

LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY



FOREFRONT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH *Strategic Plan 2019-2025*

Our Mission: Longwood University is an institution of higher learning dedicated to the development of citizen leaders who are prepared to make positive contributions to the common good of society. Building upon its strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, the University provides an environment in which exceptional teaching fosters student learning, scholarship, and achievement. As the only four-year public institution in south central Virginia, Longwood University serves as a catalyst for regional prosperity and advancement.

Our Opportunity:

In a Turbulent Time, a Thriving Institution – American democracy and American higher education are in a time of division and uncertainty, but Longwood can accelerate and thrive, proving the power of residential, citizenship-focused university education

Our Key Principles:

Academic Enterprise at the Heart – as one of the hundred-oldest U.S. colleges and universities and Virginia’s third-oldest public university, we prize faculty engagement with students, our residential character, research and scholarship, and the role of a broader learning community beyond the classroom in preparing citizen leaders committed to the common good in our pluralistic democracy

Transforming Lives – we are at our best when helping to transform lives, by connecting students with people and experiences that broaden their minds, challenge them, and equip them with strong career skills; to succeed we must also help keep college affordable, provide a campus culture that fosters well-being, and be mindful of Longwood’s role as a steward in our region of the Commonwealth

Camaraderie – enriched by our many traditions, including our honor code, and commitment to diversity of backgrounds, identities, and intellectual perspectives, we enjoy a distinctive camaraderie, which is fueled by our belief that individuals can make a difference, here on campus and beyond; cultivating this camaraderie gives real strength for collaborating and working together in challenging times

Our Priorities:

Intensifying Enthusiasm across All Enrollment – the University will thrive if students and prospective students at all levels cherish the chance to attend Longwood; academic rigor is fundamentally part of cultivating this enthusiasm, as is affordability via scholarships

Innovation in What We Offer – inspired by Civitae, we can innovate in our major, graduate, co-curricular, and student-employment offerings, enhancing career skills by drawing on strengths like Hull Springs, the LCVA, Moton, Study Abroad, and the Brock Experiences

Reflecting the Diversity of America – strong commitment to diversity of backgrounds, identities, and intellectual perspectives is crucial for our success pedagogically and civically, as is focus on faculty and staff recruitment and retention, including competitive compensation

Distinction in the Commonwealth and the Nation – communicating Longwood’s successes and strengths, qualitative and quantitative, will make one of the fifty-oldest NCAA Division I schools into the household name in Virginia and beyond that it should be

A Sense of Beauty and Place on Campus – with its historic sense of place and its accessibility, our campus can serve as a sanctuary of natural and architectural beauty fostering physical and mental well-being; sustainable practices are powerfully important in this regard

College-Town Vibrancy – Farmville, Prince Edward, the surrounding region, H-SC, and Longwood stand together where the Civil War ended and Civil Rights began, as America’s first two-college community; our college-town vibrancy is resurgent and crucial

A Culture of Philanthropy – with the Commonwealth as a vital support and catalyst always, it is also of paramount importance for Longwood to build a true culture of philanthropy, among alumni and friends as well as on campus in spirit, budget and procedure

Measuring Progress:

Each part of the University will determine how best to assess progress against these priorities in its own area; here are metrics Longwood will measure as barometers reflecting institution-wide progress, assessed to inform decision-making and budgeting:

- Enrollment for Undergraduates, “4+1” and Graduate Students
- Retention and Graduation Rates
- Composition of Student Body, Faculty, Staff, Boards and Volunteer Leadership
- Purchase Volume of University Licensed Logos and Marks
- Overall Attendance at University Events (Performances, Athletics, Exhibits, Lectures, etc.)
- Total Population of the Local Community
- Alumni Annual Giving Percentage