

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST

Many adjectives might serve to describe Liberty in its fourth decade. Too many, we are huge, and our story is exciting. People everywhere marvel at our rapid growth and our ascendance to a position of leadership in Christian higher education. Under the leadership of our president, the comprehensive rebuilding and refreshment of our school has produced a beautiful and functional campus beyond the dreams of our founder and those of us who came to serve alongside of him. Newly constructed, world-class educational facilities, attractive dorms, and an abundance of recreational facilities provide an unparalleled opportunity for students desiring a Christ-centered education to pursue their dreams in a context that is as modern and filled with opportunities as many of the finest state universities.

Liberty University students study and conduct research in the Jerry Falwell Library with its state-of-the-art robotic retrieval system, abundant group study rooms, and outstanding print and electronic resources. Biology, chemistry, health sciences, and pre-med students attend classes and conduct their research in our 121,000-square-foot science building with cutting-edge labs and classrooms. Music students are challenged to the highest level of excellence as they study and perform in a music and performing arts center that provides an atmosphere that helps to inspire their pursuit of excellence for the glory of God. Liberty's students will soon enjoy the new School of Business, the latest addition to our academic facilities. Nursing, medical, and engineering students study and learn in facilities equipped with the most modern SIMS and labs. They are fully prepared for graduate school, employment, and excellence in service as they take their next step. Liberty's approach to cultural engagement has contributed to the development of academic programs connected to real life experiences in cinematic arts, theater, studio and digital arts, and a host of other degree programs that are offered through the newly expanded School of Communication and Creative Arts. The Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement, located in the new Freedom Tower, teaches students how to engage culture and answer the biblical, theological, and philosophical questions raised by their generation from a distinctively Christ-centered worldview.

Outstanding facilities are important and necessary, but the most important resource contributing to Liberty's expanding reputation for excellence is the Liberty faculty. Seventy percent of our faculty have earned doctoral degrees, many from the top schools in America and around the world. More importantly, they share our president's commitment to the creed that "If it's Christian, it ought to be better." Liberty University faculty love their disciplines, love teaching, and love their students. Liberty faculty are united in the belief that God has called them to serve Him in this place and that every student has been created by God, bears His image, and is gifted by God to serve a particular purpose in His world. Education at Liberty is a dynamic partnership in which students and faculty are joined in the common resolve to acquire and demonstrate the knowledge, values, and skills required for serving with excellence in their callings.

At the heart of what makes Liberty unique in the world of higher education, is our resolve to create *Champions for Christ*. This is achievable because administration and faculty are committed to the ongoing preservation of an environment where the Holy Spirit has the freedom to work in our classrooms, in our uplifting Convocations held at least twice a week, and in the conversations and service of Liberty students. As an academic community, we are united in the belief that through reliance

upon the Spirit of God, obedience to the Scriptures, and the diligent pursuit of academic excellence, we are able to produce *Champions for Christ* to serve in and impact our contemporary culture. I invite you to view this catalog and come and see.

Dr. Scott Hicks
Provost