Student Responses to Part B: Question #1

“What is missing…”

- I think a little more compassion can be added to help connect better with readers.
- It talks about what King’s pursues but it doesn’t include how it pursues it.
- Explain why King’s College is different than other colleges and what makes it a better college to attend.
- The statement talks of the wealth of a King’s education, but does not explain/answer “how we do it?” very well.
- Nothing.
- Nothing is missing.
- Talk more about how King’s is going to do it.
- How the athletic aspect of King’s helps students, just the same of the religious aspect.
- Nothing.
- One time I heard a statement from a professor. This may not be the exact way that it was stated but it was like this… “We educate the mind without the heart.” Mr. Leffler knows in the Business School. Maybe this can be added near Fr. James Connertons quotations.
- It should talk more about the students.
- Maybe a bit more on “why we do it.”
- After reading this draft of the mission statement, in my thought it is well put. But what should maybe be added is how it is really the students that build relationships and stick together, not so much the community because that statement is very false.
- Everything in this mission statement I find helpful.
- Maybe include a sentence or two about internships and networking opportunities and their importance.
- I do not think much is missing from the mission statement. It is written very professionally and I am glad that it notes religious freedom on campus even though King’s College is a Catholic institution.
- The final quote should be at the beginning.
- Is anything, maybe it should shed more light on the acceptance and fulfilling the needs of the diverse non-Catholic student.
- I think it was very well put together, telling us what we needed to know.
- I liked it.
- I think the draft is very well written and firmly shows what King’s mission is and I have noticed these goals this year. I think it is good the way it is.
- Maybe it can be more specific regarding King’s attention to students’ backgrounds.
- I think it has everything included that they wanted so there isn’t anything missing.
- Mention athletes because athletes are a big part of the student base and our school spirit is what makes King’s College a good school.
• There is nothing clear that comes to mind that is missing from the mission other than the close attention each student receives.
• Meets all requirements.
• Maybe why a Catholic education is higher and should be viewed to that standard.
• Instead of mentioning the idea of CORE classes; the words “Liberal-Arts” should be thrown in there.
• Nothing, it is good.
• Mention learning disabilities as another example of somebody else you can help.
• I believe it should include more of “what we do”
• I think the draft mission statement is fine. No major needs of improvement.
• It says a lot of what King’s does, but not how we do it.
• Something about cultivating well rounded- individuals who are in high demand in today’s society.
• Seems like a solid mission statement.
• Nothing, it’s pretty spot on.
• If anything, things should be omitted and put in a vision statement.
• I don’t think that “why we do it” was adequately addressed. We read about what King’s is dedicated to educating students. Even one sentence “we believe everyone deserves a chance at higher education would suffice.
• More about our dedication to volunteering in the community.
• The mission statement looks good.
• Need more about programs and majors offered.
• Well since King’s is a liberal arts college, I feel like that should be clearly stated in the mission statement.
• It needs more about the strong liberal arts program.
• I believe that the face that the campus community really creates a sense of family should be utilized in the mission statement.
• I think it covers all aspects in which should be including and are.
• None.
• Maybe more on how we do these things. It just says we do them, but not necessarily how.
• More of what King’s plans for the future of students and how they are preparing them.
• I believe “how we do it” could be explained better throughout the mission statement.
• A little more in depth info to not make it so confusing.
• I personally feel that we do not have “major programs across the arts and sciences.” We have every science major I can think of, and these programs are strong, but we are lacking in the arts severely. This sentence is not an accurate representation. We have a theatre program. We do not have dance, or music, or vocal performance. And if there is a drawing, painting, sculpting art major, I have never heard of it.
- I think, while it lists that we have major programs in the arts and sciences, we should keep the liberal arts school identity.
- An emphasis on key characteristics of the mission statement.
- The students should be mentioned more.
- The reason for King’s as a learning institution.
- I thought that it was well-written and I couldn’t think of anything else that should be included.
- I don’t think it is missing anything. This mission statement clearly states what we are all about here at King’s
- I think the mission statement is good.
- How and why you do it.
- Keep the old one.
- There is minimal explanation about the sense of community.
- Nothing.
- I think that the mission statement should be more relatable to the students.
- What is missing from the draft is for whom we do it and how we do it.
- Maybe include more on the “how” and “for whom.” It is clear to King’s goal – educate mind and heart and teach how it live – but maybe expand on how.
- Maybe what King’s does and why it does it.
- I fell the mission statement was outstanding and was not missing any information.
- Not much, maybe just a few more details would help.
- Nothing.
- I think something about the type of student community that we create at King’s. It talks about teacher to student, but not student to student which is very important for a college.
- I don’t think anything is missing; the statement embodies who we are as a community.
- Overall I feel that the draft of the mission statement is well written.
- Thought it was good. Mission statement didn’t clearly state that we were a liberal arts school.
- I believe that the draft does an excellent job stating King’s purpose, reasoning, and other qualities that define us.
