

PORTRAIT <u>of a</u> LEARNER





God is at the center, and all glory and honor belong to him. He comes first, others second, I am third.

TRUTH



Loves to learn

- Exercises a natural and healthy desire for knowledge
- Demonstrates a curious posture towards reality and
- Enjoys learning for its own



Practices the tools and habits of learning (the liberal arts)

- Listens and hears
- Reads and understands
- Speaks well and talks with anyone
- Thinks clearly and critically
- Writes clearly, persuasively, and movingly
- Understands the structure and grammar of a foreign language
- Masters the mathematical and scientific arts
- Grasps the universal order and harmony of mathematics
- Analyzes, synthesizes, and evaluates data and texts
- Solves a wide variety of problems
- Employs science to explain the world around them



Nurtures the imagination and curiosity

- Reads imaginative literature
- Thinks creatively and innovatively



Makes connections eloquently and elegantly

- Between ideas that cross disciplines
- Between people who are unlike one another

GOODNESS



Seeks wisdom

- Understands that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
- Attends to both the means and the ends of a problem or challenge
- Makes peace with others and collaborates
- Lives humbly



Does justice

- Decides fairly, guarding against bias
- Does the right thing even when sacrifice is required
- Does unto others as they would have others do to them
- Works to undo injustice
- Is honest, even when others are not looking on
- Shows empathy and mercy to others, as one who has received mercy



Exercises self-control

- Waits patiently
- Treats others with gentleness
- Acts as though one's body belongs to God
- Gives generously



Practices courage

- Dares to face fears with faith
- Stands up for those on the outside, at the margins
- Falls and fails, but gets back up and tries again

BEAUTY



Creates and appreciates beautiful things

- Things we can see (visual
- Things we can hear and see (performing arts)
- Things we can hear (poetry)



Makes useful things well

- Designs things through an iterative process
- Tests and learns through failure and success
- Engineers and builds useful things to last



Enjoys play

- Waits patiently
- Plays with ideas for their own sake
- Plays with others cooperatively, with no material interest
- Enjoys nature and the outdoors



Lives with a sense of wonder

- Expects the extraordinary to be revealed in the ordinary
- Imagines worlds besides our own, through literature and art

