

Carolinian Creed

In 1990, the Carolinian Creed was established as the university's value statement. The Creed is an expression of our community's aspirations and reminds of the importance of civil discourse while embracing mutual respect for everyone, even those we disagree with. It's not an enforceable code of conduct, nor is it intended to limit freedom of expression.

The Carolinian Creed

As a Carolinian...

- I will practice personal and academic integrity;
- I will respect the dignity of all persons;
- I will respect the rights and property of others;
- I will discourage bigotry, while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas and opinions;
- I will demonstrate concern for others, their feelings, and their need for the conditions which support their work and development.

The Creed Around Campus

To infuse the Creed in campus culture, there are a number of events that take place throughout the year. Additional information about these events and other ways to promote the Creed are below.

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CREEDx



CREEDx is an annual event that brings students, faculty, and staff together to celebrate the Carolinian Creed. The event is modeled after TEDx talks.

Carolinian Creed Champion Award



The Carolinian Creed Champion Award recognizes individuals who have made significant and extraordinary contributions to the Carolina community while embodying the values espoused in the Carolinian Creed.

University of South Carolina Columbia students, faculty and staff may be nominated for the award. The winner is announced as a part of the **Leadership and Service Awards** » .

Carolinian Creed Scholarship Contest



Students can win a \$250 or \$750 scholarship by showing what the Carolinian Creed

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, video, song or any other creative medium.

History of the Carolinian Creed



The administration at the University of South Carolina was inspired to take action after a string of violent incidents began occurring on college campuses in the late 1980s. A task force of students, faculty and staff was formed to respond to these disturbing events and explore ways to cultivate a culture on our campus that prioritized integrity above enmity.

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Initiatives

Additional ways the Creed is integrated into campus culture:

- All students sign the Carolinian Creed as a part of their Undergraduate Admissions Application.
- Students, faculty and staff encounter framed copies or brass plaques of the Creed in offices across campus.
- Officer inductions for various student groups include the Creed in their pledges.
- The Creed Champion Award is presented to both a student and faculty/staff member who has exemplified the tenets of the Creed in their campus involvement.
- University 101 faculty extensively cover the Creed in their course.

The Creed in the Classroom



Faculty members serve as ambassadors of the Carolinian Creed. Incorporate the Creed into your work at the university.

- Add a statement to your syllabus:

"The community of scholars at the University of South Carolina is dedicated to personal and academic excellence. Choosing to join the community obligates each member to the Carolinian Creed. Academic dialogue and civil discourse are the cornerstone of the educational system and crucial to individual growth. Students are encouraged to practice personal and academic integrity, respect the rights and dignity of all persons, respect the rights and property of others, discourage bigotry, while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas, and opinions, and demonstrate concern for others, their feelings, and their need for conditions which support their work and development."

- Print the Creed on the back of your department's business cards
- Ask students to write, "I will practice personal and academic integrity" on the

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- Have students participate in the Carolinian Creed Contest in October.
- Use the Carolinian Creed in your e-mail signature.

Concern for All

"The creed reflects a concern for all members of the university community as individuals, providing each with membership in our community and a genuine sense of inclusion."

— Dennis Pruitt, former vice president of student affairs, in *About Campus: Enriching the Student Learning Experience*, 1996