

# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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## **Mission Statement**

Dalton State College provides a diverse student population with opportunities to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to attain affordable baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees, and certificates and to reach their personal and professional goals. Through challenging academics and rich collegiate experiences, we promote lifelong learning, active leadership, and positive contributions in Northwest Georgia and beyond.

## **Vision Statement**

Dalton State will deliver a transformational education by engaging the unique perspectives of a diverse student population to create sustainable solutions that improve our community and world.

## **Values Statement**

Our core values are the essential enduring tenets which guide the Dalton State College community. They set forth what we believe and define how we should conduct our affairs. At the heart of these values is the welfare of our students:

OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS FOR ALL: We believe all of our students can succeed and achieve their full potential.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING: We empower faculty, staff, and students to engage in the pursuit of excellence and innovation in instruction, the acquisition of knowledge, and lifelong learning.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION: We embrace inclusion and cultural diversity among faculty, staff, and students; we strive to be a place where the diversity of ideas, values, and perspectives is welcomed and nurtured.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND COLLABORATION: We value a campus culture of service, engagement, and collaboration to advance the welfare of Northwest Georgia and beyond.

RESPECT AND COLLEGIALITY: We are committed to the intentional creation of a community of learners based on respect, civility, courtesy, and appreciation of different points of view.

CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY: We expect integrity, responsibility, and ethical behavior in all of our relationships and hold one another and our institution accountable.