

Campbellsville University unveils new mission, vision statement

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After a Board of Trustees meeting in April 2024, Campbellsville University President, Dr. Joseph Hopkins, pulled Dr. Shane Garrison aside and asked him to head up a committee. That committee's objective? To create a new Mission and Vision Statement for the university. Garrison, at the time serving as CU's faculty representative to the Board, happily accepted the challenge, and soon, a group of approximately 20 people from across the CU system came together, spending the bulk of 2024 crafting and refining that new Mission and Vision Statement. The committee's work was three-fold, according to Garrison: to capture the mission and vision statement "in a way that had not been captured before," to eliminate any redundancies in the statements and to gather additional voices throughout the mission and vision process. "So the way the group did that, the group of 20 of us first came together and we had the mandate from the president and the board," Garrison said. Throughout this process, culminating with the Board of Trustee's approval of the new mission and vision statement at its October meeting, Garrison estimated some 800 people had a voice in CU's new mission and vision statement. Among the mandates given to the committee were to capture the mission and vision statements "in a way

that had not been captured before," to compress and shorten the statements and eliminate any redundancies and to simplify and condense CU's core values. Ultimately though, the committee's work was focused on gathering voices and input from across the CU system. "It was to gather lots of voices, give lots of opportunity for feedback, and to give multiple constituent groups opportunity to contribute to the ultimate vision, mission, and core values," Garrison explained. The committee began meeting in May and would meet approximately every two weeks. "People were sharing what aspirational hopes they had for our school, and it really inspired me yet again to love this place and to feel good about where we're going," Garrison said. Guiding the committee's work was a focus on the future and asking where they wanted CU to be in 50 years. "A lot of us can envision things five years from now, maybe even ten years from now, but envisioning 50 years would be past most of our lifetimes," Garrison said. "So, that really helped us stay more aspirational, more future-directed than just a few years might prescribe. "That's what kept us thinking much, much longer than present reality or even very close future." Included in the committee's effort to gather voices and input was a six-question survey sent to hundreds of alumni, current students across the CU system (including on-

line and international students), faculty, staff, and members of the Board of Trustees and other constituents. Some 300 responses were received through those surveys, according to Garrison. More voices came to the table in August when CU hosted its annual employee workshop in Ransdell Chapel, where employees were divided up into groups to share additional feedback in breakout sessions. Garrison recalled the employee workshop and breakout sessions inspired the committee even more in the work it was doing. "What we as a committee felt, I won't forget, we were more committed to the Christian mission than we ever thought we were," Garrison said. "We were more committed to doing things with integrity and with honesty and with God-honoring character. It just resonated. It just came alive." The commitment to students and their future success and calling also deepened, Garrison added. "Our voices, our constituents said loud and clear, we are focused on what is best in the eyes of Christ, doing it as a Christian way that honors the Lord," Garrison shared. "Two, we are really, really focused on doing things in a way that's right and good and true and excellent. Thinking on the passage from Philippians 4. "What is excellent? What is honorable? What is pure? What is true? What is full of integrity? That's what it was centered on." Among the members of the committee

who crafted the new Mission and Vision Statement was Athletic Director Jim Hardy, who led a breakout session with employees back in August. Hardy recalls, "I remember my group, we went on the outside of the chapel on the side closest to the back of Russ Mobley Theater. It was interesting how people started talking about those same parts of the process that we (in the committee) had talked about, and that's when you know that you're on the right path." Like many on the committee, Hardy focused on crafting a Mission and Vision Statement that would be easy to share in a short time, such as the classic "elevator classic." "We asked, 'Is there a way to say that where, I think somebody put it like this: If you were to get on an elevator, could you share that statement with somebody between floors?'" "Can we look at creating a new Mission and Vision statement that will not only get us to where we are today, but carry us into the future?" Hardy said. "So it became, you know, serious business, because whatever we decide as a group and as a university will go long beyond me. "So the question was, how do we do this and do it the right way so that it represents us well for a long time?"

Hardy reflected on the unity of purpose the committee had as it developed CU's new Mission and Vision Statement. "Honestly, I felt like in that committee, you know, it was definitely being guided, I think, by the Holy Spirit. That's the best way I know to put it. You just felt this incredible, incredible urge to make sure we get this right." Hardy said the new Mission and Vision Statement will be helpful in guiding CU's decision and direction. "So this, in my opinion, helps everyone ask, 'Whatever we do at this university, the first question we should ask as a population or our trustees and anybody else should be, does this fit into who we are?'" Nancy New, an instructor of English who also served on the committee, shared CU's mission and vision is much bigger than any one person. "This was a God-sized vision, something that is going to be bigger than us, something that would live longer than any of us." New expressed she was "humbled" to be asked to serve on the committee. "I think a vision statement for your life or a vision statement for your church, or even one for your place of employment, is not to be taken lightly," she said. "I was very blessed to be asked to be part of this, and it wasn't an easy task, but I thought it was a very worthy task."

