

Statement of Values			
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Core Values of Tusculum College

1. **Personal Integrity**, encompassing honesty, trustworthiness, and high moral conduct. All members of the Tusculum College community are expected to display and value personal and community virtue at all times.
2. **Liberal Arts**, a curriculum suited for a timeless education and preparation for the unknown future. Through exposure to the sciences, the arts and humanities, and the social sciences, students are encouraged to appreciate the history of human endeavor and to thirst for life-long learning.
3. **Civic Responsibility**, a commitment to and experience in serving our communities. The virtue of generosity is encouraged in all Tusculum College citizens, a generosity displayed through community service, shared financial means, and benevolence with personal talents to help make this a better world.
4. **Career Readiness**, grounded in the awareness of career options and the skills to succeed. With the understanding that personal success complements the virtue of civic benevolence, Tusculum College students are encouraged to explore professions and callings that serve both personal goals and community interests without sacrifice of either.
5. **Strong Sense of College Community**, demonstrated by close student-faculty relationships, vibrant student interactions, multiple cultural enrichment activities, and a safe living environment. A hallmark of the Tusculum College experience, in residential life and in graduate and professional studies, will be the personal attention and care devoted to others by every constituency. Tusculum College students, faculty, and staff will take care of one another.
6. **Respect for Our Domestic Heritage and Global Interests/Responsibilities**. Tusculum College students and faculty will explore the ideas, cultures, and opportunities in other countries while sustaining a deep appreciation of our own local, regional, and national history and mores.
7. **Appreciation for Critical Thinking and Reflective Judgment**, Tusculum College students will become adept at analyzing the critical elements of an argument, critiquing the important issues of a proposal, and developing the ability to defend either side of a dilemma. By honing these critical thinking skills, students will be expected to make responsible personal and professional judgments based on sound logic and moral principles.
8. **Commitment to Continual Improvement**, individually and collectively. All members of the Tusculum College community--from faculty to staff to students--will strive for continual improvement in personal work and in collective achievements. Such devotion to improvement will manifest itself in a clear set of goals, precise strategies for achieving them, openness to suggestions, collective review of methods and means, and thorough assessment of outcomes, with assessment results guiding new plans and strategies.

