A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

BARNARD HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR ITS DISTINCTIVE ACADEMIC CULTURE, WITH A COMMITMENT TO THE LIBERAL ARTS AT ITS CORE.

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THE HUMANITIES, SCIENCES, LANGUAGES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS, AND DEVELOP THE KIND OF CRITICAL THINKING THEY WILL NEED IN ANY FIELD THEY CHOOSE TO PURSUE.

THIS IS NOT A PLACE WHERE INTELLECTUAL DISCUSSIONS END AT CLASSROOM DOORS.

THE ENTIRE CAMPUS IS ALIVE WITH THE CONSTANT EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, AND WITH THE DISCOVERY THAT COMES FROM STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT AFRAID TO TAKE INTELLECTUAL AND CREATIVE RISKS.

Prepares students to work in a variety of jobs. This is different from other types of education where students develop professional or vocational skills for a specific job.

Degree is appealing to employers. Employers like liberal arts graduates because they have the skills necessary to adapt in a changing workplace. Employers desire transferable skills (skills employees take with them to any job) typical of a liberal arts education. These include written and verbal communication skills and the ability to solve complex problems and work well with others.

Provides an excellent foundation for graduate study in healthcare, law, business, or other fields. Graduate schools look for candidates who will succeed in graduate-level study. Students with a liberal arts background are appealing because they demonstrate an ability to learn across a diverse field of studies.

Creates graduates who are equipped with the skills to become valuable community members. The value of a liberal arts education goes far beyond its economic value. Graduates understand problems, generate solutions, and communicate those solutions to others.

In many ways, a liberal arts education is education for life. It prepares graduates who can adapt and thrive in an ever-changing world.