

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Leadership

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Message from the Dean

Welcome! I am proud to lead the College of Arts & Sciences, which is filled with wonderful students and high-achieving, caring faculty and staff. The academic disciplines in the College form the core of a liberal education. The root of the word "liberal" is liber, which means "free," and we aspire to think freely, for God has given us a spirit of fearlessness, power, love and self-control (2 Timothy 1:7).

Students in the College develop the ability to think critically, analyze, research, and solve problems - all with reverence for God, the very foundation of wisdom. This type of education not only makes our students desirable to employers, but helps them live their best lives. I myself am a product of this fine institution (class of '83!). My degree in English prepared me well for a PhD program in history at UCLA. I find that students sometimes worry about choosing the "right" major; I believe that all of our majors prepare students to think clearly and wisely for the marketplace and for a world that needs good, Godly thinking!

Departments Housed within the College of Arts and Sciences

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- Department of Biology (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/biological-sciences/>)
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- Department of English (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/english/>)
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- Department of Kinesiology (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/kinesiology/>)
- Department of Music (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/music/>)
- Department of Nursing
 - Nursing (BSN, Pre-Licensure) (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/bsn-nursing/>)
 - Nursing (MSN and Post-Graduate Certificates) (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/msn-nursing/>)
- Department of Physical Science and Applied Mathematics (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/mathematics-physical-sciences/>)
- Department of Psychology (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/psychology/>)
- Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/sociology/>)
- Department of Theatre Arts (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/theatre/>)

Programs Housed within the College of Arts and Sciences

- Core Curriculum (Traditional Undergraduate General Education) (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/>)
- General Education (Professional Education) (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/general-education/>)
- Vanguard University Scholars Program (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/scholars/>)
- Art Minor (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/cas/fine-arts/>)
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