

Value of a Stetson Education

Transcript for video "Provost Painter-Statement on the Value of a Stetson Education"

Hello everyone, I'm Noel Painter, Stetson University's Provost. For the past six months a number of your academic leaders have been seeking to better define what constitutes the value underlying a Stetson educational experience. Perspectives from undergraduate and graduate instructors, liberal and professional learning, Gulfport and DeLand campuses, teachers, staff, and student voices have each fed the conversation; and, at this point, we've been able to put together a document that summarizes the themes that have been prominently repeated.

For a bit of context, it's important to know what this document is and what it is not. It is a statement about educational value, but it is not necessarily a declaration of distinction. If it turns out that the value that we offer is not distinctive, then we have more work to do. It is written to be a thorough, but simple statement and has tried to avoid speaking in complex higher education terminology that might not connect with its audience. And, it must make broad statements that reflect the many types of educational experiences that Stetson offers, while admittedly being incomplete and not listing all of the great ways that education takes place on each campus and in each program.

I would ask that you review this document, attached or linked to this video, and express your comments, either through the comments section on the webpage or through the confidential link that is included with the statement. Having a singular statement of the values surrounding student learning and support, faculty pedagogy, alumni achievement, and campus community will serve many purposes, the most important of which may be to unify us, staff, faculty, student, and alumni on the work that we are doing to advance the mission of this great institution.