

--To have protection from disclosure of personal records to unauthorized persons. Information will not be released outside of the University community without the expressed consent of or waiver by the student involved, except under valid legal compulsion or where there is a clear and present danger to a member of the University community, in which case the student will be informed of any such release. (Please refer to Buckley Amendment for more information).

--To establish and elect a representative, democratic student government which is accountable to the University and the student community.

--To be heard and have one's views considered at appropriate levels of the decision making process within the University community.

--To use designated University facilities as individuals and members of student organizations for extracurricular activities sponsored by registered student organizations and student groups, subject to the priority of academic needs and to reasonable University rules and regulations regarding use of facilities.

THE PITT PROMISE: A COMMITMENT TO CIVILITY

The University of Pittsburgh is committed to the advancement of learning and service to society. This is best accomplished in an atmosphere of mutual respect and civility, self-restraint, concern for others, and academic integrity. By choosing to join this community, I accept the obligation to live by these common values and commit myself to the following principles.

AS A PITT STUDENT:

I will embrace the concept of a civil community which abhors violence, theft, and exploitation of others;

I will commit myself to the pursuit of knowledge with personal integrity and academic honesty;

I will respect the sanctity of the learning environment and avoid disruptive and deceitful behavior toward other members of the campus community;

I will support a culture of diversity by respecting the rights of those who differ from myself;

I will contribute to the development of a caring community where compassion for others and freedom of thought and expression are valued; and

I will honor, challenge and contribute to the scholarly heritage left by those who preceded me and work to leave this a better place for those who follow.

By endorsing these common principles, I accept a moral obligation to behave in ways that contribute to a civil campus environment and resolve to support this behavior in others. This commitment to civility is my promise to the University of Pittsburgh and its community of scholars.