



## CHARTER OF CORE VALUES

Our core values emanate from the life of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, the charism of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the Catholic educational tradition.

In response to Frances Cabrini's desire to provide an "education of the heart"—a Catholic, Cabrinian education, centered in Christ and ever mindful of the dignity and contribution of each person—the members of this College community, through a collaborative process, have enunciated these values which exist as a standard for our activities and as a hallmark for all future development.

Education of the Heart is achieved through the core values of:

**Respect:** We strive for a reverence of self and others manifested in trust and appreciation. Respect calls for care and compassion in regard to: diversity, social justice, our environment, and civility in resolving conflict. The College strives to promote the integrity of each person, thus serving the vital and vibrant good of all.

**Vision:** Inspired by the indomitable spirit of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, we strive to promote and foster innovation and creativity. Vision calls for: a spiritually-based outlook when seeking solutions, courage, and a pro-active stewardship of all present and future resources. We accept the challenge to live our lives according to the Cabrinian vision and values.

**Community:** We strive to strengthen community by uniting diverse individuals and their aspirations in shared endeavor. Community calls for: common mission, ethical responsibility, a sense of belonging, dialogue in decision making, enthusiasm for the enterprise, and participation in the celebration of our values and traditions. The Cabrini College community seeks to maintain an environment of receptivity and hospitality for all and create union while nurturing individual gifts and talents.

**Dedication to Excellence:** To maximize the potential of the individual and community we strive for the education of the whole person—intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual. Dedication to Excellence calls for: positive attitude, commitment to lifelong learning, personal and professional growth, pride in accomplishment, and fulfillment of common goals. At the heart of our dedication to excellence is the desire to be our best in the service of our students and all others.

Since we are an institution of process and constant development, what we are must always progress towards what we ought to be. It is our hope that in our constant effort to evaluate our growth, that we aim for a point of coincidence in which the values that determine what we are become one with what we ought to be.

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