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## ALABAMIANS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRITY DESCRIBES VISION FOR ALABAMA CLASSICAL COLLEGE

Imagine Alabama Classical College as a non-denominational institution focused on pursuing academic excellence flowing from Judeo-Western Civilization with its roots in Athens, Jerusalem and Rome. It would provide a classical education focused on training the mind through a three-part process foundational for advanced study, a lifetime of learning, and the practice of sound leadership. The first stage is to become grounded in basic facts as building blocks meant to address who you are and who you want to be. These go beyond simply learning how to make a living. It begins with history, literature, philosophy, theology, the natural sciences, and the fine arts to help students see the world as a cohesive system. This goes beyond compiling facts to pass courses. It embraces the intellectual and spiritual heritage of Western Civilization.

Alabama Classical College would offer a five-year course leading to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in four years and a Master of Classical Arts after five years (ten semesters). Two years of Latin or Greek prepares the mind to understand communication grounded in languages fundamental to Western thought. With Latin or Greek as foundational, students will spend their junior and senior years studying a modern language. In the fifth year, students will extend their linguistic knowledge to research, reading and verbal communication.

Alabama Classical College will offer instruction in basic non-denominational teachings of the Judeo-Christian faith to help provide understanding of not only who we are but how that pertains to envisioning a future based on what it means to be human in terms of purpose and culture. Since Alabama is part of a larger American experience, students will study the history of the United States and its foundational documents to include the Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Alabama Classical College will prepare students for responsible citizenship as integral to maintaining and enriching a truly democratic Republic.

Alabama Classical College must be privately funded to avoid the encumbrances involved with federal and state funding. Faculty and administrative hiring focuses on how each candidate's education, scholarship and/or administrative experience fits the position's requirements. Everyone, including the college president, the entire administrative structure, faculty and support personnel work on three-to-five years renewable contracts. Presidents must have faculty experience. Fund-raising will be the responsibility of a vice

president for resourcing. Alabama Classical College's motto will be "In Pursuit of Excellence." (*In Studio Excellentiae*)

Alabamians for Academic Excellence and Integrity's Spokesman, Earl Tilford says "AAEI endeavors to create a truly classical college in Alabama."

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