In centuries gone by, "liberty" was just a concept—an idea feared by tyrants and dreamed of by the opposed. In more recent history, "liberty" became a cause and a deeply held belief worth fighting and dying for. Today, Liberty University has become a place where students call home ... where people dare to dream big dreams and then work to see those dreams come to pass ... where old-fashioned values and morality still survive and thrive in a world which appears to have forgotten the meaning of the word ... where the undeniable Truth of the Ages still reigns supreme ... where the whole person is educated - body, mind and soul ... a place where you can learn, grow and achieve wholeness as you become all God created you to be.

The Mission
To produce Christ-centered men and women with the values, knowledge and skills required to impact tomorrow's world ... the mission is carried out for resident students, through both undergraduate and graduate programs, through a rigorous academic program and structured social environment ... also, it is carried out externally for students who can't make the trek to the campus in a comparable academic program but without the structure of the resident community, through a distance learning program.

A Brief History
For more than 36 years, Liberty University has produced graduates with the values, knowledge and skills required to impact the world. Founded by Dr. Jerry Falwell and Dr. Elmer Towns in 1971, Liberty University is a private, coeducational, undergraduate and graduate institution. The University offers over 60 programs of study that contribute to the University's standing as the world's largest distinctively Christian, academically excellent and spiritually vibrant institution. The 5,000-acre campus serves over 25,000 resident and external students with a diverse student body made up of individuals from all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and 81 nations.

Liberty is truly a representation of what God can do with a dream and a heart that desires to honor Him.

Location
Situated in Lynchburg, Va., Liberty University is nestled in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and located on the south bank of the historic James River, in a region rich in history, culture and outdoor recreational opportunities.
Faculty
Liberty University’s over 350 full-time and more than 300 part-time faculty are committed to engaging with students in the challenge of exploring vital links between faith and learning. There are over 450 institutions of higher learning represented among this impressive group. Liberty’s commitment to personalized education also ensures that the student-to-professor ratio is nicely balanced at 25:1.

Degree Programs
In higher education, the principal means of ensuring quality is accreditation by a recognized accrediting body or agency. Liberty University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and nationally accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). Additionally, a number of specific programs are approved by accrediting and licensing bodies for specific disciplines (i.e. our nursing, sport management and education programs). SACS and TRACS, in turn, are both recognized accrediting bodies by the United States Department of Education.

Spiritual Life
The Spiritual Life Department prepares students to make a global impact for the glory of God - wherever He leads them.
Life-changing campus church and convocation services connect students with their Creator through passionate worship and powerful Biblical messages custom designed for this collegiate generation. These services give Liberty students first-hand encounters with the most influential Christians on the planet.
Each semester the Campus Pastor’s Office personally trains over 1,000 student leaders who are the catalysts for the positive peer pressure and Biblical community which is the glue of Liberty University. Each year, these student leaders minister personally to their peers and commit to love, pray for, pray with and personally disciple every student on campus. Every student’s relationship with Christ is a priority.
Light Ministries facilitates Liberty’s global vision by providing dozens of opportunities each year for the Liberty community to participate in cross-cultural missions experiences. Already over 7,000 students have boarded planes to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to over three million people.
The Spiritual Life Department is radically committed to aligning the Liberty community with the Great Commandment and Great Commission of Jesus Christ. As the spiritual fires are sparked in hearts - Spiritual Life fans the flame.
**NOTABLE SPEAKERS**

Bobby Bowden  
Florida State Head Football Coach

George Bush  
41st President of the United States

George W. Bush  
43rd President of the United States

Newt Gingrich  
Former Speaker of the House

Reverend Billy Graham  
Evangelist

Sean Hannity  
Host of Fox News’ Hannity & Colmes

Jesse Helms  
Former Senator

Mike Huckabee  
Former Arkansas Governor

Tim LaHaye  
Best-Selling Co-Author of the “Left Behind” series

John McCain  
R-Arizona/Republican Presidential Nominee

Chuck Norris  
Actor/Martial Artist

Ronald Reagan  
40th President of the United States

Clarence Thomas  
Supreme Court Justice

Rick Warren  
Best-Selling Author of “A Purpose-Driven Life”

Peter Aluma  
Former NBA player

Sid Bream  
Former Major League Baseball player

Katie Feenstra  
Current member of the WNBA’s Atlanta Dream

Samkon Gado  
Current member of the NFL’s Miami Dolphins

Eric Green  
Former NFL player

Lee Guettman  
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Aaron Horton  
Member of the band Escape Velocity

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Our Founder, Our Visionary, Our Pastor
... and Our No. 1 Fan
Jerry Falwell, Jr.  
Chancellor/President

Jerry Falwell, Jr. was born in Lynchburg, Va., on Father’s Day, June 17, 1962. He attended Lynchburg Christian Academy and Liberty University, graduating with a B.A. in religious studies in 1984. 

He obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1987. Falwell, Jr. is licensed to practice in all Virginia state courts, U.S. District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of Virginia, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.


Falwell, Jr. has engaged in the private practice of law in Lynchburg since 1987 and has served as General Counsel of Liberty University, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Liberty Broadcasting Network and Jerry Falwell Ministries since 1988.

Falwell, Jr. and his father worked together closely since 1988 in the management and oversight of the University and all the Falwell ministries. In recent years, he had assumed more and more of the responsibility for the day-to-day management of the organization from his father who, along with the Liberty University Board of Trustees, named him Vice-Chancellor of the University in 2003. He has served on Liberty’s Board of Trustees since 2000.

Falwell, Jr. has also played a key role in the development of the real estate in the vicinity of Liberty University through the recruitment of many national retail and restaurant chains to the area.

These developments have greatly enriched the lifestyle of the University community. Falwell, Jr. is a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and was named as the 2006 Business Person of the Year for western Virginia by the Blue Ridge Business Journal.

Dr. Ronald Godwin  
Vice Chancellor/Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Ronald Godwin serves as Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer for Liberty University. However, for a total of more than 15 years, Dr. Godwin has worked directly for the Chancellor of Liberty University via many of Liberty’s affiliated ministries.

During a long administrative career he has held a variety of leadership positions including two presidencies of private Christian colleges, Executive Vice-President of the Washington Times, Executive Vice President of the Moral Majority, President of Jerry Falwell Ministries, President of Liberty Broadcast Network, President of Liberty University Foundation and more recently, Dean of the Helms School of Government and Senior Administrator of Residential Recruiting.

Dr. Godwin received his B.A. from Bob Jones University, his M.S. from Old Dominion University and his Ph.D. in Post-Secondary Planning and Management from Florida State University.

Dr. Godwin and his wife, Carol Stanley Godwin, are members of Thomas Road Baptist Church and both serve on the board of the Liberty Godparent Home. They currently reside in Forest with Dr. Godwin’s 99-year-old father, Mr. Jacob M. Godwin.

Jerry Falwell, who went home to be with the Lord at the age of 73 on May 15, 2007, was married to Macel for 49 years and they have three grown children and eight grandchildren.
Jeff Barber
Director of Athletics

Jeff Barber was named the Director of Athletics at Liberty University on Jan. 23, 2006, becoming the 10th Director of Athletics in the history of the University.
The University has charged Barber with the future leadership of the athletics department and the building of a strong financial basis for the department which will guide Liberty University athletics into the ranks of the elite NCAA Division I athletic programs in the nation.
Barber has wasted little time making an impact at Liberty, as in less than three years, he has been instrumental in guiding Liberty on a path to the next level of collegiate athletics. He has spearheaded athletics facility improvement projects in nearly every athletics venue, highlighted by changes to Williams Stadium. During the summer of 2006, the football program’s on-campus playing facility received the latest in playing surfaces as FieldTurf was installed, while numerous other smaller projects were initiated to aesthetically improve the appearance of the facility.

However, Barber’s chief accomplishment since joining the Flames in 2006 was overseeing the completion of the Williams Football Operations Center. The new 48,000-square foot state-of-the-art home base for the football program is one of the most outstanding FCS (formerly I-AA) football-only facilities in the nation.

In addition to Barber’s athletic facility achievements, the new Director of Athletics has spurred a dramatic recording-setting increase in Flames Club memberships and season ticket sales for football and basketball. In 2007-08 the athletics booster club set new records, pulling in $351,000 in annual membership contributions. The same year saw Liberty Athletics surpass the $1 million mark in giving, as the Flames Club brought in $1.3 million in total gifts.

