

# Averett University: Creating a Culture of Success

## Our Goal

At Averett we are dedicated to the success of every student who enrolls. Such success is defined by students themselves, with the support and guidance of families, professors, staff, peers and others. Our goal is that upon graduation, students have:

- Developed advanced skills in critical thinking and analysis, written and oral communication, and technological proficiency
- Demonstrated proficiency in their major course of study
- Acquired the necessary preparation and planning to pursue a career in their field of interest
- Clarified personal values and life goals and recognized the need for life-long learning
- Developed a strong sense of personal integrity
- Learned to work and socially interact effectively with people of different cultures, beliefs, social status and backgrounds
- Expanded their intellectual horizons and appreciation of the arts
- Developed a strong sense of global citizenship

Our goal is to create a strong network of support for each student so that s/he can realize the fullest potential *AND* by doing so make the student body collectively stronger and the University a better place. By challenging and attending to the learning needs and personal growth of each student, we form a stronger bond among students and with the University.

## We Value

- Critical Thinking
- Mastery of Subject Area
- Expanding Academic Horizons
- Appreciation for the Arts
- Career Preparation
- Personal Integrity
- A Strong Sense of Global Citizenship
- Appreciation of Diversity

## Our Commitment

Success at Averett requires first and foremost the student's commitment to learning, hard work and personal responsibility. In turn, the University provides the structure, oversight, guidance, and care by:

- Making a commitment to the individual academic success and the achievement of personal goals of each student, no matter his/her entering level of skills and abilities
- Developing with each student a clear "road map" for success through academic advising, peer mentoring, and professional guidance, and persistently communicating with students to insure that they are on-track
- Providing a safe and secure environment in which to learn and grow without fear
- Creating collegial learning environments where students can express and pursue their ideas, beliefs, aspirations, and participate in the governance of the University and its programs
- Sharing our intellectual and spiritual journeys, and being open to the ideas, beliefs and traditions of others
- Encouraging involvement in activities outside the classroom to enhance the collegiate experience by developing life skills such as leadership, working with groups, planning and organization, and building a sense of community
- Treating each other respectfully, fairly, and equally
- Emphasizing the importance of reciprocal communication and living up to our responsibilities to each other
- Telling, sharing and celebrating our successes with each other and outside publics
- Developing pride and ownership in the University among all constituent groups, and eliciting constructive feedback for continuous improvement
- Insuring that every student leaves the University better for having been here
- Making sure that every student graduates with a strong sense of a career direction
- Offering opportunities for civic engagement and service to others