

# OHIO's Values

Ohio University community members take great pride in our institution. We are proud of our distinguished history and heritage, our beautiful campus, the renowned reputation of our faculty, our active and committed student body and of our partnerships with the southeast region of our state. Together with our five core values of character, community, citizenship, civility and commitment, this sense of pride defines who we are and helps to clarify the promise of what it means to be a member of the OHIO community.

## *Character*

“Ohio University holds as its central purpose the intellectual and personal development of its students” is the first sentence of OHIO’s mission statement. Personal integrity and character both inside and outside of the classroom are inherent elements of Ohio University. Members of the OHIO community are expected to commit to the highest standards of personal honesty and ethical behavior.

## *Community*

Membership in the Ohio University community includes being involved and responsible members of not only the university community, but also the local Athens community and the global community. All members of the OHIO community are expected to be responsible community members, to show appreciation for diversity and to represent the values of the OHIO community.

## *Citizenship*

Members of the OHIO community contribute to the advancement of society, both now and for future generations. Such a commitment to the public sphere can have many expressions, such as voting, recycling, volunteering at a soup kitchen, using public transportation and cleaning up litter. OHIO citizens give more than they take. They are responsible citizens both on and off-campus, foster community involvement, become engaged citizens acting for the public good, respect university property and the property of others.

## *Civility*

The OHIO community is an open forum involving the free exchange of ideas and scholarly discourse. For free and open exchange to occur, members of the OHIO community are expected to embrace civility in communication at all times.

## *Commitment*

Sincere and true commitment is practicing your beliefs and values. Once you have committed yourself to becoming a community member at OHIO, you commit to hold yourself and your fellow OHIO community members to these values.