

ENSIGN COLLEGE

HOUSING HANDBOOK



**“The light of Ensign is observed. It is felt.
It is experienced. It is lived and shared!”**

President Bruce C. Kusch

WELCOME HOME!



Welcome to Ensign College! We are delighted you have chosen to make Ensign's campus housing your home during this important season of learning and growth.

Living on campus is about more than having a place to stay. It is an opportunity to build meaningful friendships, strengthen your faith, and become part of a community that supports your academic, personal, and spiritual development. The relationships you build and the choices you make here will shape your college experience in lasting ways.

This handbook will help you understand the resources, expectations, and opportunities that make Ensign College housing a safe, respectful, and uplifting place to live. We encourage you to get involved, serve one another, and contribute to an environment where everyone feels welcome and valued.

Thank you for being part of the Ensign College community. We're so happy you're here with us at Ensign College and we wish you a wonderful year filled with learning, growth, and lasting memories!

President Bruce C. Kusch & Sister Alynda Kusch

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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Living on your own is exciting - and a little different. Whether this is your first apartment or you've lived away from home before, there are always new things to learn about sharing a space and taking care of it.

Living in an apartment isn't about being perfect. It's about developing a few simple habits that make life easier for you, your roommates, and your neighbors.

This Housing Handbook are based on the belief that learning takes place not only in the classroom, but also in the places where students worship, work, study, and live. As a result, some conduct that may have been appropriate in your previous living situation may not be appropriate or permitted in Ensign College campus housing. These standards are intended to foster respect, cooperation, and support among residents. We hope they help create an environment where students from diverse backgrounds can live together in peace and harmony and learn under the influence of the Holy Ghost.

This handbook also provides the following “how to” helpful tips:

- Keep your apartment clean without spending hours doing it;
- Avoid common mistakes that can lead to repairs or damage charges;
- Know when to call for maintenance;
- Learn basic household skills with confidence;
- Enjoy living in a safe, comfortable home.

Don't worry if you've never cleaned a bathroom, used a garbage disposal, or lived with roommates before. Everyone starts somewhere!

So, read through this booklet during your first week. Save important housing phone numbers in your phone. And, keep this handbook where you can find it when you need it.

MISSION & PURPOSE

Ensign College Mission

Ensign College's mission is to develop capable and trusted disciples of Jesus Christ who are leaders in their homes, the Church, and their communities.

Housing Purpose

Campus housing is an extension of the Ensign College educational experience. Our purpose is to cultivate a community where students develop character, strengthen faith, build lasting relationships, and practice principles of respect, service, and accountability. By providing a safe and uplifting environment, we support students in becoming capable and trusted disciples of Jesus Christ.



COMMUNITY LIVING

Living with other people means sharing responsibilities as well as space. Everyone has different habits and expectations, so a little courtesy goes a long way. Cleaning up after yourself, communicating kindly, and respecting shared spaces helps everyone enjoy living together!

While living in college housing, you will likely experience differences with your roommates in cleanliness, bedtimes, noise levels, type of music listened to, food choices, clothing choices, movies to watch, friends, Sabbath-day worship, room decorations, etc. These differences often become a rewarding experience if you are willing to work through conflicts together!

If something is bothering you, bring it up kindly and early. Most roommate problems are easier to solve with a simple conversation than after weeks of frustration. Remember that everyone is adjusting to apartment life. Be patient-with others and with yourself.

SMALL THINGS YOU CAN DO THAT WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Wash your own dishes promptly.

Wipe up spills when they happen.

Ask before borrowing someone
else's belongings.

Respect quiet hours.

Let roommates know if guests will
be visiting.

Take turns doing shared chores.

Replace shared supplies when you
use the last one.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

Roommates sharing an apartment should have regularly scheduled meetings, during which everyone will have the opportunity to talk about issues that may become problems. The purpose of community development meetings is to allow community members the chance to express their expectations of others living in the community and set guidelines for how they will treat and interact with each other. Differences in expectations will be discussed until everyone comes to consensus on appropriate guidelines. Community members are obligated to uphold these standards and to hold each community member responsible for the standards.

