



## HONORING OUR LAND-GRANT MISSION

The University's mission is inextricably tied to its public purpose. Through its campuses and institutes, the University provides life-changing education; undertakes groundbreaking research that saves lives, drives innovation, and improves quality of life; and partners with communities to tackle some of the most intractable challenges they face. To that end, we wish to clearly state our key aspirations for honoring and advancing the University's public, land-grant mission.

### *Statement of Aspirations*

We are dedicated to expanding access to educational opportunities, striving to remove barriers, and making academic pursuits more affordable. Consistent with the University's commitment to high academic standards, student achievement, and the preparation of responsible citizens, we believe that engaging with individuals from all backgrounds and perspectives fosters a vibrant learning environment that enhances critical thinking and intellectual growth. Our collective strengths make us stronger, and we are committed to promoting an atmosphere where all members of the University community feel welcome, can thrive, and achieve success.

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