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VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

WILLIAM JESSUP UNIVERSITY

As an exceptional Christian college in Rocklin, California, William Jessup University's mission is to "partner with the church to educate transformational leaders for the glory of God". As such, the University seeks to develop the whole person by developing skills in communication, quantitative reasoning, and critical thinking, and by exposing students to a broad cross-section of knowledge in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

William Jessup University is a nationally ranked Christian university in the heart of Northern California, more specifically the greater Sacramento area. It maintains the highest academic standards and is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). Additionally, Jessup is a member of the Association for Biblical Higher Education and Council for Christian Colleges & Universities and a charter member of the International Alliance for Christian Education.

The 125-acre property purchased in Rocklin included a striking, award-winning office and warehouse facility for the Herman Miller Corporation, designed by world-renowned architect Frank Gehry. The renovation for campus use received the Best Rebuild/Renovation Award from the Sacramento Business Journal in March 2005 and has received multiple "Gold Nugget" awards from the American Institute of Architecture.

When William Jessup University started classes in Rocklin, it did so as the first accredited, private four-year university in the greater Sacramento area and the first evangelical Christian college between Fresno and Redding; it remains as the largest private non-profit residential school in the greater Sacramento region. Jessup also maintains class locations in San Jose (the location is freeway visible and adjacent to the famed "Santana Row") and is launching an additional center in Elk Grove as well.

William Jessup University received accreditation in 2002 as San Jose Christian College. The name was changed to William Jessup University in 2003, and the campus was moved to Rocklin, California, in 2004. Since arriving in Rocklin in 2004, the 125 acre campus has become host to over 25 degree majors and over 50 programs. The university has tripled in size over the past nine years and its best days are just ahead.



MISSION

In partnership with the Church, the purpose of William Jessup University is to educate transformational leaders for the glory of God.

VISION

William Jessup University's vision is that our graduates will be transformed and will help redeem world culture by providing notable servant leadership, by enriching family, church and community life, and by serving with distinction in their chosen career.

BELIEFS

We believe in one God, the maker of heaven and earth: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as revealed in the Holy Bible and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We believe that Jesus, the divine Son, became human, was born of a virgin, ministered in word and miracle, died for our sin, was raised bodily from the dead, ascended to God's right hand, and is coming again for His people.

We believe the Holy Spirit is presently ministering through the Christian community, empowering lives of godliness and service.

We believe the Holy Bible is completely God-breathed, true in all its teaching, and the final authority for all matters of faith and practice.

We believe that Jesus Christ established His Church on earth to carry out His saving mission among all ethnic groups and formed her to be one holy people.

We believe in God's saving grace that calls forth from all people: faith, repentance, confession, baptism, and new life and ministry through the Spirit.

We commit ourselves to the teachings, practice, and defense of these truths until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



AFFILIATIONS

- Independent Christian Church and the Restoration Movement
- Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU)
- Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU)
- WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)
- California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC)
- International Alliance for Christian Education (IACE, charter member)

UNIVERSITY GOALS

William Jessup University desires that its graduates will exemplify transformational leadership in church and society through the integration of their faith, learning, and critical thought in the arenas of Christian literacy, communication and intellectual skills, professional competence, and global citizenship.

WJU students will be prepared to:

1

Articulate the relevance of Jesus Christ, His teachings, and a biblical worldview to their personal and professional lives.

2

Communicate effectively across cultures.

3

Demonstrate critical, analytical, and creative thinking.

4

Exhibit competence in their chosen disciplines.

5

Engage in a lifelong pursuit of knowledge, character formation, and service to their local and global communities.

ACADEMICS





UNDERGRADUATE

William Jessup University offers undergraduate degrees that prepare students for a career or further study in graduate school. The quality Liberal Arts curriculum, founded on the integration of faith and academia, encourages students to think critically and problem-solve for lifelong learning. Classes are taught by distinguished faculty that continuously encourage and support students in establishing and attaining their academic and career goals. A Christian education at Jessup inspires students to become all that God envisions for them so they may one day become successful leaders in their homes, churches, and communities.

DEGREE COMPLETION

Day, evening, and online courses are offered as options for those desiring to complete a degree. Jessup's accelerated degree completion programs allow students to finish a bachelor's degree by taking classes one night a week, with the opportunity to obtain a bachelor's degree in 19 months.

ONLINE

Jessup offers multiple, flexible, affordable online degrees at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Jessup offers professional programs that feature personalized academic support in a faith-based environment. Multiple start dates throughout the year offer a convenient fit for busy schedules.

ATHLETICS



William Jessup University student-athletes participate in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC). Jessup offers six men's teams: baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, and track & field, as well as nine women's teams: basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, STUNT, tennis, track & field, and volleyball.

Many of Jessup teams have successfully competed at the national level, and our women's and men's track and field and cross country teams have been nationally ranked academically; we also have a female National Champion and our women's cross-country team was the #1 ranked academic team among NAIA in 2019.

