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Union's Learning Community

Union University is structured around a concept we call Learning Community where a team of leaders is collaboratively pursuing a calling and a goal. We are committed to a clear calling as leaders in Christian higher education at Union with a goal to recruit the right students, to offer the right programs of study, to provide the right 21st century learning opportunities, and to place graduates into the right careers or graduate programs for further study. Ensuring what is right in all of this is a full time job for the team I lead.

Students

At Union we are looking for students who want to work hard to make an impact and live a life of significance for God's glory. We recruit high school students who are leaders, ready to do rigorous academic work, students who care and are called by God to do His work. Many of today's high school students can be the right students for Union, our team is taking up the challenge to help them find that out.

Programs

Deans and faculty search together for the right programs of study. Sometimes program proposals come from the community, most often they come from faculty working together across the disciplines planning for the future. With Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' approval as a Level V institution there is really no limit to the programming we can offer. But our faculty is rising to the challenge of determining the selective programs of study best for us, given our distinctive purpose and mission.

In Class

Fostering connections between highly qualified faculty living out their faith as academicians and well prepared, eager-to-learn students is at the heart of my work every day. Today's Christian students learn most effectively through authentic and genuine connections where faith naturally intersects with learning. Undergraduate research, web enhanced teaching,

service-learning courses, professional internships/fellowships, and intercultural/international study are used to promote student learning. And faculty use themselves...modeling the best in research and scholarship, giving their best as teachers for the benefit of the students they serve, all for God's glory in this place.

Outside Class

The undergraduate experience is also lived outside the classroom where learning is often synthesized. Student Life leaders are central to the Learning Community team, building bridges between the curricular and the co-curricular, complementing and enhancing the entire Christian higher education endeavor. An energetic and creative team of young professionals is taking advantage of opportunities such as residence life, leadership development, campus ministries, Greek Life, and intramurals/wellness programs to model and promote healthy and sustaining relationships in work and play.

Life After Union

Our team lives for the day when graduates shake President Dockery's hand and receive their diploma. But our jobs do not stop there. It is our goal that each student, starting in the freshman year, strives to match his passions and strengths with a place of service in the world. We work hard to ensure that our graduates are admissible to the most competitive graduate programs. Many graduates move directly into the work world – we offer services to assist them with every aspect of job preparation and placement.

The success of Union's Learning Community approach is determined one student at a time and is perhaps best measured not in the graduate's 20s but in his or her 50s or later! Our team expects great things from Union University graduates throughout their lifetimes, just as we expect great things from our God in whom all that we do finds its meaning and purpose. 