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**GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES****MASTER PLAN****1 Academic Mission of the University****ACADEMIC MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY ELEMENT**

The following Vision, Mission, and Values Statement represents the Academic Mission of the University. The University is currently developing Goals, Objectives, and Policies to accomplish the values set forth in the statement.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Florida Atlantic University is a public research university with multiple campuses along the southeast Florida coast serving a uniquely diverse community. It promotes academic and personal development, discovery, and lifelong learning. FAU fulfills its mission through excellence and innovation in teaching, outstanding research and creative activities, public engagement and distinctive scientific and cultural alliances, all within an environment that fosters inclusiveness.

**FAU VALUES**

Florida Atlantic University values an academic environment that facilitates intellectual growth through open and honest expression. The University is committed to excellence at all levels of the educational and creative experience, to success for all students, and to development of the capacity to make reasoned and discriminating judgments with respect for differences and diversity in ideas. The University values lifelong learning because it encourages the continual use of the mind. The University values the vital role it plays in the life of the surrounding community, in society, and as an engine for economic development. More specifically, the University is committed to:

- Preparing students to fulfill productive destinies in the workplace and in society;
- Promoting academic freedom and an atmosphere of free and open inquiry;
- Recognizing and rewarding superior performance, innovation and creativity in all facets of University activity;
- Supporting all those who rely on the University, such as families, employers of students and graduates, and community partners;
- Accounting for the sound use and careful stewardship of its resources, ensuring responsibility for its mission;
- Providing equal access and equal rights and justice for all persons and encouraging mutual regard

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for the rights and liberties of all persons;

- Respecting all persons and displaying civility in all interactions;
- Providing a secure environment for the pursuit of learning;
- Fostering community service and social responsibility;
- Promoting honesty in all spheres, social and moral development, and ethical standards in all areas of human activity; and
- Assuring clear and open communication and sharing of information.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Florida Atlantic University seeks an unparalleled level of accountability, learning excellence, productivity, and recognition as a leading, nationally respected teaching and research university. As a *University of boundless opportunity* Florida Atlantic University will continue its strong commitment to sharing knowledge through, academic leadership, diversity, and institutional advancement. With an infrastructure built on innovation, value-added, needs assessments, and interdisciplinary collaborations that meet Florida's changing educational needs, Florida Atlantic University will affirm its historic commitment to ***SEEKING, LEARNING, and SHARING KNOWLEDGE***.