

## **BRYN ATHYN COLLEGE VISION STATEMENT**

### **CORE PURPOSE**

- ▶ To help build the Church within individuals through intellectual engagement on moral, civil and spiritual levels.

### **CORE VALUES**

- ▶ Teach academic subjects in light of the Heavenly Doctrines
- ▶ Inspire students to apply learning for the greater good
- ▶ Encourage spiritual inquiry and fresh applications of the truth
- ▶ Help students delight in discovery
- ▶ Foster virtue based student life

### **THIRTY-YEAR GOAL**

- ▶ Become nationally recognized for engaged, value-added learning, the integration of academic and spiritual life, and the advancement of New Church thought.

### **VIVID DESCRIPTION**

- ▶ Bryn Athyn College will be known and respected as the liberal arts institution that successfully integrates spiritual life, academic discovery, and practical application. Our students will graduate with the required skills, knowledge, insights, and commitment to become life-long learners and inspired participants in society.
- ▶ We will be an institution warmly supported by its alumni because we won't compromise on the values that matter—helping students strengthen their minds and hearts so that they can build better worlds. Our 300 graduates a year will make a difference through active leadership in church communities throughout the world and by exemplifying spiritual practice in the workplace.
- ▶ Our academic programs will demand students' best work. Our core program—bringing together practical skills, the liberal arts, and spiritual values—will be used as a model in other schools for how to build educational accountability in the 21st century. We will look for and foster the strengths and aspirations of every student, and we will expect great things of every graduate. Service learning will be at the heart of our curriculum and student life, and ongoing participation from students and faculty will keep service learning a living expression of our academic and spiritual values.
- ▶ Faculty will publish in peer-reviewed journals, and Swedenborgian scholarship will become valued currency in spiritually-minded corners of academia.
- ▶ Our campus life will inspire creativity and promote morality. The beauty and power of New Church teachings and perspectives will not only manifest in the classroom, but surface in the very design of the campus and buildings. We will have a human campus that respects proportion and creativity, and that relishes the human form, especially in the spiritual sense of reaching out to others and up to God.
- ▶ We will exemplify the paradoxical truth that true individuality and purpose grow from willing subordination of self to higher values.