

VALUES STATEMENT REVIEW and UPDATE

Spring 2018

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VALUES:

Garrett College believes that every human being is entitled to dignity, worth, respect, and the opportunity to learn. Therefore, Garrett College commits to...

1. The inherent value of learning by:

- Encouraging a culture of appreciation for the power of knowledge;
- Designing and advancing a curriculum of excellence for student mastery and success;
- Promoting ageless, life-long learning;
- Providing open access to programs and services.

2. The inherent value of the Garrett College community by:

- Sustaining a college focused on student learning and success;
- Fostering innovation and creativity;
- Embracing the concept of the power of people working together in the free exchange of ideas, including respectful disagreement;
- Vesting individuals with the authority and responsibility to participate in shared governance.

3. The inherent value of the Garrett County community, the surrounding region and the global community by:

- Recognizing diversity of people, along with their differing points of view;
- Fostering a sense of belonging;
- Facilitating an understanding of other cultures and beliefs in order to achieve a high-level of cultural competence.
- Understanding the intrinsic value of our unique surroundings and of our cultural and artistic heritage;
- Providing opportunities for community awareness;
- Seeking an approach that balances preservation and progress;
- Contributing to the quality of life, economic and cultural vitality, awareness of local issues, and promotion of social justice.
- Promoting environmental awareness and serving as stewards of our environment.