

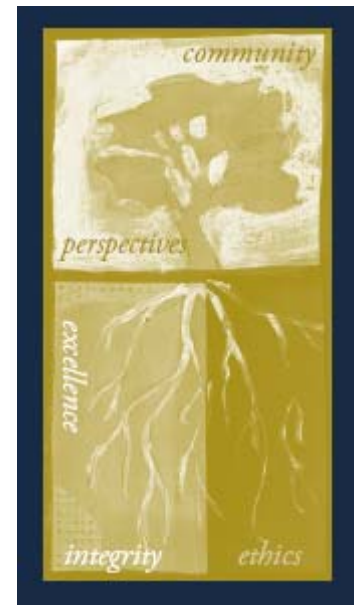
# CORE COMMITMENTS

## Educating Students for Personal and Social Responsibility

With the pressing demands of today's world, it is critical that college students learn to reach for excellence in the use of their talents, take responsibility for the integrity and quality of their work, and engage in meaningful practices that prepare them to fulfill their obligations as students in an academic community and as responsible global and local citizens.

### ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

**Core Commitments**, AAC&U's major new initiative, defines such learning as essential to a 21<sup>st</sup> century liberal education. By integrating education for personal and social responsibility across curricular, co-curricular, and community-based experiences of students, Core Commitments aims to deepen students' sense of integrity, ethical obligations to self and to others, and responsibilities as citizens in a diverse democracy and interdependent world.



AAC&U has identified five key dimensions of personal and social responsibility at the heart of Core Commitments:

1. **Striving for Excellence**
2. **Cultivating personal and academic integrity**
3. **Contributing to a larger community**
4. **Taking seriously the perspectives of others**
5. **Developing competence in moral and ethical reasoning**

### THE LEADERSHIP CONSORTIUM

To deepen and broaden efforts to foster students' personal and social responsibility, AAC&U has formed a Core Commitments Leadership Consortium of 18 institutions. Participants will work together and with national experts on institutional change, assessment, and student moral and ethical development to examine and strengthen existing efforts. They will also develop new models that provide students with purposeful and progressively challenging educational experiences leading to these outcomes.

Babson College, Massachusetts  
Bowling Green University, Ohio  
California State University at Northridge  
Concordia College – Moorhead, Minnesota  
Miami University, Ohio  
Michigan State University  
Middlesex Community College, Massachusetts  
Oakland Community College, Michigan  
Rollins College, Florida

Saint Mary's College of California  
St. Lawrence University, New York  
Tulane University, Louisiana  
United States Air Force Academy  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Central Florida  
University of the Pacific, California  
Wagner College, New York  
Winthrop University, South Carolina

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