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The Mission

The University's mission is central to everything we do and is found in a 1989 resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Howard University is a comprehensive, research-oriented, historically Black private university providing an educational experience of exceptional quality to students of high academic potential with particular emphasis upon the provision of educational opportunities to promising Black students. Further, the University is dedicated to attracting and sustaining a cadre of faculty who are, through their teaching and research, committed to the development of distinguished and compassionate graduates and to the quest for solutions to human and social problems in the United States and throughout the world.

Vision

Howard University is a comprehensive research university, unique and irreplaceable, defined by its core values, the excellence of all its activities in instruction, research and service, and by its enduring commitment to educating youth, African Americans and other people of color in particular, for leadership and service to our nation and the global community.

Core Values

I believe that these are our core values: first, this University must continue to be dedicated to an unequivocal search for truth; second, this University must continue to be a place where African Americans and others can come to study, free of oppression of any type, stripe, or kind; third, this University must engender and nurture an environment that celebrates African-American culture in all its diversity; and fourth, this University must provide a caring, nurturing and respectful environment for all of the members of the Howard family: students, faculty, staff, Trustees, and administrators.

Further, Howard University must engender in its students the spirit and quality of leadership for which Howard faculty and alumni are already known. That leadership is manifest in the form of service to the local, national and international community.

Howard University is unique in its diversity and we value that diversity. We are diverse in our community of faculty, staff, students and alumni who reflect the global community. And, we are diverse in regard to the wide range of fields of study and scholarship that is pursued each day. Our diversity is directed at the realization of the American ideal for all Americans. We seek to ensure equal protection under the law and equal opportunity, fair reward for a life of work and service, and the opportunity for all to acquire an education and to enjoy adequate health care.

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