

# FAC 103. The Mission of McPherson College

**Mission Statement.** McPherson College's mission is to develop whole persons through scholarship, participation, and service.

To accomplish our mission, McPherson College embraces the ideals of scholarship, participation, and service.

**Scholarship.** All absolute truth is God's Truth, and humankind must labor diligently in the pursuit of truth we can know; thus, McPherson College upholds the highest standards of academic excellence. Faculty strive to teach students to think critically and independently, to communicate clearly and effectively, to integrate knowledge across the disciplines, and to assess the value conflicts in issues. This is done without coercion, letting the evidence lead the search, and with respect for the consciences and value differences of others.

**Participation.** Students apply knowledge, practice skills, and deepen and broaden their understanding of themselves and others through active participation in diverse learning experiences. A smaller community requires greater participation from its members. For these reasons, McPherson College is committed to being a small college and to encouraging student participation in a variety of activities.

**Service.** God's love is personified in the life of Jesus, who came to serve the world. Through works of peacemaking and compassion, humanity responds to God's love and becomes an instrument of God's servanthood in the world. Therefore, McPherson College emphasizes service to others, encouraging all members of its community to give selflessly of themselves to others.