- Nothing.
- Greater explanation of King’s goals for the future of academic advancement.
- More background on how it’s done.
- Nothing missing.
- Embodies every aspect needed, nothing needed to add.
- I like what the mission statement has to offer.
- Nothing.
- What causes Fr. Moreau to want to change both minds and hearts?
- Nothing is missing. Very clear and covers and explains every question well.
- How to involved with missions and offering help to the congregation of Holy Cross.
- It answers all questions well.
- How every class is bused around ethics.
- The draft the King’s college mission statement does a great job outlining the five questions on the front.
- Good made a clear message of what to achieve.
- They answered everything.
- I thought the statement was very good and on point.
- It looks perfect.
- The statement is very well written. Not missing anything.
- It’s flawless.
- More about the importance of the liberal arts education.
- Nothing.
- How they plan to do what they say.
- There is really nothing missing from the mission statement that should be included.
- I think every aspect of the college is represented in this mission statement.
- I believe nothing is missing.
- How does King’s help those in the community?
- If anything, put more of Holy Cross into the statement.
- Nothing is missing. I feel the mission statement touched on all of the criteria well.
- I think it addresses the colleges mission well and straight foreword.
- Everything was well worded and highlighted the many features of King's College.
- I have nothing because it is perfect.
- I think it is perfect.
- I think the mission statement explains Kings’s pretty well.
- I don’t think anything is missing. Each describes what I’ve experienced in my time at King’s very well.
- How King’s plans to help advancing in the modern world.
- Nothing needs to be added.
- You covered it pretty well.
- Nothing.
- Talk more of the students and not just how great the school is.
- I think the mission statement is very well done and needs something more.
- The mission statement reaches all of the goals of King’s College very well.
- Great draft. Through and detailed.
- I would add something about how King’s students can sustain our integrity in an unethical world.
- Nothing.
- There is nothing missing.
- Nothing. It has much detail.
- Nothing.
- Very good, just add a little more about the students.
- I feel the mission statement had everything it needs.
- No suggestions.
- It includes everything.
- Talk more about the students more, and why this mission statement is useful to the students.
- If anything, it portrays King’s very accurately and speaks to how King’ cultivates both personal and professional skills and how King’s helps develop students through academic and spirituality.
- It could include the specific accreditations/qualifications of faculty.
- Community.
- Nothing.
- I don’t feel that there is anything missing, it encompasses everything well.
- Maybe add a little more of what we do for the community.
- Seemed to be well written and nothing of great importance.
- How King’s is a business and would like to get all the money they possibly can out of us.
- Looks good as is!
- The guarantee that for now we promise to change our ways and make sure to have parking, and stop increasing the amount it costs to park as an off campus commuter.
- How does it continue traditional Holy Cross values into modernity?
- The mission statement does not say enough about the students. It leaves out our role in the college and how the college will affect us.
- More about the students and our role in the college.
- Should be more clear on why we do it.
- Nothing.
- Nothing, it is a well thought out statement.
- I think they can elaborate on the teachers more because they are ultimately the deciding factor of their future.
- Nothing, everything is covered through the current draft of the Mission Statement.
- Add more about the students.
- Our emphasis on how to live.
- The term “liberal arts” is missing and maybe something about Wilkes Barre?
- The Mission Statement accurately covers the culture of the college. It truly defines what the college is trying to convey to the students.
- Focus more on the student.
- I think the mission statement sums up the King’s College community for the most part. I have seen examples of the mission statement in the actions of the faculty and staff.
• Include more about the “students.” Better answer the question, for whom do we do it?
• None
• I think the draft mission statement is good as is
• Nothing
• More of a focus on how King’s serves its community, perhaps with examples of various service projects
• Maybe it could include who the founders were
• A quick mention of the targeted students
• Nothing, the draft mission statement is very well put together and shows the students and also the entire King’s community that they truly care
• Focus on liberal arts
• Nothing, I think it is right on point, very well put together
• I like how there is both the faith based as well as educational. I would like the education part to be more promising and talked about though
• It seemed to the point and I understood it very clearly
• Transformation be included into the mission statement to ensure well that this college progresses us as individuals
• Nothing, it sounds good
• Nothing everything is there well done
• This draft is very well spoken and talks on every point made by the school as a whole
• Addition of something pertaining to how King’s helps its local community
• I don’t think anything is missing, all the questions are answered well
• Focus more on how you’re going to use core classes to give students an overall knowledge
• Maybe include more of the things it has done in the past as a Catholic institution
• Say something about “service” at King’s and how we grow from that
• Include more diversity, community service
• I believe it should include how we are as one – commuter and residents by including the college identity as one
• Describing how they develop their students

Student Responses to Part B: Question #2

“What suggestions…”

• For how much we pay; we could do better.
• Good job; try to make it more appealing to read.
Talk a little more about the students, they make the name “King’s College” say how the make it a better learning environment.

