

# Atlanta University Center Consortium



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

As the presidents of the institutions that comprise the historic Atlanta University Center Consortium, we welcome all new students to this very special academic community. And, to all of our returning students, faculty and staff we say, "Welcome back!" We are taking this opportunity to combine our voices in delivering this message.

We invite you to join us in making this a meaningful, safe and productive academic year. In order to make this a reality, we call upon each of you to embrace the following ideals.

**Academic Excellence.** Remember that you enjoy the privilege of being part of an academic community. Honor the sacrifices of the ancestors, your parents, family and community. Immerse yourself in your studies, work hard and do your personal best. Don't disappoint those who have invested so much in you.

**Ethics and Integrity.** Pursue academic and personal excellence with integrity and honesty. Respect people who are different, be willing to share and serve with those who are less fortunate and hold yourself and others accountable for good, moral behavior.

**Community and Solidarity.** Make good friends with the people in your school, and take advantage of the opportunity to meet students in all of our institutions. But, also be good neighbors to the residents who surround our university community. Show respect to all neighbors and assist them whenever possible. Let's be our neighbor's keeper and look out for one another.

**Balance and Wholeness.** Strive to live a balanced life. We encourage healthy minds within healthy bodies governed by healthy values. Enjoy your time here. Be active and make time for your social, recreational and spiritual life.

**Safety and Security.** We urge you to exercise appropriate caution as you move about the city and do everything you can to prevent becoming a victim of crime. There is always safety in numbers. And, do all you can to warn and protect others when possible.

**Healthy Vulnerability.** Be courageous enough to ask for help if and when you need it. If you encounter challenges, frustrations or crises that you cannot handle alone, the faculty and staff are here for you...just ask. It takes a strong man or woman to request help when he or she faces academic or personal challenges. Don't isolate yourself; instead, take advantage of your membership in our resourceful academic community.

As we show pride in the history and reputation of our individual schools and our university consortium, let us remember that the nation is watching us. And, young children are looking for us to be role models of intelligence and hope. We have an opportunity to inspire academic excellence for the entire African diaspora and beyond.

Best wishes for a successful year!

Sincerely,

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