POINTS OF EXCELLENCE

FACULTY

Jessup's esteemed professors hold doctorates from some of the world's leading research universities, such as Cambridge, MIT, Cornell, Stanford, and Oxford. A 15-to-1 student-faculty ratio allows students to receive personal attention and mentoring.

FINANCIAL AID

In fiscal year 2018, Jessup distributed more than \$15 million in scholarships to students, and about 95% of Jessup students receive some form of aid. Student affordability remains among the highest priority in the university's current and capital campaigns. Jessup graduates have 30% less debt than the national average.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKINGS: REGIONAL COLLEGES WEST

- #2 Regional Colleges West
- #2 Best Undergraduate Teaching
- #2 Best Colleges for Veterans
- #2 Top Performers on Social Mobility
- #5 Best Value Schools

THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION: 3RD FASTEST-GROWING BACCALAUREATE INSTITUTION IN THE US FOR THE YEARS 2007-2017

- Average student-athlete GPA: 3.5
- The average dollar amount of scholarships per student: \$21,000
- 86% of students graduate with debt below the national average
- 92% of graduates say Jessup strengthened their ability to articulate the relevance of Jesus Christ and a biblical worldview

OTHER KEY DATA POINTS

- Degrees and programs:
25 Bachelor's | 8 Master's | 8 Online
- Enrollment in top five majors (2019):
Sciences 252 | Business 218 | Psychology 217 | Ministry 156 | Education 126

THE OPPORTUNITY

William Jessup University seeks an innovative leader as its next Vice President of Academic Affairs. The VPAA will be the university's Chief Academic Officer. This next season for the university is one of continued missional fulfillment, entrepreneurial expansion, and marketplace impact. The Vice President of Academic Affairs must be able to support and strengthen the leadership of deans, undergird top-notch faculty, be an avid supporter of co-curricular development and academic support operations, and be a "brand ambassador" across the university campuses and in the larger community. Building high-performance clarity and expectations and high trust while maximizing communication across university units and platforms is an essential leadership role for this position.

VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Vice President of Academic Affairs is the Chief Academic Officer of the university and is responsible for all academic and co-curricular programs and related academic support services. With authority delegated by the president and board policy, this officer implements necessary and appropriate policy leads in the development of new academic ventures and is considered to be the steward of the Christ-centered philosophy of education of the university. This officer assures that the university fulfills its missional promise to students and donors, ensures that all accreditation expectations are met, secures visionary administrative leaders, sees that faculty and staff leadership meet institutional goals, and assures adherence to the university's mission and vision.

The VPAA will lead all academic units of the university (i.e., schools, faculties, divisions), co-curricular units, and academic support units. It is expected that a variety of current and future teams will be coordinated by the VPAA's office to further the mission, vision, and strategic plans of the university. Current student populations of the university (traditional, degree completion, graduate, online) will expand as will the modalities and locations (face to face, online, hybrid, main campus, and extension sites); capacities for the VPAA to lead, innovate, partner, and model effective leadership are key.



EXPECTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

University leadership as a member of the President's Executive Team.

The VPAA advocates for the mission and vision of the university and coordinates with other administrative assignments within the university leadership.

- Publicly represents the university at a variety of events and engages with a variety of university constituencies.
- Collaborates with the board of trustees and relevant sub-committees.
- Works with the Chief Enrollment Officer to set strategic and innovative initiatives focused on accomplishing the Jessup mission and growing overall enrollment.
- Works with the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer to steward resources and optimize operational effectiveness.

Academic Leadership across the curricular and co-curricular activities of the university.

The VPAA serves as the liaison between the faculty and the President to ensure the vitality and educational effectiveness of all present and future academic programs and curriculum. This role also oversees the development of faculty, student life, and academic support personnel to ensure the success of the university's vision.

- Establishes strategic priorities and aligns organizational structure.
- Works collaboratively with the deans to set goals, objectives, and measurable outcomes for academic affairs.
- Oversees institutional research and collaborates with university personnel to ensure federal regulations compliance and ensures that all accreditation standards are met and sustained.
- In concert with the academic council, fosters shared governance and ongoing faculty support initiatives.

Perform other duties as agreed with the President.

The VPAA may perform responsibilities with the board and with other appropriate agencies.



QUALIFICATIONS

Education & Experience

- Has a terminal degree from an accredited institution (required).
- Is in agreement and has a passion for the mission, vision, values, and community covenant of the university.
- Has demonstrated leadership in Christ-centered settings.
- Has demonstrated success leading institutions or organizations in the accomplishment of goals and outcomes.
- Has a minimum of five years of higher education experience, with progressively increasing successful leadership responsibilities in those settings.
- Has demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Has a record of scholarly, professional, or artistic achievements.