Come to community development meetings prepared to share your opinions, willing to listen to the opinions of others, and ready to work together to reach a consensus.



BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS



You should feel comfortable in your room and apartment. Excessive noise, disturbing the peace, and disruptive behavior aren't acceptable. Disruptive behavior includes things like pranks, snowball, water, pillow, paintball, or food fights, and similar activities.

If you engage in disruptive behavior, you may be asked to move to a different room, transfer to another housing area, or leave campus housing. You may also be referred to the Honor Code Office. If your behavior could result in harm to yourself or others, you may be asked to leave the college.

If you're required to leave Ensign as the result of disciplinary action, you'll normally need to move out of campus housing within 72 hours of being notified by the Honor Code Office or Housing Management. In some situations, you may be required to leave sooner.

While living in campus housing, you're responsible for taking care of yourself. This includes maintaining appropriate personal hygiene, managing your mental and physical health, addressing medical conditions or illnesses, and meeting any disability-related personal care needs. You're expected to use the resources available to help you do so.

You may not rely on your roommate, college staff, or other residents to be responsible for your personal care needs. If you're unable to care for yourself or if your behavior causes harm to yourself or others, you may be asked to follow a behavioral plan and/or leave campus housing.

If you need a disability-related accommodation, please contact the college's Accessibility Office. You can find more information about their office and the process here: <https://www.ensign.edu/student-life/accessibility>.



◆ Quiet Hours

Each floor/apartment has the opportunity to establish quiet hours through community standards. Work with your roommates and fellow building residents to establish the hours that you all will abide by.

◆ Use of Electronics

You are welcome to bring entertainment equipment for your room or apartment, but the following consideration should be taken:

- Devices may be used as long as volume and use do not disturb others;
- Outside antennas are not permitted;
- Tampering with housing-provided technology or services is prohibited;
- Copyright laws prohibit showing video, DVD, or streaming movies in common areas in or around the campus housing.

◆ Media and Entertainment

Media and entertainment within student housing should reflect Ensign College standards. Generally this means avoiding material that is suggestive, vulgar, immoral, violent, illegal, or pornographic in any way. Please use good judgment and be responsible for ensuring that all of your personal media use is consistent with the college and CES standards and expectations.

LOSS OF CAMPUS HOUSING PRIVILEGES

While residing in campus housing, you are expected to comply with Ensign's Housing policy (including the Residential Living Standards), the CES Honor Code, the CES Dress and Grooming Principles and Expectations, and applicable college policies, standards, and guidelines.

Examples of violations that may result in a loss of campus housing privileges include, but are not limited to:

- Possession, use, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, or other prohibited substances;
- Possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances without a valid prescription or in violation of law or college policy;
- Possession or use of weapons, firearms, explosives, or other dangerous items prohibited by law, housing policy, or college standards;
- Theft, vandalism, or destruction of property;
- Conduct that endangers the health, safety, or welfare of oneself or others;
- Physical violence, threats of violence, assault, harassment, sexual misconduct, or other behavior that creates an unsafe living environment;
- Tampering with fire safety equipment or systems, creating false alarms, misusing fire extinguishers, or engaging in conduct that compromises building safety;
- Making bomb threats or other threats to persons or property;
- Failure to maintain good standing with the college;
- Failure to remain current on housing charges or other required housing-related financial obligations;
- Failure to comply with housing sanctions, educational requirements, or corrective actions resulting from a policy violation.

VISITORS & GUESTS

To help protect everyone's privacy and create a comfortable living environment, be thoughtful about when you invite guests over and how long they stay. As a general guideline, visits should usually end by midnight during the week and by 1:00 a.m. on Friday nights. Visits should also begin at reasonable hours, generally not before 8:00 a.m.

Your guests should never interfere with your roommates' ability to sleep, study, or feel comfortable in their own home. Be sure to communicate openly with your roommates and be respectful of their schedules, preferences, and needs when planning or hosting visits.



