

## Mission Statement and Guiding Principles

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### Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni:

I want to thank the Consolidation Implementation Committee for the work it has done in creating the foundational documents necessary to complete the consolidation process and position our university for success. The 40-member committee, consisting of members from Albany State University and Darton State College, has created documents that address and embrace our heritage and position us as a premier institution providing academic excellence in our 26-county service area, throughout the state of Georgia and around the world.

I am sharing with you (pasted below) a single document that includes the mission statement and guiding principles for the new Albany State University. The history and vision statements will be shared with you as soon as revisions have been completed.

### Albany State University Mission Statement

Albany State University, a proud member institution of the University System of Georgia, elevates its community and region by offering a broad array of graduate, baccalaureate, associate, and certificate programs at its main campuses in Albany as well as at strategically-placed branch sites and online. Committed to excellence in teaching and learning, the University prepares students to be effective contributors to a globally diverse society, where knowledge and technology create opportunities for personal and professional success. ASU respects and builds on the historical roots of its institutional predecessors with its commitment to access and a strong liberal arts heritage that respects diversity in all its forms and gives all students the foundation they need to succeed. Through creative scholarship, research, and public service, the University's faculty, staff, students, and administrators form strategic alliances internally and externally to promote community and economic development, resulting in an improved quality of life for the citizens of southwest Georgia and beyond.

### Albany State University Guiding Principles

#### Aspire to Excellence

*Albany State University will aspire toward excellence in teaching and learning, thus becoming the first-choice institution for students from southwest Georgia and garnering recognition as a premier southern regional university.*

#### Embrace Diversity

*As a historically black institution and led by a highly-diverse faculty and staff, Albany State University will embrace diversity in all its forms – including age, gender identity, race and ethnicity, country of origin, religion, ability level, sexual orientation, and veteran status – and seek to foster a similar acceptance and celebration of that diversity.*

#### Expand Access to Higher Education

*As an access institution, Albany State University will promote student success for all by welcoming students from varying levels of academic preparation, keeping costs low, offering flexible class times and instructional modalities, and pairing high student expectations with exceptional mentoring, advising, and tutoring.*

#### Elevate Historically Underserved Populations

*Albany State University will recognize and address the many challenges that face*

*African Americans and other students of color, adult learners, first generation students, students from low socioeconomic*

### Foundational Documents

[ASU Foundational Documents](#)  
[ASU/DSC Consolidation Prospectus](#)

### News

New members added to the Albany State University and Darton State College Consolidation Implementation Committee  
August 25, 2016

ASU president appoints interim provost, other key positions  
June 28, 2016

ASU law-enforcement, public safety units now include Darton  
June 2, 2016

ASU and DSC presidents name new college: Darton College of Health Professions  
May 26, 2016

A Community Consolidation Update, May 24, 2016  
May 24, 2016

Consolidation of Albany State University and Darton State College Update  
May 13, 2016