

## Mission and Vision Statements

Baylor University's mission, "to educate young men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community," serves as the foundation for the University's current ten-year vision of "enter[ing] the top tier of American universities, while reaffirming and deepening our distinctive Christian mission" (*Baylor 2012*).

In concert with the mission and vision of the University and informed by the guiding convictions and twelve imperatives of *Baylor 2012*, the School of Education adopts the following mission and vision statements:

The mission of the Baylor University School of Education is to prepare, within a Christian environment, individuals who improve society through leadership, teaching, research and service within their professions and communities.

Our vision is that the Baylor University School of Education will be nationally and internationally recognized for excellence and Christian influence through efforts to:

- *Provide leadership in a dynamic environment*

Prepared with knowledge and skills for success in a changing world, Baylor University School of Education graduates are in positions of leadership and influence. School faculty are recognized as leaders in their respective disciplines and professions.

- *Teach and prepare the best professionals*

In keeping with a respected tradition, Baylor University School of Education faculty continue to educate students with the competence and commitment necessary for shaping lives. Through rigorous academic preparation each graduate is uniquely equipped for a professional calling.

- *Foster the discovery and application of new knowledge*

Through basic and applied research, the Baylor University School of Education advances knowledge in our respective fields. We are committed to developing and testing theory, conducting research and scholarship, and providing practical answers for problems within our areas of study.

- *Develop a sense of calling to service*

In support of our Christian heritage, the Baylor University School of Education faculty and students are expected to have concern for diverse populations in a variety of settings. By placing a value on vocation, we inspire individuals to serve God and humanity through their work.

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