Westfield State College builds upon a tradition of excellence and innovation by engaging students in a dynamic and diverse learning community. Through rigorous academic and applied learning, our students become leaders in society.

**Vision**

**Student Centered Education**
We are committed to the principal focus of Westfield State College as a teaching institution.

**Academic Excellence**
We are committed to offering and delivering the highest quality academic programs.

**Educated Citizenry**
We are committed to the college’s mission to prepare students to be educated citizens, connected with and involved in their communities.

**Institutional Stewardship**
We are committed to accepting responsibility and accountability for measurable and attainable goals that benefit the college.

**Accessibility/Affordability**
We are committed to making a college education accessible and affordable to candidates who meet the academic requirements for admission.

**Nurturing Environment**
We are committed to fostering respect, collegiality, collaboration, diversity and institutional citizenship in a nurturing environment.

**Effective Communication**
We are committed to and encourage communication between all departments across the campus as well as with the community.
## Strategic Priorities

### Foster Student Success

Student-centered teaching is the hallmark of Westfield State College. Graduates are prepared to be valuable contributors to both society at large and the field of work in which they choose to enter. As industries, technologies and economies evolve, the College must be poised to respond to those changes and the needs of the students. Several goals have been identified that ensure success for students attending Westfield State College and in the world beyond.

### Expand and Enhance Recognition

Many residents of Massachusetts are familiar with Westfield State College and the quality of its education, but it is not well known beyond the region. In order to achieve enhanced recognition, specific programs will be strengthened and initiatives created to increase visibility and value in the Commonwealth and beyond.

### Embrace Diversity

A diverse community is a vital component of a quality education and to the college experience. Students benefit from interactions with faculty and other students from various backgrounds and gain understandings that they will carry into the world and share with others. A proactive approach to diversity will be implemented.

### Revitalize and Develop Facilities

The physical setting and condition of the campus are important components of the overall college experience. Students need to feel comfortable and secure in their academic environment. The condition of the campus is also a visible indicator to prospective students of the continuing investment in creating a supportive learning environment.

### Enrich Resource Development

A number of strategies have been identified which will strengthen and improve the College. Limited resources, however, as a result of significant budget reductions over the past decade, have severely hampered the College's ability to meet its needs. Resources will be sought through a variety of mechanisms and strategies to extend our resource base.