Visitors of the Opposite Sex

As mentioned in the college's Housing Policy, visitors of the opposite sex:

- Must remain in the living room and/or kitchen.
- Are not allowed in bedrooms at any time.
- Are not allowed to stay overnight in the apartment.
- Are not allowed to use the shower at any time.
- May use the bathroom in the apartment as appropriate.

APARTMENT CARE & RESPONSIBILITIES

When you move in, you'll receive your room keys and a Room Condition Report. Please complete and sign the report to confirm that you've received your room, keys, and furnishings in their current condition.

You're responsible for any damage to your room, furniture, or fixtures beyond normal wear and tear. Damage found after you move out may result in repair or replacement charges and, in some cases, additional fines.

If damage or missing items are found in a shared apartment or common area and the college can't determine who is responsible, the cost of repairs or replacement may be shared among everyone assigned to that apartment or space.

Cleanliness and Inspections

Housing staff will conduct regular cleaning inspections throughout the semester, typically about twice each month. You're expected to keep your room and apartment clean, sanitary, and in good condition. Apartments that aren't properly maintained may be subject to cleaning charges.

This handbook includes the cleaning checklist used during inspections, along with suggestions for dividing household responsibilities among roommates. Spending a little time cleaning each week makes inspections much easier and helps create a healthier, more comfortable home for everyone. Keeping your apartment clean is a shared responsibility, and working together makes it easier for everyone.





Decorations

Personalizing your room can help it feel like home! Please decorate in ways that protect the apartment and comply with college policies.

- Don't hang decorations on the outside of windows or buildings, on the ceiling, or on window coverings.
- Fire code allows decorations to cover up to 25% of your room door.
- Use decorations that can be removed easily. Avoid paint, stickers, contact paper, or anything that may damage walls or furniture. You're responsible for any damage caused by decorations.
- You may use small nails and white removable mounting adhesive such as Plasti-Tak. Each apartment room is limited to four nail holes total, including any that were already present when you moved in. Additional holes may result in repair charges when you move out.
- Please do not use other adhesives, including 3M Command products.

Campus housing supports the CES Honor Code. Decorations or displays that housing administrators or other college officials determine to be objectionable, obscene, or disruptive are not permitted and may be required to be removed.

Furniture

You're welcome to arrange the furniture in your room in a way that works best for you, as long as the arrangement is safe and approved by the Housing Manager.

- Keep all furniture in its assigned room or common area.
- For everyone's safety, beds may only be elevated using supports approved by the college.
- Appliances may not be moved.

Pets & Animals

Pets and animals are not allowed in student housing. Approved assistance animals are the only exception. Please refer to the college's Animals on Campus policy for additional information, found here:

<https://policy.ensign.edu/policy/animals-on-campus-policy>.

If you plan to have a service animal in campus housing, you must receive approval from the Accessibility Office before bringing the animal into your apartment. All approved service animals must comply with applicable laws and college policies. Unauthorized animals may result in fines and/or removal from campus housing.

Personal Property & Insurance

You're responsible for your personal belongings. The college isn't responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

Ensign College does not maintain insurance to protect you against bodily injury, loss or damage bodily injury, loss or damage to your personal property or belongings, or to cover your own liability for injury, loss or damage you (or your occupants or guests) may cause others.

Your parents' homeowners insurance may provide coverage while you're living at school, but we strongly recommend you purchase renter's insurance, which typically covers the following:

- Your personal belongings against disasters or theft;
- Liability if you cause injury or property damage to others;
- Costs of temporary housing if your apartment becomes unlivable.



SHARED SPACES & FACILITIES

Community spaces belong to everyone, so please help keep them clean, welcoming, and ready for others to enjoy. Clean up after yourself, treat shared spaces with care, and return furniture, cushions, and decorations to their proper place after using them. You may be charged for repairs or additional cleaning if damage occurs or excessive trash is left behind.



