

### **April 2013: Definition of an Acadia Education**

The APC offers this renewed articulation of an "Acadia Education" and submits it in the form of a tangible end state and goal for all of the university to strive towards. The APC respectfully requests that Senate approve this submission as guidance for academic planning at Acadia.

#### **A. An Acadia education:**

1. Is rigorous and liberal and requires students to gain knowledge and understanding within and across disciplines.
2. Focuses on the whole student and fosters healthy academic, social, and residential experiences to develop well-rounded critical thinkers, engaged citizens, and lifelong learners.

#### **B. To accomplish this, an Acadia education:**

1. Is personalized in that students and faculty build close educational relationships that foster critical thinking, deep understanding, and attitudes of lifelong learning.
2. Encompasses a variety of curricular and extracurricular experiences that develop engagement with community and society on the principles of modern citizenship, ethical decision-making, and accountability.
3. Emphasizes the importance of understanding all facets of the environment.
4. Promotes students' participation in research and creative endeavours in order to enhance their critical thinking and analytical reasoning, and to foster their understanding of the importance of these activities.