Could talk about our Catholic liberal arts education.

I think that the Draft mission statement is perfectly fine.

It is perfect.

Make it interesting, to grab someone’s attention.

Better understanding in what we do and overall mission.

Make it livelier to keep readers intrigued, not just informed.

The first paragraph reads like a profile off of a resume.

It has a great focus on “for whom” and “what,” but I feel like it should expand deeper into the “why.”

Not much I believe the length and format is good. It’s not too short or too long. Each paragraph covers the concept that it is trying to express.

Talk more about the students.

Maybe a bit more on “why we do it.”

To improve the King’s College mission statement, it should mention how much students are their own voice when it comes to trying to make change. Whether it be sports or have to do with living environments. I don’t believe it should mention the community because most people are not for the college students.

I do not suggest any changes. I think it defines King’s College very well.

Not much can improve the statement. It is very professional.

Combine both statements together (mission statement and King’s as a Catholic and Holy Cross institution.)

Long winded, and overly through. Should be shorter.

Again maybe talk more about the Catholic values than the faith itself.

No suggestions needed.

Extend more on how they do it.

None.

None.

N/A

I found it good.

Nothing.

Couldn’t write it better myself.

None

None, it was written well and explained King’s good.

Work to bring more toleration and tolerance for others.

No major need of improvement seems to be appropriate at this time.

I would mention the small class sizes and how most professors are approachable and have more office hours than their required.
• Talk a little more about education and their rank/legitimacy in comparison to other colleges in general.
• Change the last sentence, it is way to cliché. “King’s teaches its students not how to make a living, but how to live??” Lame.
• Don’t use “fostering”; I like “nurturing” better.
• It seems a little much. As a student this partly reflects campus. I get that it is a mission or goal, but there is a lot of pieces that don’t really apply to us.
• I love it just the way it is.
• Condense its ideals. Far too long. Mission statements should be a paragraph or two. Not a whole page. If necessary, place some of the information into a vision statement.
• The mission statement looks good.
• Use less older history and more about present day King’s College.
• More about the curriculum, how every student is required both theology and liberal arts seminar.
• The use of the word zeal highly appeals to readers, but other large/difficult words could be changed. The average student should be able to understand the statement without a dictionary.
• I don’t really have any suggestions. Good work.
• The usage of easier, more common words for the sake of less educated future students or even parents.
• Some of the vocabulary is a bit confusing, especially if a high schooler interested in King’s was reading this. EX: pedagogy, ecumenical – they might not know these.
• Some words that are difficult to understand and really long sentences.
• None
• Just to explain “how we do it” a little better.
• Say something about King’s being a liberal arts college. Maybe mention the AACSB accreditation.
• A little clearer it was somewhat confusing.
• Fix some grammar mistakes.
• Base it more on the “whom” and the “how” aspects of the mission. I feel that those are most important.
• I think that the “for whom do we do it” and the “how we did it” questions could be answered a little more clearly in the mission statement.
• Less difficult words to understand would make it seem far less pretensions. Simplify the language.
• “Rigorous CORE curriculum”…sounds intimidating.
• This is pen to paper. Statement. Reading this statement upon entering or before entering King’s is one thing. It is the action that follows the statement. More enlightenment for students is needed.
I think this mission statement does get to the heart and soul of what King’s College does. Including Fr. Connerton’s quote too is very helpful and descriptive to our overall mission.

Could use a bit less words. Too much to read and take in.

Make it more about the students. Is all this being done for God or for the students? It is not clear.

More talk of why King’s does what it does.

Revise the wording and sentence structure it can be a bit of a mouthful and confusing.

Keep the old one.

Too repetitive. Same unnecessary vocab used.

Too in depth. Let’s not forget the point of a mission statement. This should be more of an abstract and less of a lengthy summary.

Just elaborate on community.

Explain more about where King’s comes from and what we’re built from.

Make it more relatable.

Give examples of what you do like cityserve and who we do it for.