Lost and Left Items

- Items left in common areas for more than 48 hours may be donated to Deseret Industries.
- Personal belongings left behind after your housing contract ends may also be donated to Deseret Industries.
- Daily room charges may continue until all personal belongings have been removed from your room or assigned storage area.
- You're welcome to leave your belongings in your room during semester or holiday breaks, but please don't store items that belong to someone else.



Parking

If you'd like to park a vehicle in campus housing parking, you'll need to purchase a valid parking permit for your assigned residential area.

- While using campus parking, you're responsible for parking legally, driving safely, and following all posted speed limits.
- Parking permits remain valid only while you have an active campus housing contract. If you move out before your housing contract ends, your parking permit will be deactivated.
- Vehicles displaying a parking permit must have current registration and valid license plates.
- Vehicles that remain inoperable for seven (7) consecutive days may be considered abandoned and may be impounded. Vehicles with flat tires, broken windows, missing body panels, missing engines, or those resting on blocks may also be considered abandoned and are subject to towing.

Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, & Similar Equipment

Bicycles, scooters, rollerblades, roller skates, skateboards, and similar equipment must be stored on outdoor bike racks or in designated storage areas. With your roommate's permission, you may store these items inside your room, but please be careful not to damage walls, doors, floors, or furniture while bringing them in or out.

These items may not be stored in hallways, balconies, stairwells, or other common areas.

To help prevent damage to carpet and flooring, these items may not be ridden inside campus housing buildings. The only exception is wheelchairs or mobility equipment used by individuals with disabilities. Even then, residents remain responsible for storing the equipment inside their rooms. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in fines and/or disciplinary sanctions.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES & ITEMS

To help maintain a safe, respectful, and comfortable community, the following activities and items aren't permitted in Ensign College campus housing. Violations may constitute a breach of the CES Honor Code or other college policies and may result in disciplinary action, including removal from campus housing, loss of future housing eligibility, and other appropriate college sanctions.

● **Gambling**

Gambling of any kind is not permitted in campus housing.

● **Solicitation & Personal Business**

Advertising, door-to-door sales, sales presentations, fundraising or collection drives, and similar activities aren't permitted in campus housing. You also may not operate a personal business, conduct commercial activity, or solicit customers from campus housing. Campus housing addresses may not be used for business purposes.

● **Weapons**

Weapons of any kind are not permitted in campus housing. The following items are prohibited anywhere on campus housing property:

- Firearms and ammunition
- Explosives
- BB guns, pellet guns, and paintball guns
- Bows, swords, and martial arts weapons
- Knives or similar items capable of causing injury (except kitchen knives, utility knives, and small pocketknives)
- Replica or imitation weapons
- Fireworks

● **Alcohol & Drugs**

The CES Honor Code requires students to abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee, vaping, marijuana, and other substance abuse. Possessing or using any of these substances in campus housing apartments or anywhere on campus housing property is prohibited.

BUILDING SAFETY & SECURITY

Your safety and privacy are important to us. To help keep everyone secure, exterior building doors remain locked 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can access the building using your assigned key or key fob, and your apartment is accessed with your room key.

Keys & Building Access

Please help keep the building secure by following these guidelines:

- Never duplicate or share your keys or other building access credentials.
- Keep your apartment door locked whenever you leave, and carry your keys with you.
- Never prop open exterior doors or prevent them from locking properly.

If you lose your key, notify the onsite manager as soon as possible. Lost keys-or keys that aren't returned when your housing contract ends-will require the lock to be re-keyed, and the associated replacement charge will be your responsibility.

Building Safety

To help keep everyone safe, don't tamper with windows, locks, smoke detectors, fire equipment, or other building safety systems.

Roof access and other unsafe use of campus housing facilities are not permitted.

Health & Community Well-being

From time to time, public health situations may require temporary changes to housing procedures. Please follow any applicable public health guidance while living in campus housing. Ensign College may adjust housing policies as needed to help protect the health, safety, and well-being of residents and the campus community.



