

## BOR Unanimous Approval of New ASU Mission Statement

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### Memorandum

To: ASU Faculty, Staff and Students  
DSC Faculty, Staff and Students

From: Dr. Art Dunning, ASU President  
Dr. Richard Carvajal, DSC President

Re: Board of Regents Unanimous Approval of New Albany State University Mission Statement

Date: March 9, 2016

Today, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia unanimously approved the mission statement for the new Albany State University. The Consolidation Implementation Committee (CIC) worked hard to ensure that the mission is inclusive, clear, and raised the bar for the new institution. The mission statement is the first, and most important task to complete, and it forms the basis for the new world-class university we will build together.

As you know, the process of crafting this new statement has been highly collaborative. Utilizing a set of guiding principles created by the members of the CIC, an initial draft mission statement was created and revised. This revised draft was distributed to leaders from our two institution's faculty, staff and student governance groups, senior leadership teams, and University System staff. Utilizing their input, the mission statement was revised yet again, before being sent to the Board for their final approval this morning.

The new mission statement (attached) describes a university that is committed to excellence in teaching and learning. While honoring both institutions' historical missions, it also challenges us to meet the future needs of higher education in our region and beyond.

In the coming weeks, the CIC will finalize and adopt other foundational documents that will further tell the story of our collective past and lay the groundwork for our new institution's future.

We look forward to working with all to build the new Albany State University!

***New Mission Statement for Consolidated Institution, Albany State University*** 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.

### 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