

Portrait of a Graduate to Academic Goals

A student who...	Academic Goals Touching Hearts, Engaging Minds
<p>Loves God with all their heart and mind</p> <p><i>'...love the Lord your God with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. (Matt. 22:37)</i></p>	<p>Seeks to pursue God in all studies.</p> <p>Interprets the human experience through God's narrative of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration.</p> <p>Acknowledges God as the source of all Truth, Beauty, and Goodness.</p> <p>Follows the example of Jesus in duty to God and others.</p>
<p>Engages in a lifetime of learning consistent with Classical ideals</p> <p><i>...inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry out for insight... you will... find the knowledge of God. (Prov. 2:1-5)</i></p>	<p>Identifies the unifying features of knowledge across all disciplines of academic inquiry.</p> <p>Recognizes and appreciates the contributions of all cultures and civilizations, past and present.</p> <p>Possesses a foundational knowledge of core disciplines.</p> <p>Evaluates critically and clearly; communicates eloquently and persuasively; engages respectfully and graciously.</p>
<p>Offers their unique talents and abilities in service to the good of their local and global communities</p> <p><i>Above all, maintain constant love... Be hospitable... without complaining... serve one another. (1 Peter 4:8-10)</i></p>	<p>Recognizes his or her talents as given by God and is ready to use them for God's service.</p> <p>Serves others joyfully in response to God's service to humanity through Jesus.</p> <p>Serves in the interest of others without regard for self-interest or expectation of return.</p> <p>Acknowledges all others as equal image-bearers of God, deserving of sincere kindness and generosity.</p>
<p>Cultivates lifelong virtues of spiritual, mental, and physical wellness</p> <p><i>...whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Cor. 10:31)</i></p>	<p>Develops and maintains habits of spiritual practice.</p> <p>Cultivates dispositions characteristic of the Fruit of the Spirit.</p> <p>Exemplifies a contented confidence in God's sovereignty.</p> <p>Practices physical health in consumption, activity, rest, and personal care.</p> <p>Pursues moral excellence in all things, with humility and integrity.</p>