Skills & Personal Characteristics

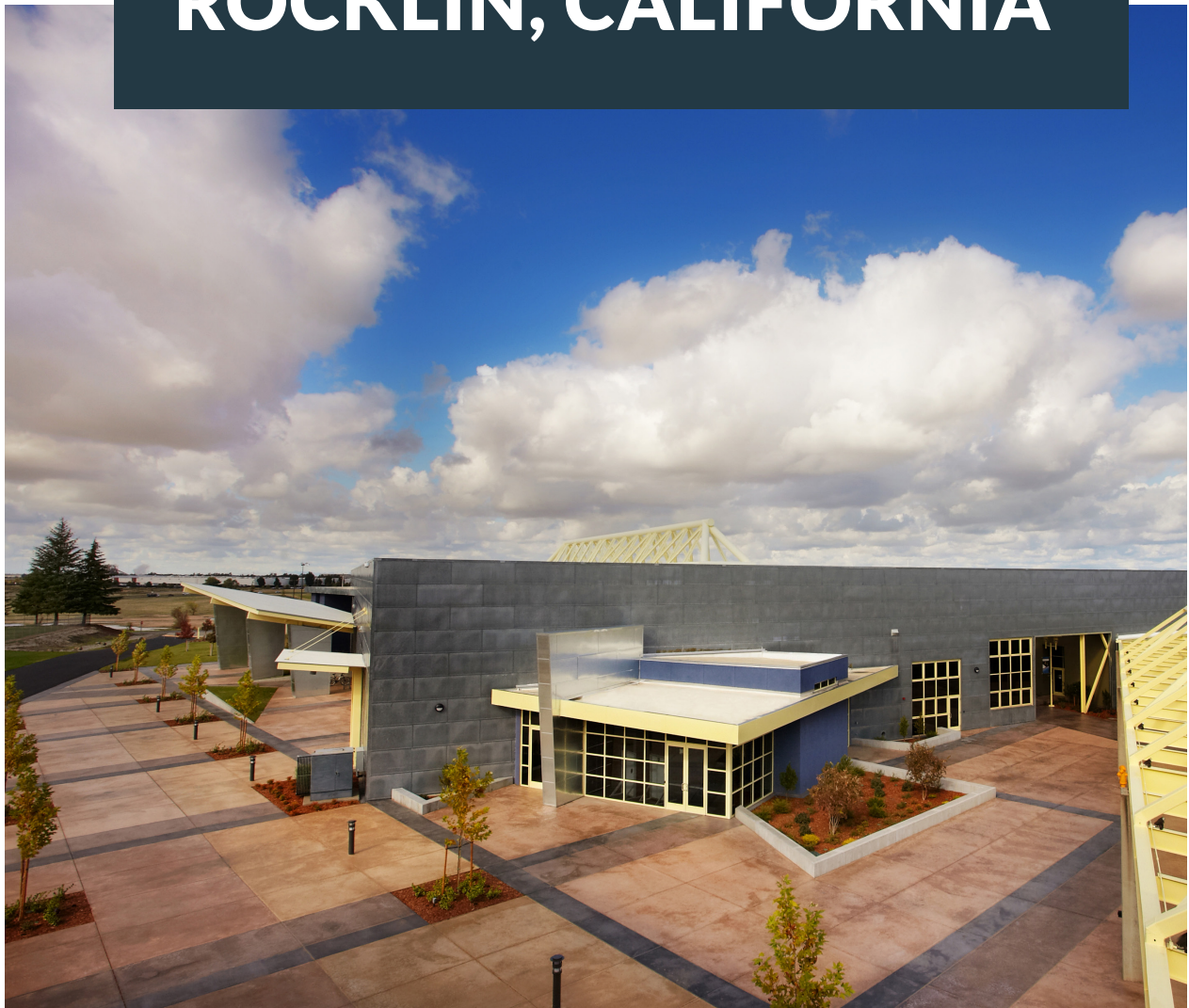
- Is a deeply devoted follower of Jesus Christ.
- Has exceptional interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively in an environment of building and sustaining high performance and high trust teams.
- Shows evidence of effective fiscal planning and management skills.
- Possesses communication skills essential to represent the institution effectively to its various constituencies.
- In the environment of the growing Christian university, is able to maintain and develop quality academic programs and be nimble and effective in responding to the marketplace.



Located in South Placer County, Rocklin is characterized by rolling hill terrain with 360-degree panoramic views of the Sierra Nevada mountain range to the northeast and the Sutter-Butte mountain range in the West. Rocklin is a preferred location to visit because of its convenient location, abundant recreational opportunities, and its commitment to public safety.

Rocklin is located in proximity to many tourist locations and recreational amenities. It is within 20 minutes of Folsom Lake, 30 minutes from downtown and Old Sacramento, and less than two hours from Lake Tahoe, the Pacific Ocean, and San Francisco.

ROCKLIN, CALIFORNIA



A review of resume materials will begin in early March and continue until the position is filled. Priority will be given to materials submitted prior to April 30, 2020.

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