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A CHAMPION of Christian Higher Education

As the president of Southeastern University, Dr. Kent Ingle is a dedicated advocate of Christian higher education. Not only does he believe in the value and significance of holding a Christian worldview, but he also recognizes the great need for faith-based higher education that is affordable, accessible and innovative.

Dr. Ingle upholds the belief that God has a divine design for the lives of each and every individual. He also believes that it is the duty of Christian higher education institutions to impart this idea to their students, so that they can discover the purpose and plans that God has for them. Guiding students to comprehend this truth allows them to use their gifts to positively impact their surrounding communities, and ultimately, leave a lasting mark on the world.

In order for every individual to have equal opportunity in Christian higher education, Dr. Ingle advocates for institutions to create learning avenues that are both affordable and accessible. Under his leadership, Southeastern University has looked past the traditional model of enrolling students solely at one campus location. The university has expanded its online learning options and added additional campuses across the country by partnering with local churches, organizations and businesses. These partner-site programs are one-fourth of the cost of its traditional on-campus tuition, allowing Southeastern to significantly decrease education costs and provide educational opportunities for a broader range of students.

In addition to making Christian higher education more accessible for students, Dr. Ingle believes it is just as important that institutions look for ways to creatively meet the needs of a changing workforce. He recognizes the importance of meeting the needs of students and professionals at all stages of their lives. Dr. Ingle has pioneered initiatives at Southeastern that have led to the addition of several innovative undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Most recently, the university has introduced aviation degrees and a pastoral accelerator program, allowing students to receive their pilot's license or Master of Divinity degree in a fraction of the time.

Dr. Ingle is also an active and outspoken protector of religious liberty. He takes his role of leading a faith-based institution very seriously and often engages in legislative activities to fight for the rights of millions of Americans. He has written several op-eds on various court cases and bills that deal with the direct violation of religious liberties, and his work has been published by outlets such as Fox News and Newsmax. Dr. Ingle stands by the belief that the religious mission of Christian institutions must be protected as equally as the rights of secular entities.

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