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Throughout its one-hundred-and-seventy-year history, Wake Forest University has been blessed with leaders who have boldly dreamed of an even brighter future.

In 2005, as Nathan O. Hatch becomes the University's thirteenth president, Wake Forest is poised to take the next step forward on its historic journey.

Today, Wake Forest is one of the leading private liberal arts universities in the country, small in size, big in resources and tall among national universities. Graduate programs, internationally recognized schools of law,

business and medicine, and a growing divinity school enhance the University's academic stature.

Since its founding in 1834, Wake Forest has been committed to the full development of each student and has flourished as a source of enlightenment, empowerment, and engagement for the spirit as well as the mind. It has been, and remains a place where dreams, ambitions and potential are nurtured through academic rigor and deeply rooted values.



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From modest beginnings as a manual labor institute in the eastern part of North Carolina, Wake Forest transformed into a highly principled, academically strong college, but one with limited means and outreach.

The move to Winston-Salem, in 1941 for the medical school and in 1956 for the College and School of Law, provided a new destiny in a new place. But the values that guided the University's development were brought from the "Old Campus" – a commitment to academic freedom and the liberal arts, a close community of students and dedicated teacher-scholars, and an emphasis on character and service to others. Over the next fifty years, Wake Forest grew in enrollment, programs and academic reputation, and expanded its reach across the nation and into the world.

Today, Wake Forest is ranked among the top thirty national universities and is distinguished by its small size, a faculty whose scholarship is growing in international recognition, a challenging curriculum, and exceptional opportunities for students. Superb academic facilities – all built or renovated within the last fifteen years – a beautiful campus, outstanding libraries and academic resources, and the latest educational technology create a superior environment for academic growth. Affiliated from its founding with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Wake Forest became self-governing in the mid-1980s, but its religious heritage remains important.



Wake Forest has always been a place of opportunity for young people — first those from North Carolina and later from the South and then the nation — to realize their dreams, ambitions and potential, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Now one of the most competitive universities in the country, Wake Forest still maintains a need-blind admissions policy for undergraduates to honor that historic commitment to remain accessible to all qualified students.

Based on the belief that the best education grows from personal and intellectual relationships between students and faculty, excellence in teaching is at the heart of Wake Forest's mission and success. With approximately 4,300 undergraduates and 2,400 graduate and professional students, Wake Forest's small size allows students and professors to get to know and learn from one another "face-to-face," from freshman seminar classes taught by top professors to law

and management class sections that are among the smallest in the country. Faculty positions have been added in the last decade to enhance the learning environment by lowering the undergraduate student-faculty ratio and maintaining small class size.

While faculty members have long been known for teaching excellence, they are strongly committed to the teacher-scholar ideal. They are widely known in their fields and actively engaged in research and scholarly activities, not as a separate pursuit from their teaching, but as an integral part of their commitment to providing students with current theories and practice in their respective disciplines.



"I look forward to upholding the great tradition of Wake Forest to provide a liberal arts education that offers intellectual and moral orientation. We want to sustain excellent teaching and research. We want diversity and continuity with the past. Wake Forest values its North Carolina roots and its identity as a national university; we are a university that prizes academic freedom and diversity of thought, and we want to be faithful to a distinct religious and moral tradition. This is our heritage and our invitation to a very bright future." ~President Nathan O. Hatch



At Wake Forest University the personalized attention of a small college is combined with the opportunities and resources associated with a larger university.

Wake Forest encourages students to study abroad, either at the University's residential study centers in London, Venice and Vienna, or through other programs around the world; about half of undergraduates study abroad by the time they graduate, placing Wake Forest among the top 3 percent of universities in the proportion of students who study outside the United States.

Students have access to a vast array of academic resources, including the latest information technology; Wake Forest was one of the first universities to provide laptop computers to students and is recognized as one of the most

technologically advanced campuses in the nation. Students have numerous opportunities to work with faculty mentors on meaningful research or to pursue their own research ideas.

That commitment to academic and personal growth enables students to excel. Nine students have been named Rhodes Scholars since 1986, and numerous others have received Goldwater, Fulbright, Mellon, Luce, Truman and National Science Foundation awards in recent years. For eight consecutive years, graduates of the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy have ranked in the top five in the nation in passing the CPA exam.



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Wake Forest has kept its graduate and professional programs intentionally small to maintain their quality and to create a more intimate classroom setting.

As early as 1894, Wake Forest accepted an obligation to provide professional training in a number of fields. The School of Law ranks among the top forty in the country and was recently named the nation's "best value" among private law schools. The Babcock Graduate School of Management has grown substantially since its founding thirty years ago and annually ranks among the top 10 percent of business schools. The School of Medicine, along with its teaching hospital, North Carolina Baptist

Hospital, is one of the nation's leading centers for patient care, medical education and biomedical research. The medical school and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences joined with Virginia Tech in 2001 to establish a joint School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences. Wake Forest's commitment to preparing leaders in law, business and medicine was extended to the preparation of church leadership with the opening of the ecumenical Divinity School in 1999.



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Perhaps because Wake Forest is committed to helping students realize their promise, students are strongly committed to using their knowledge in the service of humanity.

A Wake Forest education is about more than what you learn, it's about who you are and what you believe in. More students than ever regularly volunteer — an experience that has become as much a part of a Wake Forest education as rigorous academics — through local organizations or through service trips to such places as India, Honduras and Vietnam. The University's motto, *Pro Humanitate*, reflects an institutional commitment to lifelong learning and use of that learning in service to others.

In the years ahead, Wake Forest will strengthen its place among those premier private institutions that, by virtue of their quality and reputation, are the hallmarks for excellence in higher education in the nation and the world.

It will continue to be a place of enlightenment, empowerment, and engagement for all who walk through its doors, along the path of their own historic journey.



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“I am impressed that, even as Wake Forest has become a national university, it also has a keen sense of place. Wake Forest has expanded its reach yet it holds dear its origins in the town of Wake Forest, where liberal education, faith and common purpose blended together in life-changing ways. Being rooted and expansive at the same time gives Wake Forest a compelling identity.”

~ **Nathan O. Hatch**, Thirteenth President