

CHS Vision and Mission Summary Statements

“Making the Transformation Real for Students, Society and Science”

MISSION:

The College of Humanities and Sciences serves as the “heart and soul” of our institution:

1. Prepares lifelong learners to participate actively as engaged and responsible citizens.
2. Propels scientific research and innovation to cure and treat diseases, create cleaner environments, and improve the human condition.
3. Grounds us in our history, critically examines our present human condition, and empowers students to create more equitable local and global communities.
4. Provides communities with a passionate and creative workforce that serves as a powerful engine for economic development and innovative, lucrative solutions to problems.

VISION:

As the intellectual lifeblood of VCU, the College of Humanities and Sciences seeks to inspire our students to explore their passions and dreams as individuals, and provide the context to understand their place in the world and connections with others — locally, globally, and throughout time. Most importantly, our educational and research environment addresses an array of technological, health, and societal problems, as well as providing profound insights and reflections of what it means to be human and humane. The College of Humanities and Sciences not only attempts to prepare students for employment, but also aspires to help them construct a foundation on which they will build a rich and deeply meaningful life and career. Our aim is not just education for employment, but also the transformation of the students who move through their experiences here by encouraging them to explore opportunities they might have never imagined, and providing them the tools to pursue these opportunities.

CORE VALUES:

1. We share the value and principle that a liberal arts and sciences education enhances the general quality of life and provides a pathway for students to become more productive leaders, global citizens and members of our society. Such an education is a pathway for students to develop a deeply meaningful and successful life and career.
2. A dynamic, inclusive learning and working environment in which individuals of differing cultural and intellectual perspectives and backgrounds, and differing life experiences are welcomed, valued and supported by our faculty and staff.
3. Our commitment to transforming lives requires our full commitment to academic and scholarly excellence. The future excellence of the College of Humanities and Sciences must continue to support existing strengths in research, scholarship, and academic programs leading toward national distinction, while ensuring that the critical elements of all programs are supported sufficiently to provide a pathway for future excellence.
4. The investments that we make in our students and communities transform our humanity in important ways that go beyond VCU in creating a more just and vibrant world.