

Student Life

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Student Life Staff,

This e-mail is the sixth and final in our series updating you on the impressive progress we have made as a Division towards accomplishing our five Divisional priorities for 2021-2022. This week we are highlighting priority four:

Strengthen Understanding and Support of an Increasingly Diverse Student Body



Major Accomplishments:

- Established a Division of Student Life Caring Christian Community Plan
- Hosted Mosaic Mixer impacting over 1500 students and the Coalition Mixers impacting another 750+ students
- Administered Leave Your Mark training to over 400 students, staff, and faculty
- Implemented new event multicultural event, Stroll Off, during Homecoming
- Launched Trailblazer Scholars Program with an inaugural class of 25 students
- Initiated small group discussions with students on chartering a student group that can create better care, connection, and community for LGBTQ+ identifying students



"As the Division of Student Life sets out to implement the Caring Christian Community strategic plan with intentionality and accountability, it is important to note that change starts with each of us. Our students look to us for compassion, understanding, guidance, and wisdom as we operate out of our Christ-centered mission of transforming lives and serving others. We have the wonderful opportunity and responsibility to pursue and showcase diversity,

inclusion, equity, justice, and belonging in all of our programs, events, facilities, training/education, and interactions with our students and our University partners. Only by taking advantage of these opportunities can we uphold the dignity and worth of each person as an expression of our Christian mission."

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P.S. Through these emails, we are showcasing the amazing work that you do as well as the exciting accomplishments we are seeing in our division, but if you'd like to take a look at more than 20 pages of our accomplishments from this past year, check out the 2020-21 Student Life Annual Report <u>HERE</u>.

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