Barber has also guided the Flames to success on the athletic field of competition, highlighted by the 2007-08 season when Liberty captured its sixth Big South Sasser Cup championship and first since the 2002-03 season. Liberty won 10 team championships during the 2007-08 campaign, including eight Big South titles, an NCAA East Regional championship in wrestling and an ICAAA outdoor title in men’s track and field.

Besides the Sasser Cup championship, Barber also saw Liberty bring home the Big South’s Men’s All-Sport and Women’s All-Sport trophies, along with its second individual national championship when Josh McDougal crossed the finish line first at the 2007 NCAA Cross Country national championship.

Liberty is only the second athletics department in Big South history to win the Sasser Cup, Men’s All-Sport and Women’s All-Sport trophies in the same year.

The Flames’ success has garnered national attention on several levels, earning Barber a three-year appointment to the NCAA’s Recruiting Cabinet, beginning with the 2008-09 academic year.
Barber brought a wealth of experience in the areas of athletic fundraising and administration to Liberty University, including 25 years in the athletic industry.

Barber came to Liberty after spending 11 years at South Carolina, including his last three years as Senior Associate Athletic Director for Development/Gamecock Club Executive Director.
Barber served on the senior management team at South Carolina for nine years, helping raise more than $14 million annually, while working closely with legendary football coaches Lou Holtz and Steve Spurrier.

Barber supervised the solicitation and receipt of over $85 million during his tenure at South Carolina, setting records each year in annual gifts to the Gamecock Club, which was at 16,500 members when he finished. He was also responsible for all major gifts to the Gamecock Club which exceeded $15,000 annually and developed that level of giving from 21 members to 137 at his time of departure.

Barber joined the athletics department at South Carolina in 1996 as an Assistant Athletic Director for Development and was promoted to Associate Athletic Director/Gamecock Club Executive Director in 1999.

Prior to his days at South Carolina, Barber served five years at Furman in Greenville, S.C., starting as Executive Director of the Paladin Club in 1991, before being promoted to Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs in 1994.

While at Furman, Barber was responsible for the collection of $14 million in revenue from annual giving, capital gifts and endowed gifts, while guiding the Paladin Club to gifts totaling $3.75 million and set records for five-consecutive years. He was also the chairman of the Furman Pro-Am Golf Endowment Tournament, which totaled receipts of $6.5 million.

Barber got his start in collegiate athletic administration at his alma mater as the Assistant Director of East Carolina’s Pirate Club in 1987. While serving four years with the Pirates, Barber participated in the receipt of annual giving of $4 million to the Pirate Club, while organizing and managing Pirate Club actions and Pirate Pro-Am fundraisers.
Before joining the staff at East Carolina, Barber served three years in major and minor league baseball as he was the Assistant General Manager of the Columbia Mets in Columbia, S.C. (1985-86) and Director of Operations for the Montreal Expos Spring Training Camp in West Palm Beach, Fla. (1986-87).

After graduating from East Carolina, Barber served as a health and physical education teacher in Columbia, S.C. for four years (1981-85), while coaching football and basketball.
Barber graduated cum laude at East Carolina in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree in health, physical education and recreation. In 1997, he continued his education with a degree from the Sports Management Institute, graduating as class spokesman.
Barber is a member of NACDA and NAAD and serves on the Board of Directors for the Child Evangelism Fellowship for Central Virginia.
Barber, a native of Greenville, N.C., is married to the former Donna Dacus and the couple has three children – Katie (13), Lindsay (11) and Jay (10).
Athletics

Since joining the Big South Conference in 1991, Liberty has won 85 conference championships, averaging nearly five league titles per season.


Besides claiming its sixth Big South Sasser Cup title, Liberty also took home the Men’s All-Sport and Women’s All-Sport trophies to become the second athletics department in league history to claim the “triple crown” sweep.

During the 2007-08 season, Liberty posted more team championships than any other athletics program inside the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Flames won eight Big South titles, an NCAA East Regional in wrestling and the men’s outdoor track and field IC4A championship.

For third time in athletics department history, Liberty had three CoSIDA Academic All-America honorees in the same year in 2008. Mike Gelatt was named to the men’s soccer first-team squad, Megan Frazee was named to the women’s basketball second-team listing and Clendon Henderson was named to the track and field first-team list of academic award winners.

