VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT LIFE

Whitworth University invites nominations and applications for the position of Vice President of Student Life. Founded in 1890, Whitworth University is at the strongest point in its history. Its strength lies in the institution’s mission to provide an education of mind and heart characterized by both rigorous and open intellectual inquiry and a deep commitment to the integration of Christian faith and learning. As a community of Christians, Whitworth values commitment to Christ’s gospel as essential to remaining faithful to its mission. As a community of scholars, Whitworth embraces the task of exploring new ideas. There is a broad sense of ownership of the mission in a culture characterized by trust and collaboration between faculty, administrators, staff, and students.

A comprehensive institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs, the University has experienced steady growth. Total enrollment has climbed to approximately 3,000 students. The academic profile of the incoming freshman class has also risen as the GPA and SAT scores improved to 3.7 and 1803 respectively. The freshman to sophomore retention rate is 85 percent and the six-year graduation rate for the most recent cohort is 80 percent. Graduate programs have grown to include more than 300 students enrolled in master’s degree programs in education, teaching, counseling, business administration, international management and theology.

Reporting to the President, the Vice President of Student Life provides leadership, supervision and administrative management for all student life functions including: residence life, student activities, counseling, career services, health and wellness services, spiritual life, education support, student employment, intercultural and international student programs, service learning and community engagement, and student leadership training and development. The Vice President of Student Life is a member of the President’s cabinet and has administrative faculty status.

The preferred candidate for this position will possess the following: a doctoral degree in a field related to student development; a minimum of five years of successful administrative and leadership experience at the college level; demonstrated competence over a broad range of leadership and educational functions including student development, integration of student life and academics, strategic planning, financial management skills; demonstrated leadership that enhances Whitworth’s sense of community, fosters just and trusting relationships across all differences, values diversity, and encourages collaboration between students, faculty, staff, administration and board members; and a commitment to the educational mission of Whitworth University as a Christian liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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