

## KEY MESSAGES - VANGUARD UNIVERSITY

The key messages flesh out the foundation of the Vanguard messaging framework. The sentences that accompany each key message give further explanation and depth.

*At Vanguard, your story will take you:*

### **Beyond the classroom**

We believe learning happens best in the context of relationship. Our faculty spend countless hours—both inside and outside the classroom—to serve as professor-mentors, not just teachers. Through close, coaching relationships, you'll go beyond the classroom, getting not only the knowledge you need but also the wisdom to apply what you're learning in practical ways.

### **Beyond community**

What is it that turns a group of people from different backgrounds that come from different places into a real community? At Vanguard, we call it our relational culture. Built into the fabric of our interactions is a culture that causes us to go beyond the normal definition of community, reaching out and connecting with each other. We are driven to serve one another, our city, and our world in practical ways through missions projects both here in Orange County and around the world.

### **Beyond integration**

Many people talk about the integration of faith and life. At Vanguard, we believe they were never separate to begin with. Our understanding of the world—in science, business, education, the arts, and beyond—informs and deepens our faith, bringing color and life in surprising ways. As we go beyond integration, we discover a reality based instead on incarnation, where faith comes to life in every molecule, every equation, every performance...in every moment.

### **Beyond academics**

No matter your major or area of study, at Vanguard you'll get the understanding you need in an environment designed to help you excel. Our commitment to go beyond academics leads to academic transformation, where you'll cultivate new abilities to think critically, communicate clearly, and interact intelligently—taking you places you never thought possible.

### **Beyond the expected**

There's more to life than what we see. At Vanguard, you'll join a Christ-centered community pursuing a Spirit-empowered life. God is not distant or disconnected, His Spirit is in us, guiding, comforting, and equipping us for the next chapter of our story. A life in God's Spirit will always move us beyond the expected and open our eyes to His surprising influence in our world...right here, right now.

All of these areas work together, producing alumni that are *beyond ready* to live a story that matters.