Coordinate Mission and Learning Goals

The mission of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University is to provide the best residential liberal arts education within the Catholic university tradition. They foster integrated learning, exceptional leadership for change and wisdom for a lifetime.

On the undergraduate level, the College of Saint Benedict enrolls women and Saint John's University enrolls men. Collaboratively, the two colleges commit the following to their students:

A coherent liberal arts curriculum, which focuses on questions important to the human condition, demands clear thinking and communicating and calls forth new knowledge for the improvement of humankind.

The colleges will excel in study of the intersection of global cultures and community sustainability, leavened by the commitments of the Catholic intellectual life.

An integrative environment for learning, which stresses intellectual challenge, open inquiry, collaborative scholarship and artistic creativity.

The colleges will excel as learning communities promoting the integration of professional and personal lives through opportunities for experiential learning.

An emphasis on the personal growth of women and men, which incorporates new knowledge about the significance of gender into opportunities for leadership and service on each campus and across both campuses.

The colleges will excel, individually and coordinately, in cultivation and reflection on the social, spiritual and physical development of men and women.

An experience of Benedictine values, which fosters attentive listening to the voice of God, awareness of the meaning of one's existence and the formation of community built on respect for individual persons.

The colleges will excel in fostering the understanding and cultivation of the individual and communal vocation of all, informed by the Catholic intellectual tradition, Benedictine values, ecumenism and respect for diverse cultures.

Cultivation of the habit of promoting the common good, which is formed by knowledge, faith and an open-hearted response to the needs of others.

The colleges will excel in fostering understanding of Catholic social teachings and consequent action to improve the well-being of the underserved, enhance overall community life and protect the environment.
CSB Mission Statement

The mission of the College of Saint Benedict is to provide for women the best residential liberal arts education in the Catholic university tradition. The college fosters integrated learning, exceptional leadership for change and wisdom for a lifetime.

The College of Saint Benedict commits the following to its students:

A unified liberal arts curriculum, which expands the traditional knowledge base to include women's experience and promotes teaching methods that facilitate women's learning.

An integrative environment for learning, which ensures the quality of women's learning by recognizing the interdependence of women's personal and cognitive development.

An emphasis on the personal growth of women, which celebrates women and provides a culture that explicitly values women, allowing the student to see herself as a person of value.

An experience of Benedictine values grounded in a women's monastic community, which allows the student to see her gender in active church roles and enhances the student's faith and spiritual life.

The opportunity to observe and practice leadership and service so that women recognize their ability and have confidence in their power to contribute to their community and to become agents for change.

The capacity to make their place in the world and ensure success in their careers and their lives.

The College of Saint Benedict offers these mission commitments in partnership with Saint John's University - providing a laboratory where women and men can achieve new respect and genuine partnerships with one another.
SJU Mission Statement

The mission of Saint John's University is to renew the fabric of community from one generation to the next, ever striving for excellence, ever grounded in Benedictine tradition.

Saint John's University provides education in the liberal arts and graduate theological disciplines within the Catholic university tradition.

Saint John's seeks to preserve the well springs of human culture, to deepen understanding of human interdependence and to prepare students for full, integrated lives of faith and reason, action and love.

Saint John's strives to relate teaching, learning and scholarship to the residential life of the campus, community worship, the practice of the arts and programs of service.

These activities are animated by the Benedictine practices of community life, prayer, hospitality and the search for wisdom, as well as by Saint John's own historic commitments to the well being of diverse human communities, the formation of leaders in successive generations and the ongoing renewal of the Church.

Saint John's pursues this mission on the undergraduate level, where it offers residential liberal arts education in coordination with the College of Saint Benedict, as well as through graduate theological education, long-standing programs of cultural preservation and transmission and a variety of sponsored programs.