

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY™

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In 2004, students of the Eastern Michigan University community made the decision to create a statement of purpose to help unite a campus populated with unique individuals rich in their backgrounds, opinions, and values. It is under this banner that we as the students, staff and faculty at Eastern Michigan University engage each other in the challenges of learning together.

In embracing our roles within this learning community, we subscribe to the defining purposes, traditions, and diversity of our community. Through our daily actions, we will strive to make EMU a more caring and just community.

We believe the **Integrity** of our work and the **Respect** we show for our fellow students, faculty, alumni and staff are an integral part of our ongoing **Education**. We believe that the **Relationships** we have and those we continue to develop will support us as we learn and grow together as a community.

Education allows us to develop socially, intellectually, and emotionally.

Whether we are in the classroom listening to or giving a lecture, on the athletic field competing or coaching against a tough opponent, or in the hallway or lounge having a conversation, we are committed to ongoing personal growth. We appreciate the opportunities to learn from every experience we have and the experiences that those around us share. We realize that learning is something that can be done in a variety of settings and a multitude of ways. We are dedicated to taking pride in our work and doing our best to make the most of our time at the University.

Respect promotes unity and understanding through individual differences within our community.

No matter what our personal background, we respect the people we encounter on campus. Acceptance, justice and diversity are the fabric of our society. Through our interactions, we celebrate and promote our cultural backgrounds, points of view, faiths and traditions together. We strive for an environment that is safe and affirming by being committed to dialogue, independent thought and free and open expression of ideas. We know that EMU is a place where each person is a valued member of a longstanding tradition.

Integrity adds value to our educational experience.

We understand that we play a large role in shaping our reputation as educated adults and professionals, and we will take the steps necessary to create and maintain the type of approving reputation for the university and ourselves. We value dependability, conscientiousness and accountability. Through this, we continue to build trust toward one another as faculty, staff and students in the quest to complete our collegiate goals. We are dedicated to fulfilling our commitments, taking responsibility for our actions and inviting those around us to hold us accountable.

Relationships are the foundation of our growth.

We know that no matter what the endeavor, we cannot succeed alone. We appreciate the support that we are given by our friends and family that have gotten us this far, and we look to continue to develop new relationships that will help us continue our journey. We know that through cooperation, we can set and reach higher goals and achieve more than we may have originally thought possible. We are dedicated to creating an environment that supports our EMU bonds, is accepting of all people and encourages positive relationships.

To recite at convocation:

As a member of the EMU community, I value **Education, Respect, Integrity,** and **Relationships.**

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