

ACU IS

TAKING FLIGHT



***A HISTORIC DAY,
A BIG MOVE FORWARD...***

FROM THE **PRESIDENT**

Dear ACU Parents,

First, I want to thank you for entrusting us with the very important responsibility of providing a Christian education for your students. As you know, it is our mission to equip Arizona Christian University students with a sound biblical foundation and an excellent education for their future, and we could not do it without your support.

I am beyond pleased to say that our efforts are paying off! We are seeing the success that comes from the dedication and commitment of our students, faculty and staff. Today we are Arizona's most highly-ranked Christian university. We are now being recognized for the top-notch education we are providing to our students - for the second straight year, we are ranked among the nation's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report, and were even ranked the No. 1 University in Arizona by College Consensus!

That success serves as the catalyst for the announcement we are making today. After a fifth consecutive year of record enrollment, Arizona Christian University is at capacity at its Cactus Road campus. In the best interests of advancing and continuing to grow its vital mission, ACU has entered into a real estate transaction with Arizona State University. Through a land exchange agreement, we will be relocating our campus to the Thunderbird School of Global Management's former Glendale campus. This opportunity to grow and serve our student body is unprecedented. The buildings, IT equipment, student housing, facilities and amenities that were a part of the Thunderbird campus will now be revitalized and utilized by Arizona Christian University faculty, staff, and students!

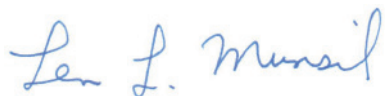
With the move to Glendale, our campus size increases from about 20 acres to nearly 69 acres. The square footage of campus buildings goes from 150,000 square feet to nearly 500,000 square feet, including dozens of large classrooms and auditoriums. The new ACU location will enhance campus life for students in so many exciting ways: we gain ample on-campus student housing including resort-style living and a swimming pool, an expansive library 10 times the size of our current library, nearly three times as many parking spaces, a campus store, a coffee shop, a huge student union and dining hall, and space for our athletic teams to practice and compete on-campus! We now have a number of new revenue sources that will come from an on-campus hotel, conference services, retail leases, and the campus store. Our on-campus hotel will be available at discounted rates to ACU parents and family members when they come to visit!



The average private college in America now charges about \$36,000 in tuition per year. These new revenue streams will help ACU continue to maintain its tuition at least \$10,000 per year lower than other private schools, while continuing to increase our scholarship commitment to students – more than \$8 million in scholarships were provided this year. ACU students will also receive membership to the YMCA next to campus, included with their tuition and fees!

Frankly, this opportunity for ACU and for your students, and all future students, is nothing short of a miracle. We hope you and your student will share in celebrating God's faithfulness and provision for ACU's vital mission. Thank you for your support, cooperation, and prayers!

Blessings,



Len Munsil
President, Arizona Christian University



November 8, 2018

To the Arizona Christian University Community:

Congratulations on this exciting and historic chapter for ACU. The transition to a new university home will undoubtedly bring new learning and engagement opportunities for students, faculty, staff, university partners and the community at large.

Your new campus has a unique place in history. On April 8, 1946, Thunderbird School of Global Management (originally known as the American Institute for Foreign Trade) was chartered on the Glendale, Ariz., World War II airbase, Thunderbird Field, where pilots from around the world came for training during wartime. General Barton Kyle Yount obtained the airfield with the express purpose of developing a school focused exclusively on international trade and global relations. The airfield—which was valued at \$407,000—was acquired at a 100% discount (i.e., a gift), which raised eyebrows around the nation until congressmen on the House Surplus Property Committee deemed that not only did Thunderbird qualify for the nonprofit discount, but that its existence would actually contribute to the cause of world peace. Yount was named Thunderbird's first president, and established a vision for the school that remains today—built on the phrase coined by original faculty member Dr. William Lytle Schurz, “Borders frequented by trade seldom need soldiers.” With that, Thunderbird's mission to “educate global leaders who create sustainable prosperity worldwide” was born.

Since its inception as Thunderbird, your new campus welcomed globally minded student leaders, esteemed faculty and dignitaries from around the world. It also nurtured one of the world's best executive education programs and a vast network of accomplished alumni. In 2014, Arizona State University acquired Thunderbird School of Global Management, making it an official part of the ASU Knowledge Enterprise. In 2017, we made the strategic decision to relocate the Thunderbird School from Glendale to our growing downtown Phoenix campus to position the school in closer proximity to our professional programs and the ASU community.

