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2005-06 Community Standards: Student Code of Conduct

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Alfred State College is first and foremost an institution of learning and teaching, committed to serving the needs of society. Our campus community reflects and is a part of a society comprising all races, creeds and social circumstances. The successful conduct of the college's affairs requires that every member of the college community acknowledge and practice the following basic principles:

- We affirm the inherent dignity in all of us, and we strive to maintain a climate of justice marked by respect for each other. We acknowledge that our society carries within it historical and deep-rooted misunderstandings and biases, and therefore we will endeavor to foster mutual understanding among the many parts of our whole.
- We affirm the right of freedom of expression within our community and also affirm our commitment to the highest standards of civility and decency towards all. We recognize the right of every individual to think and speak as dictated by personal belief, to express any idea, and to disagree with or counter another's point of view, limited only by College regulations governing time, place and manner. We promote open expression of our individuality and our diversity within the bounds of courtesy, sensitivity, and respect.
- We confront and reject all manifestations of discrimination, including those based on race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs, status within or outside the College, or any of the other differences among people which have been excuses for misunderstanding, dissension or hatred. We recognize and cherish the richness contributed to our lives by our diversity. We take pride in our various achievements, and we celebrate our differences.
- We recognize that each of us has an obligation to the community of which we have chosen to be a part. We will strive to build a true community of spirit and purpose based on mutual respect and caring.

PREAMBLE to our Community Standards: Student Code of Conduct

To enter Alfred State College is to accept an invitation to participate in the growth and development of a "community marked by freedom, mutual respect and civility." Choosing to become a member of this community implies a commitment to an open dialogue about the basic human questions fundamental to higher education and a responsibility to maintain an environment in which this dialogue can occur. Respect for the dignity, integrity, wellbeing and property of others is essential to the maintenance of the Alfred State College community.

Alfred State College, a community comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrators, recognizes the need to establish a student code of conduct which contains rules and regulations to guide student actions and to define the penalties which are to be imposed when these rules and regulations are violated. Responsibility for administration of these rules/regulations is divided among these three groups which are constituted with adherence and enforcement. The College, through its Student Code Conduct, seeks to establish in its students a sense of responsibility to themselves and to others who are citizens of the total College community. It is the College's expectation that while here, all students would take into consideration other individuals and their rights to an environment that is conducive to academic achievement and personal growth.

It is the policy of Alfred State College to ensure that rights of an individual guaranteed by state laws and the U.S. Constitution are protected for all citizens regardless of their gender, race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religion. When such rights are infringed upon by violence, threats, or other harassment, the College will use every necessary resource to rapidly and decisively identify perpetrators for criminal and/or administrative prosecution.

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The Student Code of Conduct is a document designed to foster a community conducive to achieving the mission of Alfred State College. The opportunity to participate in this academic community requires individual responsibilities. By voluntarily choosing to affiliate with the College, students indicate knowledge and acceptance of the responsibilities outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

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