Proposed Mission Statement for the University of Richmond

Background: The University of Richmond must provide a mission statement for the upcoming Southern Association of Colleges and Schools re-accreditation review. Currently the university has a “Statement of Purpose”, but does not have a mission statement per se. The draft statement proposed below will be circulated broadly for comment in the fall of 2004. A final version is scheduled to be adopted by the Board of Trustees in spring of 2005.

Mission statements should be concise yet contain the essence of specific outcomes that can be assessed. Once the university mission statement is adopted, the mission statements of each unit within the university should be reviewed for consistency in support of the main mission.

Please send any comments to Provost June Aprille, japrille@richmond.edu, or by campus paper mail.

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University Mission Statement (proposed):
The mission of the University of Richmond is to build a collaborative learning and research community that supports the personal development of its members and the creation of new knowledge. The Richmond Experience prepares students to lead lives of purpose, thoughtful inquiry, and responsible leadership in a global and pluralistic society.

Current school mission statements are consistent:

A&S
Our mission is to explore the liberal arts through intellectual inquiry, shared investigation, and creativity, thereby fostering a community whose members pursue knowledge for its intrinsic value and its contributions to professions, society and the world.

Jepson
The Jepson School will develop people who understand the moral responsibilities of leadership and are prepared to exercise leadership in service to society.

RSBusiness
The mission of the Robins School of Business is to develop an active learning community in which teaching, scholarship, and service are integrated to stimulate intellectual inquiry as the foundation for responsible leadership in the global business environment.

Law
The mission of the University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law is to serve society and the legal profession by educating law students in the highest traditions of the profession, by contributing to the marketplace of ideas, and by service to the community and nation.

SCS
The mission of the SCS is to provide extraordinary learning opportunities for students of all ages.

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