



Mission, Vision, Values, Strategic Directions

Mission of Saint John's University

Saint John's University fosters the vitality of community through learning and the pursuit of wisdom. Striving for excellence, we unite the wisdom of Catholic social teaching and intellectual tradition with the practicality of the common life envisioned by Saint Benedict.

Vision for the College of Arts and Sciences**

Saint John's University seeks to be one of the nation's great Catholic liberal arts colleges by providing the best holistic learning experience for men in the country.

We will inspire undergraduate men to new heights of intellectual, spiritual, physical and social development that is informed by ethical reflection and grounded in our Catholic and Benedictine tradition.

*** The School of Theology and the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library have independent vision statements.*

Values

Dedicated to the pursuit of understanding, wisdom, and the common good, Saint John's University is committed to the following values:

- **Community** built upon relationships of hospitality, respect, cooperation, and challenge.
- **Openness** to learning, inquiry, beauty, truth, and difference.
- **Respect** for persons, tradition, creativity, experience, faith, reason, and religious practice.
- **Depth** in understanding, relationships, faith, and spirituality.
- **Sacredness** of God, being, truth, place, nature, and knowledge.
- **Passion** for excellence, truth, learning, beauty, love, and personal growth.

Strategic Directions 2015

Extraordinary preparation for life, work, and leadership

Saint John's University will provide men with extraordinary opportunities that prepare them for productive lives of work, leadership, and service to the common good in a global context.

Exemplary undergraduate education in partnership with the College of Saint Benedict

Saint John's University will provide an exemplary liberal arts education with a shared focus on scholarship and creativity, mentorship, global citizenship, values-based leadership and spiritual development.

***Scholarship and Creativity:** We will provide opportunities for the imaginative exploration of ideas, focusing on active and experiential student learning, cutting-edge exploration and pedagogy, and undergraduate research.*

***Mentorship:** We will provide a highly personal community experience, focusing on small, learner-centered classroom experiences and strong student-faculty and residential relationships.*

***Global Citizenship:** We will provide opportunities for students to engage, learn from, and work with people from a rich variety of cultural backgrounds and identities.*

***Values-based Leadership:** We will provide opportunities for students to develop habits of social, cultural, and intellectual engagement and initiative for the common good.*

***Spiritual Development:** We will provide opportunities for students to develop habits of prayer and critical reflection about meaning, values, and purpose in their lives.*

A powerful Catholic and Benedictine experience

Saint John's University will unite the wisdom of Catholic social teaching and intellectual tradition with the practicality of the common life envisioned by Saint Benedict.

A 21st century campus community

Saint John's University will provide an exceptional learning environment for a diverse community of students, faculty, and staff.

Maximized financial performance

Saint John's University will maximize its resources in support of its vision and sustain the University for the long-term.