

Attachment #1

Draft Mission Statement (2007 UPC Approved)

Millersville University is committed to offering students a university experience of exceptional value. Millersville is dedicated to providing nationally recognized programs that rest on and are permeated by the liberal arts, and supported by strong faculty and student learning partnerships. The University provides a comprehensive range of academic and professional programs that meet the interests and needs of both undergraduate and graduate students. Millersville University is committed to hiring excellent scholars, artists, and practitioners as well as excellent teachers, and encourages and supports their growth.

Millersville balances traditional and contemporary learning experiences with academic and co-curricular opportunities and services, preparing well-rounded individuals for productive roles as leaders and citizens. The University recognizes the importance of technology in education, and develops, adopts, and utilizes the best technology to support faculty and student research and learning. The University accepts its responsibility to sustain an environment of sensitivity and tolerance. Students are exposed to a diversity of ideas, cultures, and peoples, enhancing the intellectual and social growth of the university community.

As a source of intellectual and creative energy, Millersville contributes to the social, political, and economic advancement of the Commonwealth and the larger community. Through the combination of a comprehensive range of exemplary academic and professional programs, a dedicated faculty and staff, an atmosphere of sensitivity and tolerance, and an emphasis on faculty and student partnerships, Millersville provides a learning experience second to none.

Mission Statement (1993)

The primary mission of Millersville University is to promote intellectual development through an exemplary liberal arts-based education. The University is steadfastly committed to the proposition that a thorough, broad-based foundation in the arts and sciences is a necessary condition for the development of the whole person. It resolutely embraces the conviction that all of its degree programs must maintain a strong liberal arts component while preparing students to engage in productive and contributive lives as professionals.

Millersville University resolves to provide a comprehensive range of meritorious baccalaureate programs consistent with student aspirations and faculty wisdom and expertise to all qualified Commonwealth residents at the lowest reasonable cost. Additionally, it will offer graduate programs in those fields where there is both need and corresponding institutional strength.

Millersville University seeks to prepare its students to live in an increasingly diverse, multicultural, and technologically complex society. It will accomplish this by offering a curriculum that is rich and multifaceted, by serving as a model of a pluralistic community, and by providing leadership in this regard to the greater community.

While Millersville University recognizes excellence in teaching as its reason for being, it also undertakes to open avenues for personal, social, and cultural growth essential to the development of an educated and productive person, including development of the capacity for leadership and decision-making in order to make the fullest possible contribution to society. It will foster the examination, development, and understanding of personal values and appreciation of the values of others.

The University also accepts its responsibility to provide opportunities for research, artistic and scholarly effort, and other creative endeavors in a manner consistent with its primary mission as a teaching institution. Additionally, the University accepts its responsibility to serve society by acting as an intellectual and cultural resource to the regional community.

To achieve this mission, the Millersville University community pledges itself to academic freedom and encourages imagination and curiosity, unfettered discourse, the exchange of divergent and controversial opinion, multicultural awareness and understanding, within an environment of civility, mutual respect and cooperation.