With the trio of CoSIDA Academic All-America honorees last year and Mike Gelatt becoming the first Liberty student-athlete to garner two first-team Academic All-America honors, Liberty now has placed 14 student-athletes in athletics department history on the most prestigious collegiate academic team in the nation.

Among the athletes named Big South Scholar-Athlete for their respective sports during the 2007-08 season were Clendon Henderson for men’s indoor and outdoor track & field and Allyson Fasnacht for women’s basketball.

Fasnacht capped off a stellar Liberty athletics career last year by being named the recipient of the Mac Rivera/Rock Royer Award, an award given annually to honor Liberty’s top graduating senior student-athlete.

Volleyball

For the second year in a row, the volleyball team captured the 2008 Big South Championship, giving the program five total league championships.

Head coach Shane Pinder was honored by the Virginia Sports Information Directors once again as he named the VaSID Coach of the Year for the second straight year, while junior setter Kallie Corbin was tabbed the state’s Player of the Year.

Men’s Soccer

Joshua Boateng completed his final campaign in a Liberty uniform in style, as the midfielder was named to the 2008 NSCAA/adidas NCAA Division I All-American team after scoring 32 points on 13 goals and six assists as a senior.

Women’s Soccer

Amy Oberlin joined an elite group of Liberty women’s soccer players when she became the second player in program history to be tabbed an all-conference honoree for the fourth straight year and the third to be named a first-team selection three times.
Cross Country
For the fourth consecutive year and the 10th time in program history, the men’s cross country team captured the team title at the 2008 Big South Cross Country Championship, this year hosted on Liberty Mountain.

Runners from Liberty and Oregon once again finished first and second at the 2008 NCAA Division I National Cross County Championship, with Oregon’s Galen Rupp this time getting the better of the Flames, as the Ducks’ senior runner outkicked Liberty’s sophomore Sam Chelanga to capture this year’s top collegiate cross country runner honors.

Men’s Basketball
Liberty had its second former student-athlete inducted in the Big South Hall of Fame. Men’s basketball standout Peter Aluma was enshrined along side the league’s best student-athletes in 2008.

Women’s Basketball
The women’s basketball team captured its 11th Big South title in 12 years on a last-second, game-winning shot by Megan Frazee, helping the Lady Flames match a school record with 28 victories during the 2007-08 season.

Megan Frazee won both the Big South Player of the Year and Richmond Times-Dispatch State Player of the Year awards in 2008.

Wrestling
For the second-straight year, the wrestling program captured the 2008 NCAA East Regional title, winning the team championship at the Vines Center in the first-ever NCAA Championship event hosted by Liberty.

Liberty sent a program-best six wrestlers to the 2008 NCAA National Championship, seeing Tim Harner (141 pounds) and Chad Porter (165 pounds) advance to the “Sweet 16” rounds.

Track and Field
The men’s track & field team completed a Big South “Triple Crown” for the second year in succession, winning the conference cross country, indoor track and outdoor track championships during the 2007-08 season. The Flames also defended their IC4A outdoor crown from 2007.

Josh McDougal won a pair of All-America honors during the 2008 indoor track & field season, enabling him to end his Liberty career as a 14-time All-American.

Senior Clendon Henderson placed third in the discus at the 2008 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track & Field Championships, becoming the Flames’ first thrower to earn All-America distinction.

Men’s Golf
The men’s golf team holds the distinction of being the only athletics program in Liberty’s history to garner an at-large berth to a NCAA Championship, doing so twice over the past six years (2003 and 2006).

Nathan Schenz-Davis played along side the nation’s best amateur golfers last July, when the junior qualified for the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship held at the Murphy Creek Golf Course in Aurora, Colo.

Tennis
Jordan Jenkins was named the 2008 Big South Women’s Tennis Player of the Year and Chris Johnson was named Coach of the Year, as the Lady Flames posted a 13-4 record, the best in program history.

Baseball
For the first time in the 35-year history of the program, Liberty won 30 or more games in four-consecutive seasons, winning 35 contests in 2008 under first-year head coach Jim Toman.

With pitchers Ryan Page and David Stokes being drafted in the 2008 Major League Baseball Draft, Liberty has now had 38 players taken in the MLB draft and a player taken in each draft since 1999.

