

Mission and Values – Revisions as of 10.10.23

Revised DRAFT Mission Statement 10.10

Lafayette College was founded by the citizens of Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1826, to recognize the Marquis de Lafayette for his service to the ideals of a still-young nation. Lafayette College remains dedicated to this mission, empowering students to become ethical, dynamic, and courageous leaders by providing transformative educational opportunities across the liberal arts and engineering. Lafayette is dedicated to guiding students to discover their passions in an inclusive learning environment where students are challenged to become critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, and responsible stewards of the world.

Revised DRAFT Values 10.10:

Engaged Learning

We cultivate a residential undergraduate learning environment where the interplay between the liberal arts and engineering fosters a community of intellectual curiosity and innovative creativity, enabling interdisciplinarity and ingenuity to thrive.

Community Belonging

The Lafayette College community cultivates a rich and diverse setting for students to flourish academically, physically, socially, and spiritually. We aspire to be an accessible and inclusive community where equity and respect build a foundation for dialogue and collaboration that empowers empathetic learners who take care of one another.

Responsible Citizenship

We are thoughtful members of the global community, educating our students to think beyond the boundaries of the College and to consider the impact of their learning on the communities they inhabit now and in the future. We develop compassionate, ethical leaders who serve society -- from Easton and the Lehigh Valley, to the Commonwealth, the US, and the world.

Environmental Sustainability

We manage with care, responsibility, and accountability the resources entrusted to us, including those of the natural world, both locally and globally. In addition to educating our students about the need to manage earth systems in environmentally sustainable ways, we exemplify this leadership by managing our campus facilities, grounds, energy system, food and waste in an environmentally responsible manner.

Institutional Excellence

We pursue excellence in and out of the classroom, in athletic competition, and across the multifaceted work of the College. We use all of our resources – human, financial, operational, and technological -- with agility and skill, and hold one another accountable to the highest standards in our respective fields.