

PAUL QUINN

Christian Philosophy of Education

Paul Quinn College is a unique Christian institution of higher education. It is faith-based, four-year, undergraduate, coeducational, liberal arts institution founded by and affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Originally founded in 1872 to educate freed slaves and their offspring, Paul Quinn College is the oldest Historically Black College (HBCU) west of the Mississippi River. Throughout its history, the college has continued to affirm the Biblical and theological foundations of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and commits to a Christian philosophy of education that reflects its foundations.

Our foundational beliefs are imbedded in the Paul Quinn educational experience that addresses the academic, social and Christian development of students. As we prepare Christian men and women, we provide a balance between a challenging academic education and the building of character based on our foundational Christian beliefs and values.

As a Christian faith-based liberal arts institution, we holistically prepare our students to be servant leaders, agents of change in their communities and students with a Christian perspective of the world. While we strive to teach our students to challenge conventionality through the development of their minds, bodies and souls, our work does not end there.

Our Christian obligation is to surpass our educational purpose by embedding into the academic experience and curriculum the means for students to shape their faith-based spiritual development. We prepare men and women for life through educational experiences that instill Christian foundational values, knowledge and perspective. Our curriculum, student life experiences and Christian focus are designed, implemented and continuously revised for this purpose.

Although programs are designed for all students that desire to learn in a Christian community, we welcome students from all faiths who are willing to follow the policies, practices and educational objectives of the institution. The College is committed to providing an exceptional liberal arts education and as a Christian institution, our students will actively engage as servant leaders and global citizens.