



In this revision, the following one-paragraph statement comprises the vision statement. In an electronic format, the underlined concepts in the last sentence will provide links to the strategic directions that follow.

Our Vision Statement

A Millersville University education will empower students to make a difference in the places where they work and live. Looking to the future, the university embraces the liberal arts and sciences, and the pursuit of active, life-long learning through excellent undergraduate and graduate educational programming. We envision a future rooted in tradition while fueled by innovation that focuses on our commitment to excellence and service to the Commonwealth. This commitment will be reflected in academic programs of distinction, enhanced learning opportunities for students, faculty, and staff, and state-of-the-art educational facilities. Our student-centered community of learners will engage in free inquiry and intellectual development through an exemplary liberal arts-based education. As the University seeks out and maintains global connections, students, faculty, and staff will cultivate their understanding and appreciation of international communities, while also seeking to increase their engagement with local and regional communities. Millersville aspires to be the best public university in the region through nourishing undergraduate and graduate programs of distinction, a passion for learning, an appreciation of the liberal arts, openness to diversity of people and ideas, and responsible stewardship of our resources.

Links to Strategic Directions

Commitment to Excellence

Millersville commits to excellence in its service to students and the Commonwealth by improving and adding to our undergraduate and graduate educational programs of distinction and to our programs of civic engagement. We seek to insure that Millersville graduates will play ever greater roles in local and global communities. The University will expand its investment in strategic partnerships with a variety of public and private institutions and businesses in order to provide students with innovative learning opportunities and help them develop habits of civic engagement. Already recognized as one of the top public universities in the north, Millersville's commitment to excellence guarantees that we will continue to offer students the best value in higher education.

Passion for Learning

Central to Millersville University's vision for the future is an environment in which faculty and students are passionate about learning. As faculty continue to conduct scholarship, their research will expand the frontiers of knowledge and their insights will enrich student learning. In this environment, students become active life-long learners engaged in a variety of educational settings inside and outside the classroom. The University's vigilance and flexibility in supporting instruction and delivering services will guarantee free inquiry and ensure the quality of all undergraduate and graduate programs. As hallmarks of the Millersville experience, small class size, personalized instruction, and effective support services stimulate the future student's passion for learning.

Liberal Arts

Millersville University believes that a foundation in the liberal arts, combined with specialized content knowledge, is the best way to prepare students for their first jobs and to provide them with the skills for career flexibility that is critical in an age of rapid change. At Millersville Students will master the fundamentals of the liberal arts and of their major field of study, acquire real life experiences, and become productive citizens in a multicultural, global society. We envision a culture of free inquiry and self-reflective learning, in which the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences together foster the educationally mature personality.

Diversity and Equity

Millersville University will enhance the diversity of thought and perspective in our community because we believe diversity to be a source of enrichment and intellectual growth. Members of the community will be empowered by policies that promote fairness, justice, civility, and accessibility. The University will continually renew itself as a place where inquiry is encouraged, ideas are expressed openly, and the dignity and rights of individuals are protected.

Responsible Stewardship

Millersville University is committed to a future of effective stewardship with all its vested resources. Responsible stewardship requires flexibility to work within available resources and to expand resources in order to provide students with the best possible instruction and services, as well as provide faculty and staff with quality of life in the educational setting. As responsible stewards, all members of the University community will promote the important principles of civic engagement. We are committed to innovation to achieve our goals while preserving the traditions that make the University an excellent institution of learning.

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