The Gold(en) Blueprint's five cross-cutting goals support broad change by guiding strategic actions





Goal 1: Strengthen Academic Excellence

- Establish and maintain outstanding academic offerings, including new programs in Business-Finance / Retail, Pre-Med / Health, and Data Analytics
- Provide clear career pathways and support through academic progression and enhanced institutional structures
- Evaluate and refine curricula to strengthen student learning outcomes
- Recruit, hire, mentor, train, support, and retain world-class faculty and staff



Goal 2: Enhance Student Success

- Recruit students in alignment with our dynamic five-year enrollment plan
- Launch robust academic- & student support-services
- Guarantee students access to experiential learning opportunities (e.g., internships)



Goal 3: Expand Partnerships & Community Engagement

- Create an entity focused on securing resources for completion of University's mission
- Introduce coordinating function to align student support services across the University
- Pursue and create innovative partnerships with other learning institutions



Goal 4: Optimize Financial and Operational Performance

- Implement baseline budgeting focused on strategic initiatives
- Pursue corporate and alumni gifting
- Develop data assessment methodology for fundraising and giving



Goal 5: Advance Talent

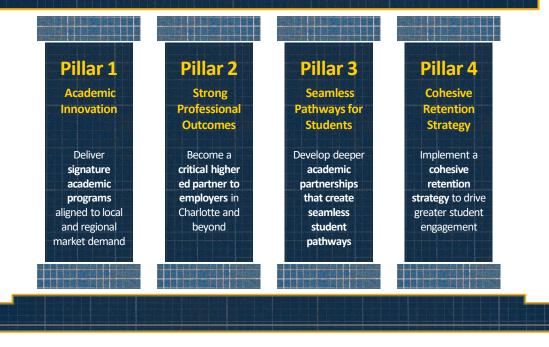
- Create career pathway to drive employee engagement and enhance culture
- Develop compensation methodology and conduct an external benchmarking study
- Acquire and implement HR technology to find, recruit, and retain top talent

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JCSU's Gold(en) Blueprint strategic plan is supported by four strategic initiative pillars to drive the future and build a stronger JCSU

Vision

Johnson C. Smith University will prioritize academic excellence and be recognized as a premier professional liberal arts HBCU, providing students with high-quality academic, social, personal, professional and spiritual learning experiences that lead to individual growth and development, a strong sense of community and purpose and top career outcomes.



- Pillar 1 – Academic Innovation

Establish outstanding academic offerings that will attract students /

- families and align with in-demand job market needs, emphasis on businessfinance / retail, pre-med / health, and data analytics
- Implement graduation requirements that incorporate in-demand professional skills and key industry-specific certifications

Pillar 2 – Strong Professional Outcomes

- Launch integrated career exploration curricula for all students
- Guarantee students access to experiential learning opportunities
- Introduce a coordinating function to align student support services and build / enhance corporate/ civic / community partnerships
- Increase Center for Career and Postgraduate Readiness capacity to support
 professional development and career programs



Pillar 3 – Seamless Pathways for Students

- Establish affiliations with local community colleges to create academic pathways into JCSU
- Develop partnerships with graduate schools to create dual-degree programs and graduate pathways in high-demand disciplines
- Strengthen key academic programs and explore academic consortia or contractual partnerships with peer four-year institutions

Pillar 4 – Cohesive Retention Strategy

- Institute robust academic and student support services that are accessible and fully integrated into campus life to improve retention and other academic / professional student outcomes
- Support retention through rigorous data analytics to understand key reasons why students leave JCSU and how best to support them

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