Vision Statement

Career Planning encourages the total development of students and alumni through exploration of the individuals’ values, needs, and desires that will lead them to a more successful and fulfilling life.

Under the leadership of the University’s Board of Trustees, Saint Leo University has charted a course, marked by a series of paradoxes, to become a truly unique educational institution.

We are young, as a university, for instance. It is only since 1999 that we have used the word university instead of college in our name. But we are old—founded in 1889, the oldest Catholic college or university in Florida.

We are small in our preference for class sizes, with an average student to teacher ratio in University College of 14 to 1. But we are large in influence and enrollment, serving more than 15,000 students in 2011, most of them working adults enrolled through Continuing Education Centers.

We are traditional, in that we are a liberal arts-based institution committed to the classic educational pursuit of teaching students to think critically, read deeply, and write clearly. Yet we also are entrepreneurial in our desire to master and use new teaching technologies. We also are attuned to society's increasing need for well-prepared professionals, so we strive to offer new, academically rigorous programs such as a business degree with a specialization in logistics or our new graduate level educational specialist degree.

While we are clearly Catholic, we are also universal. Saint Leo is open to students of all faith traditions and individuals of good character who share our core values.

We are local, and yet global. Our University Campus is a landmark in our rural central Florida community, just north of Tampa. It is an idyllic setting for our traditional age-college students. But we are also to be physically found in teaching locations on community college campuses in Florida and on military bases and in corporate parks in seven states. As important, we are technologically

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available to students across America and all around the globe through our online learning resources, including students on active duty in the military.

The University is propelled forward by our students, the communities we serve, the faculty, staff, and administration who choose to contribute from their giftedness, and the commitments we make to each other.

Saint Leo University has adopted the practice of expressing our ambitions and plans through strategic narratives. These narratives describe the anticipated development of Saint Leo University throughout a five year period. Vision 2017 was created to articulate the university’s aspirations, inform its planning, and communicate the university’s goals. The document is intended to be a “best case scenario” when everything we dare to dream is accomplished.

Read more about Saint Leo University’s Vision 2017, here.