Researcher, author to give presentation Friday

The Green County Arts Council will host a presentation by renowned researcher and author Joseph Y. DeSpain this Friday,

March 7, at 5:30 p.m. CT at the historic Greensburg Presbyterian Church located at 119 North Main Street.

His presentation will include research pertaining to Green County. The community is invited to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"In accordance with KRS160.463, KRS 424.220, and KRS 424.250, the Green County School District's 2024-2025 working budget report is now available and published on the Green County School District's website. The report may be accessed by navigating to: <https://gcsdistrict.blogspot.com/p/financial-statements.html>. Additional copies may be requested at the Green County School District Central Office at 402 East Hodgenville Avenue or by calling Director of Finance, Zachary Leftwich, at 270-932-6601."

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

On behalf of the Green County Local Planning Committee, the Green County Board of Education will convene a Local/State Public Hearing to record testimony on the proposed District Facilities Plan. The hearing will be held on March 6, 2025 at the Green County Board of Education at 5:30 PM local time. This hearing will be for the purpose of recording testimony concerning the District Facilities Plan.

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is given hereby that:
GREEN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Will accept bids for lawn care/maintenance of the Green County Judicial Center for:
MOWING AND WEED-EATING

According to the requirements set forth by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the office of Honorable John H Frank, Green County Judge/Executive, and described in general as follows:
General lawn maintenance for the Green County Judicial Center. Provide all materials and labor required to complete the work.

Work includes, but is not limited to:

- Mowing complete grass covered area around the Green County Judicial Center.
- Trimming/weed-eating and removing cut grass from the premises.
- Preserving the landscape and mulch.

The format of such sealed bid must indicate a bid price for each mowing/trimming of the entire lawn area at the premises. Proof of \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance policy must be provided by the winning bidder prior to signing a contract. The sealed bid must reflect a start date no later than April 1, 2025.

Sealed bids in an envelope marked "Green County Judicial Center Mowing Bid" must be received at the Office of County Judge/Executive John H Frank, Green County Courthouse, 203 W. Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743 by 4:00 PM Central Time on Monday, March 17, 2025. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. **Bids will be opened during the March 20, 2025 Regular Called Fiscal Court Meeting, at 5:00 PM Central Time.** Interested parties are invited to attend.

The County shall award the contract to the lowest and best bidder. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in any bid received and in the bidding process.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Milton Vaughn, 100 Brents Lisle Rd., Greensburg, KY, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to apply brick, block and concrete waste in a shallow site. The property is located off U.S. 68 South, approximately one and one half miles from the city of Greensburg and runs along Russell Creek. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to Dowflood-plain@ky.gov. Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 100 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with KRS160.463, the Green County School District's 2023-2024 Unaudited Annual Financial Report and the 2023-2023 Vendor Report are both now available and published on the Green County School District's website.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BIDDERS**

Bid No. 25-001: Greensburg Square 2025 Improvements: Sidewalks, Retaining Wall, & Steps

The City of Greensburg advertises to bid the project of **Greensburg Square 2025 Improvements.** Specifications packets are available at Greensburg City Hall located at 110 W Court Street, Greensburg, KY 42743 during normal business hours of M-F 8:00 – 4:00 pm CT.

Bidders must conform to all applicable Federal and State laws which govern such purchases. If any bidder wishes to do a walk-through of the project, please contact City Hall at 270-932-4298 to schedule an appointment prior to the sealed bid date..

Bids must be received by 10:00 A.M. local time on 03/19/2025, at Greensburg City Hall in a sealed envelope labeled with the bid number, identification of bid, and bidder's name and address on the front of the envelope. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. The bids shall be opened on **03/19/2025 at 10:05 A.M.** Central Time.

Any bid which is not submitted as directed herein may, at the discretion of the Mayor or Greensburg City Council, be rejected. No faxed or emailed bids will be accepted. The City of Greensburg reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any irregularities in bids, and to accept that which in their opinion is the best evaluated bid. The City of Greensburg also reserves the right to extend the terms of a currently accepted bid price for additional periods beyond the original, if both parties are in agreement.