



# WHO WE ARE

**EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE.  
ENRICH OUR FUTURE.**

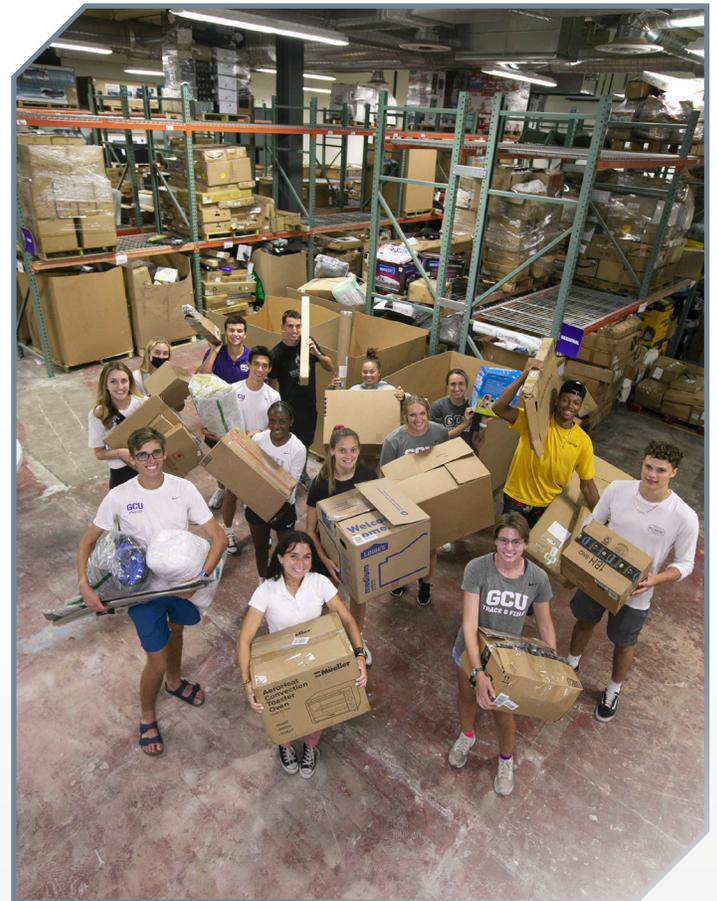
## GCU Mission Statement

GCU is a missional, Christ-centered university with an innovative and adaptive spirit that addresses the world's deep needs by cultivating compassionate Christian community, empowering free and virtuous action and serving others in ways that promote human flourishing.

Through academic excellence, the university equips students with knowledge of the Christian worldview, instilling in them a sense of purpose and vocational calling that enables them to be innovative thinkers, effective communicators, global contributors and transformative leaders who change their communities by placing the interests of others before their own.

## Honors College Mission Statement

GCU's Honors College is designed to produce exemplary graduates who are uniquely equipped to lead and serve in the workplace as well as within their local and global communities. Our mission is to develop servant leaders and change agents who are primed to enter the world with a competitive advantage over their contemporaries in the fields of problem solving, communication, critical thinking, evidence-based decision-making and cultural awareness.



<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup>For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup>if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. — Romans 12:3-8 NIV



## Strength in a Christ-Centered Community

We value relationships over transactions by promoting meaningful connections that enrich the honors community and those we serve. We embrace the notion that we are stronger together and aim to lift one another to fulfill our calling. We activate principles of servant leadership within our daily interactions.

*That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. — 1 Corinthians 12:25-27 ESV*

## Innovation Through Interdisciplinary Collaboration

We conduct purpose-driven research and entrepreneurial strategizing to drive innovative solutions. We foster ambition and diversity of thought within a community that embraces interdisciplinary collaboration.

*"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, build a team."  
— Martha Goedert*

## Character and Integrity

We grow and contribute from the context of a Christian worldview. We align our passions and purposes with our future professions. We embrace servant leadership through care, love, humility and stewardship in all our endeavors. We cultivate a community dedicated to character and integrity, live out our faith in action and embrace gratitude.

*"Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity." — Roy T. Bennett*

## Global Exploration and Engagement

We promote cultural awareness and global competence by engaging in diverse local and global communities. We develop empathetic leaders ready to engage in a global workplace through inclusivity and compassion.

*Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. — Hebrews 12:14 NIV*

## Commitment to Service and Service-Minded Leadership

We develop authentic, resilient, transformational leaders through intentional professional and leadership development programs. Our students are committed to serving their communities and inspiring change through advocacy and action.

*For we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man. — 2 Corinthians 8:21 ESV*

## Lifelong Learning

Through our curricular and co-curricular experiences, our students establish a commitment to lifelong learning, continued professional and leadership development and everlasting spiritual growth. Our students learn humbly, apply with integrity and repeat with curiosity in the lifelong pursuit of knowledge.

*"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." — Socrates*

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