I think that the second part “King’s as a Catholic and Holy Cross” needs to be expanded. Paragraph two can use some more background info.

If anything, I would maybe talk a little more about how King’s does what it does best.

Overall King’s does a nice job of expressing the mission of King’s.

I think that there should be no improvement to this mission statement. It was stated beautifully and very true.

More details about what makes King’s what it is.

Go more in depth to as why we are offering this mission statement.

I would go into detail how all of staff from coaches to maintenance is here to help.

None.

Thought it was overall good. Liked the Father Connerton line.

It sounds good.

The mission statement could stand to be shortened, as it becomes cumbersome to read.

None.

Omit unnecessary words – can take a while to read. Focus more on education purposes; less on religion (some of us are not catholic).

None, the mission was well stated.

None, I think it’s run the best way possible.

I think that the mission statement could focus more on where we came from.

Tell us a little more about how and why we do what we do, how we accomplish the mission.

No improvement needed.
- Make it a little more complete and concise. Use more common word that are easier to understand
- I feel it is very concise and to the point which is good for future students.
- None.
- (None)
- I have no suggestions I thought it was good.
- None.
- I think its fine how it is.
- Statement was very well written.
- It couldn’t be better.
- Nothing, perfect.
- None.
- List the problems.
- There are no suggestions or improvements that need to be made to the mission statement except to possibly make is shorter in some way if possible.
- I personally felt it was a little too wordy. It used excellent adjectives but perhaps should be broken up and transitioned better.
- It is very long. I suggest having it shortened.
- It was very long and should be shortened. It is very well written just too much information.
- I thought it was very well done and clearly tells everyone who we are as a school.
- Put more into Holy Cross.
- Condense a few parts to keep it clear and concise. Otherwise, I would not change anything else.
- I think it is fine how it is.
- Make it a little more condensed.
- Nothing.
- Nothing I can think of.
- The only suggestion I have is to include more about how personalized the learning experience is because you get a lot out of one on one attention here.
- Overview of spelling.
- It’s really long, maybe make it shorter.
- You don’t need any!
- I feel like the statement is 3/4 about catholic identity. Talk more about education.
- Everything seems right.
- Focus more on the students.
- No improvement.
- It’s a little long but I think it describes everything very well.
- Just to keep doing what you are all doing!
The mission statement us already good.
A little more concise.
Focus more on the classroom experience.
Very good.
It’s very good.
I would suggest that the mission statement should be more concise and shorter. Its very influential, but should be shorter.
Make it shorter.
Just keep helping students do better.
Focus less on religion!
Too long – make more concise, almost repetitive.
The paragraphs fell disjointed and don’t flow.
Just seems super bland.
Make sure wording is correct. Maybe end little better.
Less repetition on word such as “founding.”
Provide a non-denominational as well, more diversity and community service
Everything is good, short paragraphs that get to the point
The mission statement is very well written. I don’t see any areas of improvement.
You aren’t teaching us how to live. You’re giving us the opportunity to do it ourselves.
Maybe touch on how ethical behavior is incorporated into all subjects and classes. It is in there but might need more emphasis because I think it’s important.
None
Just remember to focus on what is building for future students to come, what improvements can be accomplished as a King’s student
Nothing sounds good
NA
NA much improvement has been noticed since first one
Nothing seemed to be confusing and it really doesn’t need to be improved upon
Explain more on how we do it
King’s → King’s College; Put that we are a Holy Cross institution first, then Catholic 2nd
None at all, they have it well said
Less about religion, more focus on education and community
None
A quick mention of the targeted students
More of a focus on how King’s serves its community, perhaps with examples of various service projects
It’s a little lengthy but very well put
• Love the last sentence, but the last paragraph (except the last sentence) should be moved higher up. (Seems more like an intro) Last sentence could easily be attached to the previous paragraph.
• None
• I don’t know why King’s is in bold throughout the entire thing
• Talk more about the students, and why King’s has more to offer than other universities. Discuss more about the value of coming to King’s.
• A snazzy introduction
• Student focus
• The term “liberal arts” is missing and maybe something about Wilkes Barre?
• NA
• Talk more about liberal arts since we are a liberal arts school
• None
• I think they can elaborate on the teachers more because they are ultimately the deciding factor of their future
• Talk about the teachers more
• Talk about the teachers more
• Everything is good except how we do it
• Add in more about the importance of the liberal arts to the College
• Add more about the students, shorten, and emphasize the future of the students
• None, it’s good
• The first sentence is 4 lines and 51 words long. Consider revising this run on.
• It’s perfecto!
• Speak to the students and ask what we think King’s is all about and add it into the statement
• Needs to be more concise