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Undergraduate and Graduate Student Code of Conduct

PREAMBLE

As a community that celebrates its Catholic, Lasallian, and Liberal Arts traditions and receives inspiration in the life of our Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Saint Mary's College expresses these values in specific and intentional ways. The five Lasallian Core Principles of Faith in the Presence of God, Respect for All Persons, Inclusive Community, Quality Education, and Concern for the Poor and Social Justice give direction to and find expression among the College community. These five Lasallian Core Principles provide the framework through which our students conduct themselves and are consistent with College policies.

The general principles governing community life at Saint Mary's College are guided and informed by the Mission Statement of the College. All members of the College community are expected to read and have a working knowledge of its principles. The *Code of Conduct* and student discipline process are intended to:

- Create a responsible, civil, and intellectual educational community;
- Promote the respect of College and individual property;
- Create an environment in which all members of the community are treated with dignity, care, and respect; and
- Provide an environment that facilitates intellectual, personal, and spiritual development.

By voluntarily choosing to affiliate with the College, students are presumed to have knowledge of and have accepted the responsibilities outlined in the *Code of Conduct*, other College policies and the student discipline process. Claiming not to know the *Code of Conduct*, other College policies and the student discipline process is not considered a legitimate excuse or defense for violations of the *Code of Conduct* or other College policies.