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### **SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Brewton-Parker College offers an undergraduate education committed to academic excellence, the liberal arts tradition, and the Christian faith. Faculty and staff, reinforced by the College's affiliation with the Georgia Baptist Convention, share a desire to nurture and develop the whole student in a caring, Christian community.

Students study the traditional liberal arts and sciences, and selected professional and pre-professional programs, at the campus in Mount Vernon and designated external locations. Faculty serve as teachers, mentors, and scholars promoting intellectual inquiry that develops the mind and spirit. Activities both inside and outside the classroom, facilitated by faculty and staff, afford students opportunities for intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual growth that prepare them for meaningful service to their local, regional, and global communities.

Therefore, members of the college community aspire to a future that is:

- Enhanced through continually improving academic quality,
- Inspired by commitment to Christian distinctives in programs and activities,
- Expanded through an enriched student experience, and
- Sustained by financial viability.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

During the process of growth, Brewton-Parker's philosophy has been developing concurrently out of the commitment of faculty and administration to the ideals of quality education under Christian sponsorship. Today, the College's philosophy reflects the innovative thrust of present and future directions as well as the best of the traditions of the past. These beliefs may be summarized as follows:

- ◆ A recognition of the worth and dignity of all persons substantiates the College's belief that they should have the opportunity for developing their potential. Thus, all who qualify for admission shall be given a chance by the College for personal development and educational advancement, based on their own initiative and responsibility. The College shall structure a program of study geared to assist students in choosing educational objectives, scheduling courses and making changes when necessary. It shall seek to give all students the greatest possible individual attention and to help them reach their highest potential at Brewton-Parker.
- ◆ Belief in our democracy guides the College in offering courses and training acceptable for degrees in higher education and for a useful place in society as a whole. The College shall offer a general education program with a combination of subjects designed to make the students better citizens through an ordered knowledge and understanding of the development of civilization. It shall provide learning opportunities for students to achieve mastery of subject matter and to formulate concepts essential to responsible Christian citizens and leaders in their respective communities.
- ◆ The development and education of students require continuing progress in the humanizing processes that promote self-expression, self-discipline, respect for others, and an awareness of responsible citizenship in a democratic society. This includes a capacity for appreciation and evaluation of literary, aesthetic, ethical, religious and scientific interests throughout life as well as preparation for making a living.

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