When we made that decision, we envisioned that the former Thunderbird campus would retain some educational aspect. We are so pleased that ACU will soon make its new home on this historic Glendale campus, and we hope that this special environment yields an equally successful and memorable legacy for all who study, work and visit here. The entire ASU community wishes all of you the best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,



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Mayor
City of Glendale

Dear Arizona Christian University Family,

It is a pleasure for me to extend personally, as well as on behalf of the City Council and all the residents of our city, a most cordial welcome to the City of Glendale. We are proud to have you as part of our growing and thriving community. Your new location has a rich history and we are confident that with your move here it will bring an exciting future.

We hope you, and your families, will take advantage of all Glendale has to offer just as we look forward to all that you will add to our City. From our professional sports teams, to shopping and dining, our historical sites and unique events, we know you will find Glendale a great place to learn. We are equally excited to welcome your athletic events and extra-curricular activities while knowing a first-rate educational institution will be recruiting new students and families.

Thank you President Munsil and the ACU leadership team for your vision and commitment to continuing quality education on the historical campus in Glendale. We look forward to watching you thrive.

In your service,

Jerry P. Weiers
Mayor

THE HISTORY OF **THUNDERBIRD FIELD NO. 1**

EST. 1941

Thunderbird Field No. 1, the site of the new ACU Glendale campus, was first established as a flight training school during World War II. Built in 1941, the site was designed by artist Millard Sheets to resemble the mythical Thunderbird from the air. The control tower formed the feathered tail of the bird, the administration buildings and barracks formed its body, the hangars its wings, and the gardens its head. The installation was situated on the southeast corner of what is now West Greenway Road & North 59th Avenue. Contractor Del Webb Construction built a hexagonal barracks, an administrative building, a mess hall, and four hangars on the site, as well as two swimming pools.

From 1941 – 1945, more than 16,000 cadets were trained at Thunderbird Field No. 1. At the conclusion of the War, Thunderbird Field No. 1 was sold by the Army as wartime surplus. The American Institute of Foreign Trade, later to become Thunderbird School of Global Management, was established on the site in 1946 and is now a part of the Arizona State University system.



*ARIZONA CHRISTIAN
UNIVERSITY LOOKS
FORWARD TO
CONTINUING TO
WRITE THE HISTORY
OF THIS SPECIAL
LOCATION, AS WE
MOVE OUR CAMPUS
TO GLENDALE
IN 2019.*



FUN FACT

A 1942 Hollywood movie, “Thunder Birds: Soldiers of the Air” -- was filmed on location at the field in the spring of 1942. Aerial shots clearly show the original Thunderbird design and the desert mountains surrounding this part of what is now the northwest Valley of the Phoenix metro area.



WHERE THE PAST MEETS FUTURE

Historical Tower becomes new Welcome Center and Student Union.

*STATE OF THE ART
LIBRARY AND
RESOURCE CENTER*
complete work stations and
group study rooms.





"ONE-STOP SHOP" FOR STUDENTS

Glass enclosed entrance to the Administration and Faculty building

ACU'S LARGEST AUDITORIUM
Seating capacity 285



*ACU WILL BE
ADDING
ATHLETIC
FACILITIES
FOR SOFTBALL,
BASEBALL,
SOCCER,
TENNIS,
FOOTBALL
AND TRACK.*





*PLANS ALSO CALL FOR A
MULTI-PURPOSE ARENA
INCLUDING BASKETBALL
AND VOLLEYBALL.*





NEW HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

FALL 2019

Students will have five on-campus housing options: *Patriot Hall, Liberty Hall, Freedom Hall, Independence Apartments and Constitution Apartments*. Students will have the option to reside in a single bedroom or share the larger rooms with a roommate.

The five on-campus housing options at the Glendale location will allow 518 students to live on campus, compared to the current Cactus dorm capacity of only 210.

