

Some Thoughts about Westmont's Mission Statement

Current Statement

Westmont College is an undergraduate, residential, Christian, liberal arts community serving God's kingdom by cultivating thoughtful scholars, grateful servants and faithful leaders for global engagement with the academy, church and world.

Comment: The term "thoughtful scholars" is a good one, but it may overemphasize the turning out of faculty clones, *i.e.*, students who choose to enter the academy. Surely we are happy when students decide to pursue an academic calling, but putting that calling on an equal weight with servant-leaders seems unbalanced. Following are some possible alternatives (*n.b.*, a comma after *servants* has been added).

1. Westmont College is an undergraduate, residential, Christian, liberal arts community serving God's kingdom by cultivating deep thinkers, grateful servants, and faithful leaders for global engagement with the academy, church and world.
2. Westmont College is an undergraduate, residential, Christian, liberal arts community serving God's kingdom by cultivating careful thinkers, grateful servants, and faithful leaders for global engagement with the academy, church and world.
3. Westmont College is an undergraduate, residential, Christian, liberal arts community serving God's kingdom by cultivating compassionate thinkers, grateful servants, and faithful leaders for global engagement with the academy, church and world.