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A University Changing the World

Can a university change the world? That's what *2014: A Blueprint for Excellence* is all about: a bold vision to create a distinctive kind of university that will step off the margins and into the mix. Our vision is nothing less than changing the world with the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

We understand this idea is bold, ambitious, and aggressive. We understand the shape of this vision is not for every college or university. We understand it will take every bit of talent and commitment our team possesses. But we have a plan. Our standards are set, and our strategies are in place. We build on some extraordinary accomplishments of our team. And most of all we are guided by a clear vision.

There is no room for diffidence here. This is not a time to be tentative. This blueprint requires a lot of thinking and strategizing and talking as we make our way through the years ahead. This bold plan requires a talented, committed team of faculty, staff, students, trustees, alumni, and partners, all locking arms. It requires a great deal of work and a commitment to measure the results and continue to improve.

But Seattle Pacific University is moving down this clear and certain path with all of the energy we can muster. What an exciting venture! What possibilities! As the great biblical story encourages us: We are running right at the giants. May God go with us.



Archbishop Desmond Tutu with Tali Hairston, director of the John Perkins Center at SPU.

“Seattle Pacific University’s vision for engaging the culture and changing the world is very close to my heart: the conviction that the gospel of Jesus Christ may go on actually to transform the culture and to engage with healing and hope the entire world in which God has placed us.”

N.T. Wright
New Testament Scholar,
speaking on the SPU campus

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