Softball
The softball program advanced to its fourth Big South Softball Championship title game in 2008, moving the squad into third place on the league’s list of all-time title game participants.

Head coach Paul Wetmore picked up his 400th career victory during the 2008 season, becoming the 89th coach in NCAA softball history to reach the lofty career victories milestone at the time of the victory.
The Big South Conference is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2008-09, a milestone coming on the heels of unprecedented achievements and unparalleled success in League history over the past few years. Since its founding in 1983, the Big South Conference has matured into a competitive leader in college athletics, actively pursuing excellence on the field of play and in the classroom. The league’s growing presence as an NCAA Division I athletic conference is evident by athletic accomplishments on the national stage, innovative marketing and media partnerships, increased television packages, and quality athletic competition while intentionally fostering the academic, personal, social, athletic and leadership development of each student-athlete.

The Big South Conference was formed on Aug. 21, 1983, when Charleston Southern (then Baptist College) Athletic Director Howard Bagwell and Augusta President George Christenberry began recruiting members into the Big South, receiving initial commitments from Augusta, Charleston Southern, Campbell, Coastal Carolina and Winthrop.

One month later, Dr. Edward M. Singleton was selected as the league’s first commissioner and continued to solicit new members. His efforts led to the additions of Armstrong State, Radford and UNC Asheville, giving the Big South more than the required six members to constitute an official conference. The Big South’s first year of competition was in the Fall of 1984, and in September 1986, the Big South Conference was granted full-fledged NCAA Division I status.

During its infancy and prior to securing automatic bids to NCAA Championships, the Big South made early strides in earning at-large berths in several national postseason events, including volleyball, women’s basketball and women’s golf. The league received its first automatic bid in 1990 to the NCAA Baseball Championship.

In 1999, George F. “Buddy” Sasser replaced the retiring Dr. Singleton as commissioner. Under Sasser’s leadership, the conference implemented its public relations and compliance programs, and introduced its first-ever men’s basketball television package, featuring the Big South competing among some of the finest teams in the nation.

In the last 15 years alone, the Big South Conference has experienced monumental growth and success in nearly every sport. During this time, the conference has had two individual NCAA national champions, close to 200 All-Americans, has reached the “Sweet 16” in men’s soccer, women’s basketball and baseball, has received national Top 25 rankings in men’s soccer, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, baseball, men’s outdoor track & field, and men’s golf, had an individual selected to play in the NCAA Tennis Singles Championship three times, had the No. 1 ranked men’s golfer in the country, had the national team and individual scoring leader in men’s basketball twice, received an at-large playoff berth in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in 2006, and had an institution finish fifth in the NCAA Men’s Golf Championships – the conference’s highest-ever team finish in an NCAA event.

In 2006-07 alone, the Big South was the only conference nationwide to have an at-large participant in the football playoffs (Coastal Carolina), a team in the second round of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament (Winthrop) and a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Baseball Regionals (Coastal Carolina). In fact, Coastal Carolina’s baseball program has been a No. 1 seed three out of the last four years, while its playoff berth in 2006 came in just the fifth-year of the Big South’s football existence.

In August 1996, Kyle B. Kallander replaced Sasser as the league’s third Commissioner, and in his 12 years at the helm of the Big South, Kallander has been instrumental in aggressively promoting the conference to new levels.

The conference has enjoyed record levels in marketing revenue during the past several years, he has brought television coverage to Big South women’s basketball, baseball and softball for the first time in conference history, as well as increased national television exposure to the League as a whole through aggressive and unique television packages.

Under Kallander’s leadership, the Big South developed and initiated its first long-range strategic plan, reaffirming the league’s vision as a distinctive athletic conference committed to the quality of institutional life through athletic competition. He also spearheaded the efforts to add football as a championship sport, which came to fruition in 2002.

Kallander’s long range vision has also included technological advancements, as the conference introduced its first live event video streaming in 2005 and has since expanded its video offerings to more than 500 events annually through a partnership with the member institutions, as well as the creation of a conference blog and an online merchandise store.

The conference’s on-field accomplishments have been duplicated in the classroom. Annually, more than 40 percent of conference student-athletes are named to the Big South’s Presidential Honor Roll for maintaining a cumulative 3.0 grade-point average, and the league has had more than 90 Academic All-Americans in its quarter-century of existence.
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