## Consular officials may want to know: WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ACU?

## **Because ACU is a Christian University**

ACU is a truly Christian university with very high academic standards. The professors have doctorates from places like Yale, Harvard, Notre Dame, Duke University & Vanderbilt University. You can read more about the distinctive mission of ACU here.

Some people choose ACU because it is sponsored by the Church of Christ, a Christian, protestant denomination. ACU is very well respected among the leaders of the Churches of Christ. Dr. Kent Brantley, missionary doctor who survived the Ebola virus, is an ACU alumni, as is popular American pastor and author, Max Lucado (http://www.maxlucado.com).

## **Because ACU has High Academic Quality**

Students from ACU are admitted into graduate programs and professional schools at very high rates (85% for <u>medical school</u>). ACU is big enough to offer many majors, services and activities (such as services for international students), yet small enough to have every class taught by a credentialed professor and not graduate students. There is a ratio of about 16 students per faculty member. In addition, there are many opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in research with the faculty.

## **Because ACU is at the Forefront of Technology**

ACU is also very forward-thinking. It was recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence. ACU has an active <u>Learning Studio</u> and <u>Maker Lab</u>, and continually offers students opportunities to excel in the use of technology. ACU's digital entertainment technology major is listed as one of the best in the nation by <u>Princeton Review</u>. In addition, the beautiful campus has recently been expanded through a multi-million dollar <u>building project</u>, with new buildings for the engineering and science programs.

Finally, ACU is located in <u>Abilene</u>, a small city in West Texas (pop. 120,000). While this may seem "out of the way" to many people (3 hours' drive West of Dallas), it is also a calm and safe place, where people are very friendly and helpful. Come join us at ACU and see why Abilene is called "The Friendly Frontier!"