

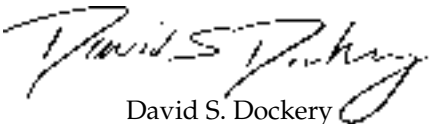
President's Message

The decision of choosing a college is one of the most important decisions in life. It is a decision that impacts one's future in a variety of ways. At Union University we are ready to help students enter the changing world of the 21st Century. The goal and mission of Union University is to educate students so they will be prepared to be servant leaders, ready to carry out the vocation to which God has called them, enabled and equipped with the skills necessary to think Christianly and perform skillfully in the world.

Union University is committed to academic excellence. No, we are not a giant research institution, but Union is a learner-centered institution where classroom teaching is prized. We enable students to be grounded in the world of literature, values, ideals, history, ethics, arts, music, communication, and creativity. The most important assets on the Union campus are our students and our well prepared, highly motivated faculty. We expect the faculty to model excellence for our students while challenging them to pursue excellence in all areas of their lives.

Education at Union is not only excellence driven, it is Christ centered. This means more than having a campus minister and regular chapel programs—as important as these are. It means a commitment to the serious integration of faith and learning. As the University's statement of purpose observes: "Union University endeavors to give an articulate and vigorous witness to the Christian faith as the unifying principle around which one relates learning to life. Each student is encouraged to explore in depth the basis, meaning, and implications of his or her relationship to God in Christ." This involves a holistic approach to education with the goal of having students who are both Christianly informed and Christianly formed.

As you ponder the important decision of choosing a college, we invite you to consider Union—a person-centered, student-oriented community. We invite you to consider Union—a university that is Baptist by tradition and evangelical by conviction. We invite you to consider Union—a community committed to academic excellence under the Lordship of Christ. We invite you to consider Union—where the exciting process of higher education is alive and well to prepare you for a life of learning and service.



David S. Dockery