

University of Jamestown Report
Presbytery of the Northern Plains
Fall 2024 Meeting

Greetings from the University of Jamestown! Thank you for the opportunity to share a few updates as we begin another academic year.

We welcome a record 1,372 students this year across our undergraduate and graduate programs, including our first associate's degree program in nursing. This program, together with our new direct entry Master of Science in nursing program, helps address the critical nursing shortage in the workforce.

Our student body's participation in campus ministry activities continues to be strong and inspiring. Through a myriad of offerings including Bible studies, music team, prayer team, and care team, more than 30 percent of students have a role in faith and life at our university.

In my update last fall, I was pleased to report on the creation of the Unruh School of Character in Leadership and the renovation of Voorhees Chapel.

In May, our Doctor of Leadership program received accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and recently welcomed its first cohort of students. This practical doctorate gives individuals the opportunity to grow both as scholars and practitioners. The curriculum is designed to help students critically understand theoretical conceptualizations of leadership while also creating robust and meaningful responses to organizational and leadership challenges.

The Unruh School of Character in Leadership was established to meet the growing need for ethical leaders of character and integrity. Through interdisciplinary study at the undergraduate and graduate levels the Unruh School of Character in Leadership guides individuals in learning leadership skills at the apprentice, practitioner, and developer levels. The core ethos of the School's philosophy stems from a position of service for the greater good of all.

To launch these commitments, the University of Jamestown has declared September 25, 2025, a "Day of Leadership." The day will include the dedication of the new Reuben and Clarice Liechty Center for Faith and Life, the first worship service in the newly renovated Voorhees Chapel, and an address from keynote speaker David Brooks.

We hope many of you will be here to celebrate with us next September. Thank you for your support of the University of Jamestown.

With appreciation,

Dr. Polly Peterson

President