



Office of the Vice President for Mission

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Breaking down the Mission Statement – Gonzaga cultivates in its students the capacities and dispositions for reflective and critical thought, lifelong learning, spiritual growth, ethical discernment, creativity, and innovation.

The capacities and dispositions enumerated above are interior outcomes that we would expect graduates to carry with them into their future life and work. We strive to guide them through their time with us in such a way that they are able to use the talents and gifts refined through University coursework and co-curricular experiences for the betterment of humanity.

Our mission statement is a map for our University. It begins with the interior dispositions we intend to nurture and grow and leads to the expected outcomes and social commitments in the final paragraphs springing from a level of reflective knowledge and spiritual commitment that we expect in an effective life and work in our world.

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Further elaboration of the values that inform our Mission Statement can be found in Gonzaga University's Statement of Affirmation (www.gonzaga.edu/mission).

Gonzaga University Mission Statement

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Gonzaga University is an exemplary learning community that educates students for lives of leadership and service for the common good.

In keeping with its Catholic, Jesuit, and humanistic heritage and identity, Gonzaga models and expects excellence in academic and professional pursuits and

intentionally develops the whole person – intellectually, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

Through engagement with knowledge, wisdom, and questions informed by classical and contemporary perspectives, Gonzaga cultivates in its students the capacities and dispositions for reflective and critical thought, lifelong learning, spiritual growth, ethical discernment, creativity, and innovation.

The Gonzaga experience fosters a mature commitment to dignity of the human person, social justice, diversity, intercultural competence, global engagement, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable, and care for the planet. Grateful to God, the Gonzaga community carries out this mission with responsible stewardship of our physical, financial, and human resources.