

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Students:

Guilford's mission is to provide "a transformative, practical, and excellent liberal arts education that produces critical thinkers in an inclusive, diverse environment." Our Quaker heritage — particularly the Quaker testimonies of community, equality, integrity, peace and simplicity — guides that mission, and we realize it by engaging students in an education that emphasizes "the creative problem-solving skills, experience, enthusiasm and international perspectives necessary to promote positive change in the world."

Our Quaker-inspired learning community expresses itself through our comprehensive education program for the whole person that engages students in collaborative and experiential learning, team-based advising, community building and training for ethical leadership. Guilford stands out for its commitment to teaching students how to comprehend and solve problems in a principled, ethical way, deeply informed by our Core Values of community, diversity, equality, excellence, integrity, justice and stewardship. Students prepare themselves for graduate school and the world of work and service, having learned how to contribute vitally to the advancement of the communities they join next.

Guilford's outstanding faculty excel as teachers and mentors. Dedicated staff in departments across campus — including campus life, housekeeping, dining and groundskeeping — help guide your education and development. And supportive alumni partner with you in post-college planning and networking. In short, as a Guilford student you are part of an extended family.

If you are reading our catalog as a prospective student, are you ready to be changed and to shape your life and career toward making the world a better place? If so, I encourage you to consider Guilford as the right place for you. Explore our website, [guilford.edu](http://guilford.edu), or speak with an Admission representative. I hope to welcome you to our beautiful campus and vital community.

If you are reading our catalog as an incoming or current student, we are glad you are here!

Sincerely,

Jean P. Bordewich  
Acting President