FIRE & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Fire safety rules exist to protect both you and your fellow residents. Housing staff will periodically inspect apartments to help identify and prevent fire hazards. Violations of fire safety policies may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of campus housing privileges. Intentionally activating false fire alarms, vandalizing fire safety equipment, or other serious fire safety violations may also be referred to law enforcement.

Fire Safety Rules

Please follow these fire safety requirements at all times:

- Incense, candles, and any other open flames aren't permitted in campus housing. Candle warmers are allowed.
- Avoid storing excessive amounts of paper or other flammable materials.
- Artificial Christmas trees are permitted only if they have been treated with a flame retardant.
- Never tamper with fire alarms, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, or other fire safety equipment.

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors help protect everyone in the building. Please help keep them working properly by following these guidelines:

- Don't cover or block smoke detectors.
- Never remove a smoke detector or its batteries.
- If your smoke detector begins chirping, contact the onsite manager so the battery can be replaced.

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are located throughout campus housing, including apartments, hallways, lobbies, and stairwells. At the beginning of each semester, housing staff will explain how to use a fire extinguisher safely. If you ever use a fire extinguisher-even for a small fire-notify a housing administrator immediately so it can be inspected and recharged.

IF YOU DISCOVER A FIRE:

1. Activate the nearest fire alarm.
2. Evacuate the building immediately.
3. Call 911 or the fire department as soon as you're safely outside.
4. Only attempt to extinguish the fire if it is small and it is safe to do so.

Remember – your safety always comes first!

Evacuation Procedures

Take a few minutes to locate the nearest emergency exit when you move in so you'll know where to go if an evacuation is ever necessary. To help everyone prepare, fire drills will be conducted at least once each semester.

Whenever you hear the fire alarm:

- Close your windows and apartment door. Do not open your apartment door to the hallway to air out smoke or odors.
- Put on your shoes.
- Take your room key and student ID if they're within easy reach.
- Leave using the nearest safe exit. If there's smoke, stay low and crawl if necessary.
- Always use the stairs. Never use elevators during a fire alarm or emergency evacuation.
- Once you've evacuated, remain outside until a housing administrator, firefighter, or police officer tells you it's safe to re-enter the building.

Appliances & Fire Hazards

Help reduce fire risks by following these guidelines:

- Use only appliances that are approved for campus housing.
- Use extension cords safely. Never plug one extension cord into another ("daisy-chaining").
- Keep flammable materials to a minimum.



KNOW WHEN TO ASK FOR HELP

You don't have to figure everything out on your own! Everyone has questions when living independently. Knowing when to ask for help can prevent damage, reduce stress, and keep you safe. Don't hesitate to ask for help if you don't know how to use an appliance, reset a breaker, clean a particular surface, or even make a maintenance request. Housing staff and maintenance teams are here to help!

Reporting a problem early is always better than waiting to see if it gets worse. Contact maintenance if you notice any of the following:

- Water leaks;
- Plumbing backups;
- No heat or air conditioning;
- Broken appliances;
- Electrical problems;
- Smoke or carbon monoxide detector issues;
- Doors or windows that won't lock properly;
- Signs of mold or pests.

YOU'RE READY!

A great community doesn't happen by accident—it happens because people choose to be good neighbors, communicate kindly, and take responsibility for the place they call home. As you strive to live the principles of the CES Honor Code and show kindness, respect, and consideration for those around you, you'll help create an environment where learning, growth, and the influence of the Holy Ghost can flourish.

Thank you for doing your part to make Ensign College campus housing a safe, welcoming, and uplifting place for everyone. If you ever have questions or need help, don't hesitate to reach out to the college's Housing Office or a member of the housing staff. We're here to support you and want your experience at Ensign College to be a positive one.

We're grateful you're here. Welcome home and have an incredible year!



THE LIGHT OF ENSIGN

Bruce C. Kusch, President of Ensign College - May 5, 2026

Early in the summer of 2007 while serving on the Business Management faculty at Brigham Young University-Idaho I received a phone call from Max Checketts, the Academic Vice President. When he called, my first thought was that I must have done something wrong and that I was in some kind of serious trouble. Gratefully, that was not the case.

