The University of Pittsburgh has established an impressive record of progress, achieving new levels of quality and impact on virtually every front each year for many years. Undergraduate applications and the credentials of enrolled students have soared. Faculty and students regularly receive the highest forms of national and international recognition. Pitt now ranks among the top American universities in terms of the federal science and engineering research and development support attracted by its faculty and has been a driving force in the economic transformation of its home region. Its commitments to efficient and effective operations and to programmatic quality have led to Pitt’s regular recognition as a best-value university. The strength of its programs also was key to attracting the extraordinarily generous support that took the University past the $2 billion goal in its recently completed fundraising campaign.

Moving forward, the University will continue to be driven by the statement of aspiration previously adopted by the Board in February of 2000:

Our overarching goal is to be among the best in all that we do. We will add—significantly, measurably, and visibly—to institutional quality and reputation through the accomplishments of our people, the strength of our programs, and the regional, national, and international impact of our work. By aggressively supporting the advancement of the University of Pittsburgh’s academic mission, we will clearly and consistently demonstrate that this is one of the finest and most productive universities in the world.

In its pursuit of that perpetual goal, the University’s work in the years ahead will be centered on efforts to:

- **CONSISTENTLY DELIVER EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**
  Further strengthen our position as a university-of-choice for committed and accomplished students by continuing to provide the highest quality opportunities for learning and growth, inside and outside the classroom, through our impressive undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.

- **MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMPACT THROUGH PIONEERING RESEARCH**
  Build on our existing foundation of internationally respected research and scholarly strengths to enhance human understanding, improve health, spur innovation and stimulate economic growth.

- **BUILD COMMUNITY STRENGTH**
  Continue making significant contributions to what is viewed as a model of 21st century regional economic transformation and add, in a broad range of other ways, to the vitality of our home communities.

- **EXTEND OUR GLOBAL REACH**
  Enhance our global impact through prudent partnering and the power of new technologies, while also developing and regularly refining educational programs designed to ensure that Pitt graduates are well prepared to function effectively in a highly competitive and rapidly changing world.

- **PROVIDE TOP VALUE**
  Sustain our cultural commitment to operational efficiency and effectiveness through careful planning, regular assessment and effective partnering, further securing our position as a top national provider of best-value programs and services.

- **SECURE AN ADEQUATE RESOURCE BASE**
  Marshal the public and private support necessary to sustain our existing momentum and advance our important work, which is essential not only to individual advancement but also to the collective strength of society.

This statement of aspiration and strategic priorities is adopted by the Board of Trustees of the University of Pittsburgh on February 28, 2014, the 227th anniversary of the University’s founding. It is adopted with a sense of deep gratitude to all who have contributed to the progress of Pitt over that extended period of time. It also is adopted to clearly reflect this Board’s commitment to add significantly to that exceptional record of progress in the years ahead.