as modern and filled with opportunities as many of the finest state universities.

Liberty University students study and conduct research in Jerry Falwell Library with its state-of-the-art robotic retrieval system, abundant group study rooms, and outstanding print and electronic resources. Biology, chemistry, health sciences, and pre-med students attend classes and conduct their research in our 121,000-square-foot science building with state-of-the-art labs and classrooms. Music students are challenged to the highest level of excellence as they study and perform in a music and performing arts center that provides an atmosphere that helps to inspire their pursuit of excellence for the glory of God. The Business School will soon enjoy the newest addition to our state of the art academic facilities. Nursing, medical, and engineering students study and learn in facilities equipped with the most modern SIMS and labs. They are fully prepared for graduate school, employment, and excellence in service as they take their next step. Liberty's approach to cultural engagement has contributed to the development of academic programs connected to real life experiences in cinematic arts, theater, studio and digital arts, and a host of other degree programs that are offered through the newly expanded School of Communication and Creative Arts. The Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement teaches students how to engage culture and answer the biblical, theological, and philosophical questions raised by their generation from a distinctively Christ-centered worldview.

World-class facilities are important and necessary, but the most important resource contributing to Liberty's expanding reputation for excellence is the Liberty faculty. Seventy percent of our faculty have earned doctoral degrees, many

from the top schools in America and around the world. More importantly, they share our president's commitment to the creed that "If it's Christian, it ought to be better." Liberty University faculty love their disciplines, love teaching, and love their students. Liberty faculty are united in the belief that God has called them to serve Him in this place and that every student has been created by God, bears His image, and is gifted by God to serve a particular purpose in His world. Education at Liberty is a dynamic partnership in which students and faculty are joined in the common resolve to acquire and demonstrate the knowledge, values, and skills required for serving with excellence in their callings.

As I close these words of introduction, I want to focus on an element in the student experience that is at the heart of what makes Liberty unique in the world of higher education. Our resolve to create *Champions for Christ* is achievable because administration and faculty are committed to the ongoing preservation of an environment where the Holy Spirit has the freedom to work in our classrooms, in our uplifting Convocations held at least twice a week, and in the conversations and service of Liberty students. As an academic community, we are united in the belief that through reliance upon the Spirit of God, obedience to the Scriptures, and the diligent pursuit of academic excellence, we are able to produce *Champions for Christ* to serve in and impact our contemporary culture. I invite you to view this catalog and come and see.

Dr. Scott Hicks
Interim Provost