Max explained that he had received a phone call from Carolyn Brown, his counterpart at LDS Business College. The school had decided to undertake a review of its curriculum and Carolyn wanted some advice on new programs that could be added to LDSBC's portfolio of offerings. She asked if there was anyone on the BYU-Idaho faculty who might be available for the project – to research potential new projects and programs and make recommendations. Max asked if I would be interested, and I responded with an enthusiastic “Yes!” I recruited a BYU-Idaho faculty colleague, and we worked on the project throughout the summer. It was my first exposure to LDS Business College. I knew almost nothing about the school before we started the project and little did I know then that I would have a future here. But the Lord did and I will be forever grateful to Max and Carolyn for that opportunity.

Here is what I remember about this first encounter with LDS Business College:

1. I remember sitting in the conference room on the 10th floor and witnessing the expressions of dedication and commitment to student success on the part of every faculty member and administrator we met.
2. I remember that each faculty member brought great professional experience and expertise to their teaching, having had successful careers prior to becoming employed at the College.
3. I remember learning about the Interior Design program the school offered and being so impressed with the amazing work the students were producing.
4. I remember that, to the best of my knowledge, not even one of our recommendations was ever implemented. However, about a year later when I became the Associate Academic Vice President for Curriculum at BYU-Idaho, we implemented nearly all of them there.
5. Finally, and most importantly, I remember what I felt when I walked into this building for the first time. I couldn't explain it then, but I can now, and I have given it a name. It is The Light of Ensign. The light of Ensign is observed. It is felt. It is experienced. It is lived and shared. It is the light of Christ. It is the ministry of the Holy Ghost.

We learn in Section 88 of the Doctrine and Covenants that light proceeds from the presence of God, it is the light which testifies of truth, it enlightens our eyes and quickens our understanding, it is the power of God (see D&C 88:7, 11). We also learn in Section 88 that when we have an eye single to the glory of God, our whole bodies are filled with light, and there is no room for darkness (see D&C 88:67).

The scriptures teach us that light is a powerful force and influence and comes into our lives in a variety of ways.

In the opening scene of the Restoration Joseph Smith learned that light will always overcome darkness. He was enveloped in physical light describing it as “...a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun...” He also learned that light is a characteristic of Deity, when he described seeing the Father and the Son, “whose brightness and glory defy all description.” Joseph had a similar experience as he related the visit of Moroni in September of 1823, and again when he and Oliver Cowdery saw the Savior in the Kirtland Temple, where they described His countenance as shining “...above the brightness of the sun” (see D&C 110:5).

The brother of Jared learned important lessons about light. After building eight barges according to the instructions he had received from the Lord, he asked Him what they would do for light. You know the Lord’s answer: “What will ye that I should do” (see Ether 2:23)? In response, the brother of Jared crafted 16 small stones, white, clear and as transparent as glass. He presented them to the Lord with the request that He touch each one with His finger, which He did. The brother of Jared knew and understood who the true Source of light was and exercised his faith to provide not only physical but spiritual light for his people. He learned that when we prepare, when we act in faith, we can, with confidence, go forth to accomplish anything that may be asked of us.

The Savior taught the Nephites, and us through what is recorded in the Book of Mormon, that He is the Light of the World; that we should let our Light shine, and that He is the Light we should hold up. That’s what we do as capable and trusted disciples of Jesus Christ. That Light will change the life of everyone who allows it to shine on and into their heart and mind and soul.

We fill our lives with light as we strive to be more like the Savior. We fill our lives with light as we study the scriptures and the words of living prophets, as we pray, as we serve, as we attend the temple, and as we worthily partake of the sacrament each week. We often refer to a list like this as the “Primary answers” to the question of how we strengthen our faith and testimony. It is true and these things should be the primary focus of our lives.

