Dear Members of the Allegheny College Community,

As you receive this Handbook with its very practical guidance on life at Allegheny College, we want to highlight two important Allegheny College beliefs that form the foundation for the Handbook.

One of our most fundamental beliefs at Allegheny College is our belief in the dignity of each person. This belief is at the heart of our educational philosophy and the way in which we deal with students, not just in the classroom but throughout the campus. But our profound conviction about the dignity of each person is also our most important guide in our policies and practices relative to employees at Allegheny College. Everything we do is meant to make this a community where individuals are treated with great respect and care.

The second central belief at Allegheny College is the one we entitle "community." In the simplest sense, our commitment to community is our commitment to work together for the good of students. The commitment to community presupposes great mutual respect for each person; it also presupposes a strong commitment to open communication.

We encourage you to take those opportunities in social and informal ways to participate in the life of Allegheny College. Those informal times together have been and will continue to be a great part of our success and a significant part of our satisfaction in working here.

We are delighted you are a member of the Allegheny College community.

Sincerely,
Office of Human Resources