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## Vision

Can a university change the world? Yes! But everything starts with a bold, compelling vision.

### We have to have a big idea.

We have a big idea at Seattle Pacific University. We have worked hard over the years to craft and articulate this unique vision. Everything begins here.

*The vision for Seattle Pacific University is to engage the culture and change the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe God wants all of his children, everywhere, to flourish, always. That's a bedrock assumption for us. Our task then is to participate in that drama, to help make the world better.*

We want to equip students to become graduates who are change agents. We want to equip and support our faculty, in their scholarship and their teaching, to be change agents. We try to model grace-filled community, a deep core value for us, so that this too might bring about change.

We understand that this vision may not fit any other institution as comfortably; indeed, it may just define a whole new category within the world of higher education.

But our big question is clear and bold: How can we be more effective players in God's worldwide drama? That's the driver for *2014: A Blueprint for Excellence*.

*"Today ... colleges and universities are seen principally as providing tickets to financial security and economic status. ... Can colleges and universities, at this late date, still choose to be places of public purpose?"*

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