When becoming like the Savior becomes our primary focus, the light that fills our life will be felt by others, our faith will increase as well as our capacity and ability to resist the tugs and pulls of the world.

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"Why does the Lord have an Ensign College? The only reason I can conceive of, and the Lord may have others, but to me the most obvious is to be an example. The Lord talks about putting a light on a hill to show the world a kind of education that's so superior that, as Isaiah said, people would come up to the mountain of the Lord's House and will learn of His ways...There are wonderful business colleges in the world, and my guess is you ought to be one of those. But that won't be why people will come to see you or why they will want to know about you. It will be because you have combined excellence in study with power in faith. That's what will happen. He will make you a light, a beacon, and the world will then have the value of knowing what education can be like when it is done the Lord's way."

"Your students can become, wherever they live and work, examples and teachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The world needs your students to be a light of faith and integrity. They can and must be" (Ensign College Inaugural Address, 13 October 2009).

"Outsiders are wrong when they say, 'I can't understand your people on your campuses. You care about how your students dress, you care about honor codes, you care about whether your faculty are faithful to the covenants that they made. What's that got to do with education? How uneducational!'

"Well, they just don't know what we know. And that is if we can conduct ourselves in such a way that we invite the Spirit of God and we work our hearts out, our students, if they do the same, will learn at rates that the world will just be amazed" (Henry B. Eyring, Ensign College Employee Address, September 1995).

"...if we wish to learn by receiving light, we must live so that the Atonement works in our lives to make us clean and able to receive the light (Henry B. Eyring, Ensign College Inaugural Address, 14 November 1992).

"This college is to be a beacon of educational hope, an open door to possibilities of growth, of improvement, and of learning. It must never lose a focus on helping students become valuable employees and trusted leaders over a lifetime" (HBE, Ensign College Inaugural Address, 13 October 2009).

Excellence in study, power in faith.

Cleansed by the power of the Atonement.

A light, a beacon of educational hope.

Armed with the Spirit of God and hard work, students will learn at rates that will amaze the world.

The light of Ensign is observed.

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The light of Ensign is experienced.

The light of Ensign is lived and shared.

The light of Ensign can be observed as we walk the halls of our building, where we see beautiful Savior-focused artwork, reminding us that He is the center of our learning and development as His disciples. We can also observe the light of Ensign in the faces and words of students whose pictures and comments are found on nearly every floor.

Almost without exception when someone visits our campus for the first time, they comment about what they feel when they are here. That is the light of Ensign.

The light of Ensign is observed, felt, experienced and lived as students from more than 70 countries learn with hearts knit together in unity and in love: where customs, cultures and languages blend together to become a beautiful tapestry of faith and testimony.

Lives are changed by the light of Ensign as faculty – both full and part time – staff, and senior missionaries combine their consecrated efforts to bless the lives of students in a one-by-one ministry.

The light of Ensign prompts a young man or young woman to come to school dressed and groomed in complete harmony with established dress and grooming standards, not because they have to, but because they have come to understand the connection of willing obedience to heaven's blessings, their responsibility to represent the Savior, and as a demonstration of gratitude for the generous resources which have been provided for their education.

The light of Ensign inspires a student working for a rideshare company to share his testimony with perfect strangers during their first visit to Salt Lake City.

The light of Ensign is felt and experienced as each class begins with prayer, as gospel principles are naturally integrated into every learning environment, as an instructor bears his or her testimony, and students also do so freely. The light of Ensign is evident in our efforts to learn and teach in the Lord's way. It is evident as we combine excellence with study and power in faith in our Learning Signature.

The light of Ensign can be observed as a student notices a fellow classmate is struggling and offers to help with some tutoring. In a classroom, where one shy student is sitting all alone, two or three others decide they will move from where they are sitting to sit by that student because they remember that in the Church of Jesus Christ no one sits alone.

The entire campus community has the blessing of feeling the light of Ensign every week as we make devotional attendance an important part of our personal worship.

Students who are new to Ensign College feel and experience the light of Ensign during New Student Orientation as they are welcomed, greeted and guided by Student Ambassadors, faculty and staff.

