
Student Affairs

Division of Student Affairs Mission Statement

Through relevant learning experiences, students begin to take ownership of their lives and develop skills needed for life and work. The professionals in Student Affairs are committed to providing students with cocurricular experiences which educate them for social responsibility, engage them in self-discovery, and empower pursuit of their passions, preparing them to be active, creative, knowledgeable and ethical participants in a globally connected world.

In the context of a residential environment, the Division of Student Affairs assists students in their growth and development in every facet of life: intellectual, psychological, social, spiritual, cultural, physical, and vocational. Our programs and services help students develop the skills that will enable them to live purposeful and balanced lives. In partnership with other members of the College community, we foster an environment in which the pursuit of excellence permeates our efforts.

Informed by Ignatian principles, we encourage students to seek God in all the diversity of persons and things. We teach students to exercise leadership in service to others, and to participate and promote a community characterized by caring and respect for the worth and dignity of every human being.

Our contribution to the quality of the Holy Cross education is measured by the degree to which our students become known as leaders, are seen for their strength of character, are respected for their commitment to faith, family, and community, and are regarded as exemplary citizens who apply their talents and abilities in service to others.

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

Six offices report directly to the Vice President for Student Affairs. These offices represent the distinctive functions of the Division: Student Life, Student Development Services, Student Conduct and Community Standards, Multicultural Education, Public Safety and Career Planning. The organization brings together several Student Affairs professionals under an Associate Dean for Student Life, an Associate Dean for Student Development Services, an Assistant to the Vice President and Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards, an Assistant Dean and Director of Multicultural Education, a Director of Public Safety, and a Director of Career Planning.

Community Standards

When students accept admission to the College of the Holy Cross, they accept the rights and responsibilities of membership in the College's academic and social community. High standards have been established for membership in this community, including high standards for personal conduct and behavior.

The College of the Holy Cross assumes that all students will abide by the policies, rules, and regulations of the College as well as by state, local, and federal laws. Community Standards and Disciplinary Procedures have been established to define standards of student conduct and address allegations of misconduct. The College's Community Standards and Disciplinary Procedures may be found in the Student Handbook.

Office of Multicultural Education

The Office of Multicultural Education educates, promotes and serves to empower the campus community on issues of diversity, multiculturalism, and the value of human differences. In keeping with Holy Cross' mission and heritage of developing caring and just communities, the Office of Multicultural Education advocates for an awareness of and sensitivity toward differences of race, culture, ethnicity,

national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and disabilities among its students, faculty, administrators, and staff. Through classes, workshops, training sessions, peer education and consultations, opportunities are provided for growth and development of each member of the community. These programmatic activities are offered to increase educational awareness, initiate critical thinking, encourage dialogue and discussion, and promote constructive analysis around differences within the human experience. It is our belief that through the exchange of diverse ideas we open ourselves to achieving greater understanding and greater engagement of thought. Participation by all campus members ensures our campus to be one which is responsive to and reflective of the diversity found within its community.

Our mission statement also guides us to be a community with shared responsibility for integrated learning-challenging our own assumptions, exposing our own beliefs, and expanding our own experiences, thereby preparing our students to become socially responsible and informed citizens in our ever-changing national and global arenas. Underlying this mission is the goal for the entire community to acquire further knowledge and the applicable skills needed to effectively address any behaviors, thoughts, and feelings that interfere with honest exchange and cross-cultural understanding.

The College of the Holy Cross is firmly committed to the positive development of a campus that is supportive of and conducive to all of its members. It is an institutional priority.