



## A Message from the President

Thank you for your continued support of Spring Arbor University. We cherish your partnership as we work together to provide a comprehensively Christian liberal arts education for our students. SAU graduates are prepared to be outstanding in their chosen fields, and grounded in biblical faith resulting in their profound service to humanity for God as ambassadors of Christ throughout the world.

The current conditions in our state of Michigan and our nation continue to affirm Spring Arbor University's increased importance to our world. Spring Arbor was founded 150 years ago by E.P. Hart, a Free Methodist pastor from New York. His vision of an institution that would "combine sound and thorough scholarship with careful religious training" echoed B.T. Roberts' vision of the Free Methodist Church's commitment "to maintain the Bible standard of Christianity and to preach the gospel to the poor." From these profound resolutions, carried forward by faithful men and women through one and a half centuries, Spring Arbor University continues to be committed to educating for Christ and His Kingdom, advancing the biblical perspective in learning, living, and society. When Spring Arbor's commitment was established 150 years ago, it was consistent with the prevailing perspective of American society and culture. Today, however, our dedication to biblical education makes Spring Arbor University truly countercultural. The world needs Spring Arbor University more today than ever before.

Several achievements are critical to point out regarding Spring Arbor University and our resolute commitment to Christ as *the* perspective for learning. In the fall of 2022, we inaugurated the Wagner Center for Faith and Freedom. This endowed Center exists as a voice preserving and promoting freedom of thought, conscience, and religion. Please visit [faithandfreedomcenter.org](http://faithandfreedomcenter.org) to find out more about the critically important work of this Center. Spring Arbor University also was recognized again as one of the top universities within our region, we graduated our first doctoral students, began several new academic majors including cybersecurity, and can boast a fourth consecutive perfect stability ratio score from the federal government. Additionally, our women's soccer team won their 3<sup>rd</sup> NAIA National Championship, and our positive outcome percentage was 97% once again. Along with these achievements, our students hunger to grow in their faith, resulting in a 12-hour renewal/revival service this spring. Perhaps our best measurement of success is the fact that more than 86% of our graduating students report they have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Only 70% of our incoming students report the same, proving that Spring Arbor University students grow not only academically, but spiritually, during their time at SAU. They emerge changed and prepared to go from here as critical participants in the contemporary world, ambassadors of Christ sent to proclaim the good news of the gospel.

Thank you, again, for your continued support of Spring Arbor University. Our Free Methodist heritage is evident in our daily work as an institution. The university is committed to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and affirm the importance of learning grounded in God's Creation and in his uniquely authoritative revelation through Scripture.

Dr. Brent Ellis, President



## 2,291

Students in undergraduate and graduate programs



## 97%

of SAU graduates are employed, enrolled in graduate school, or report other positive outcomes



## 86%

of recent SAU graduates report having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ



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Consecutive perfect stability ratio scores



## 70K+

Graduates impacting the world for Jesus Christ

### Enrollment & Academic Information

Undergraduate Students: 1,030

Graduate Students: 1,261

Undergraduate Students of Minority: 15.2%

Average Class Size: 15

Student to Faculty Ratio: 12:1

Freshman Retention Rate: 89%

Undergraduate Students Receiving Aid: 100%

Undergraduate Degrees Granted: 282

Graduate Degrees Granted: 662

Doctorate Degrees Granted: 10

Associate Degrees Granted: 8

Undergraduate Programs: 57

Graduate Programs: 15

Doctoral Programs: 1

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