Prospective employers experience the light of Ensign when they come for job fairs and interact with our students. They recognize your capability. They recognize your goodness. They sense that you will be trusted employees. And because of our College Wide Capabilities they know you will come to the workplace with important skills that distinguish you.

The light of Ensign prompts a faculty member, administrator, staff member or senior missionary to speak to a student – just to see how they are doing. And in the process, they learn something important that facilitates one-by-one ministering. The light of Ensign is being friendly on the elevators and waiting patiently when you are on the third floor desperately trying to get to your next class on the sixth floor, along with 30 or more of your best fellow student friends.

Now some of you may know that early in my time as president of Ensign College that I suggested once in a meeting with the Board of Trustees that we might need at some point in time need another elevator. President Nelson turned to me and said “Bruce, are there stairs in your building?” I said “There are, President.” He said, “Very well, then.” That was the last conversation we had about elevators.

The light of Ensign is touching the hearts of men and women who find themselves in local state prisons and who have been able to enroll in Ensign College courses and programs. The light of Ensign is changing their hearts and bringing them hope – perhaps for the first time in a very long time, or for the first time ever in their lives.

The light of Ensign is now felt and experienced by thousands of students around the world who are enrolled in online courses and programs through our relationship with BYU-Pathway. Many of those students are not yet members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints but are choosing to be taught by missionaries. So, not only are they learning about social media, project management, accounting, medical billing and coding and the other disciplines being taught, but I believe in ways we cannot see the light of Ensign is a contributing factor in their decisions to learn more about Jesus Christ and His Restored Church.

The light of Ensign shines bright as you – our students – are examples of faith and integrity – and the world needs you to be that light. That light shines bright as you discover your divine potential, the greatness within and realize that you can do more and achieve more than you ever thought possible.

The light of Ensign burns bright in the hearts of our employees and senior missionaries who come to work each day, not just to do a job, but with a deep spiritual connection to our mission. That light inspires us to work in unity and harmony, even when there are differences of opinion; to esteem one another as sister or brother, striving to be filled with charity which is the pure love of Christ. As an institution, Ensign College is to be a light, a beacon of hope that will draw people to the Savior and His Restored Gospel.

Brothers and sisters, you and I each have a responsibility and stewardship for preserving the light of Ensign and sharing the light of Ensign wherever we go as capable and trusted disciples of Christ who are leaders in our homes, the church, and in our communities. The more we share this light, the greater will be the light within us. We can never give it all away. “That which is of God is light; and he that receiveth light, and continueth in God, receiveth more light; and that light groweth brighter and brighter until the perfect day” (see D&C 50:24).

I would be very interested to know how the light of Ensign has lifted you. What have you observed? What have you felt? What have you experienced and how are you sharing it? If you would like to share something with me, please use this QR code. Send me how the light of Ensign

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This is what I know:

I know that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. I know He is God’s Only Begotten Son. I know They live.

I know that in 1820 Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith in a pillar of light and thus began the Restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ in these latter-days.

I know that Joseph Smith was the prophetic instrument, chosen by God, to usher in this last dispensation of the fullness of times.

I know that President Dallin H. Oaks is the Lord’s prophet on the earth today, prepared and called for this season of service in the kingdom.

I know the Lord is helping this school to become a beacon and a light on a hill.

I know testimonies of Jesus Christ and living prophets are deepening in the lives of our students, employees and senior missionaries.

I know that striving to become a capable and trusted disciple of Jesus Christ is deeply engrained in our institutional DNA and pray that it is likewise deep in our hearts and very souls.

I know that efforts are made every day by many who have the desire to help every students feel loved, valued, noticed, nurtured and strengthened.

I know that all these things contribute to the light of Ensign. It comes from the Savior Himself. It’s one reason why we experience days never to be forgotten.

May we ever protect it. May we ever preserve it. May we seek every day to be a little more like the Savior, to fill our lives with just a little more of His light.

In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.