

# ACU'S DEFINITION OF VOCATION:

ACU students will learn who they *are*,  
who they are *becoming*, and how they  
will participate in God's purposes for the *world*.

Each of these aspects (who they are, who they are becoming, and how they will participate in God's purposes for the world) require a connection to the divine, the community and the individual.

## *Identity:* WHO THEY ARE

### Learning who they are entails:

- Recognizing they are created in the image of God, which is the source of their self worth
- Understanding that they are part of the human community also created in the image of God
- Identifying their gifts

## *Growth:* WHO THEY ARE BECOMING

### Learning who they are becoming entails:

- Imagining the fullness of life found in Christ
- Entering into communities of inquiry and scholarship through mentorship, curriculum and shared experiences
- Gaining knowledge and skills while preparing them to navigate the world as wise agents

## *Integration:* PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S PURPOSES

### Learning how they will participate in God's purposes for the world entails:

- Understanding the *missio Dei*
- Exploring the ways in which God's people are invited to contribute to God's restoration of all things
- Integrating their gifts and trainings to shape their passions in order to engage meaningfully in God's mission

	DIVINE	COMMUNITY	INDIVIDUAL
IDENTITY	Imago Dei	Neighbor	Gifted
GROWTH	Christ-like	Co-learner	Wise
INTEGRATION	Missio Dei	Co-laborer	Engaged