HOUSING OPTIONS

PER SEMESTER

Freedom Residence Hall - Single	\$3,150
Freedom Residence Hall - Double	\$2,750
Liberty Residence Hall - Single	\$3,150
Liberty Residence Hall - Double	\$2,750
Independence Apartments - Single	\$3,150
Constitution Apartments - Single	\$2,150
Constitution Apartments - Double	\$1,950
Constitution Apartments - Apartment	\$2,450
Patriot Residence Hall - Single	\$3,150
Patriot Residence Hall - Double	\$2,750

GLENDALE CAMPUS

QUICK FACTS

Number of large, tiered
auditorium lecture halls

11

Amount of students that can live
on campus

518

Buildings to be re-named

50

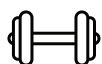
Residence halls

5

Swimming pools

2

ACU'S NEW NEIGHBORHOOD



All students who live on campus
will receive a membership to the
YMCA adjacent to campus

500 feet away



Close to Chick-fil-A, Starbucks,
Chipotle, Jimmy John's, Wendy's,
Smashburger & Burger King

7-8 blocks



The nearest hospital is Banner
Thunderbird Medical Center. 5555
W. Thunderbird Road, Glendale,
Arizona

9 blocks

3x LARGER

MORE THAN 68 ACRES COMPARED
TO FEWER THAN 20 ACRES

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF BUILDINGS

140,000

CACTUS SQ. FT

500,000

GLENDALE SQ. FT

DINING HALL SEATS

Cactus

150

Glendale

500

EVENT CENTER SEATS

Cactus

Glendale

1,000

PARKING SPACES

Cactus

400

Glendale

1,100

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is ACU relocating its campus to Glendale?

Arizona Christian University, a U.S. News & World Report Best College, is at capacity at its current campus, and has been evaluating options to provide students and faculty with improved academic and athletic facilities, more space for on-campus housing and room to grow. When President Munsil heard that ASU was moving the Thunderbird School of Global Management downtown, he approached ASU President Michael Crow with the idea of bringing ACU to the Glendale campus. The two universities have worked together for the past 10 months on a land exchange agreement, which trades properties of equal values and enables the preservation of a historic campus site at the former Thunderbird airfield, while also bringing a top-ranked educational institution to the city of Glendale.

When will students begin taking classes at the Glendale campus?

Students will begin taking classes August of 2019.

What will the new campus have that the old campus did not?

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Why was this decision made?

The new Glendale campus will help us expand our ability to educate followers of Christ to transform culture with truth on a greater scale than ever before. The new campus gives us the facilities and space we need to grow. The new location will also help us attract faculty and students, as we continue to expand reach while maintaining our mission. The new revenue streams will provide long-term financial stability at a time when small colleges are being forced to close.

How did you keep such a big secret?

Prior to the closing of the land exchange on November 13, the deal was not final. The process leading up to the closing of this land exchange was complex, and the agreement needed to be finalized before we could share our plans. It was certainly not easy to keep a secret of this size, and we are thrilled to be able to share the news today.

Where will ACU sports teams practice and have games?

Within a few years, all sports (except golf, shooting sports and swimming) will train and compete on campus. When the Fall 2019 semester begins, we expect to have in place and operating on campus a turf field for soccer and football practices and games, a baseball field, softball field, and sand volleyball courts. We expect to be under construction on a multi-purpose arena for basketball, volleyball and gym sports. In the near future, we will also add on campus a separate stadium for football and track and field, and a tennis complex.

What will happen to the ACU campus at Cactus Road?

This will be determined by Arizona State University.

For more information, visit: arizonachristian.edu/takingflight

CAMPUS MAP

GLENDALE CAMPUS



101 ADMINISTRATION & FACULTY BUILDING	108 WILLIAM AND MAVIS VORIS BLDG	405 EXECUTIVE INN / HOTEL
ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID	109 STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER	405A EXECUTIVE INN 300 BUILDING
X101 PAVILION	111 CONSTITUTION APARTMENTS	405B PATRIOT RESIDENCE HALL
103 ATHLETIC OFFICES & CLASSROOMS	202A SECURITY	405C EXECUTIVE INN 500 BUILDING
104 ACU LIBRARY	202B ACU EVENTS CENTER	407 AUDITORIUM 3 & DEVOS AUDITORIUM 4
105 MUSIC & COMMUNICATION BUILDING	302 COMMONS / CAFETERIA	408 EXECUTIVE EDUCATION BUILDING
106 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY BUILDING	303 HISTORIC TOWER & STUDENT UNION	410 HANGAR
107 J.T. TAI BUILDING	305 INDEPENDENCE APARTMENTS	411 FACILITIES SERVICE / MAINTENANCE
107A LECTURE HALLS 53, 54, 55	403 FOUNDER'S HALL	413 FREEDOM RESIDENCE HALL
		414 LIBERTY RESIDENCE HALL

DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS — HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.

ROMANS 12:2

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