Honors Creed

University Honors College at Middle Tennessee State University

It is evident that a set of guiding principles is useful in charting a course for the future; therefore we, the students and faculty of the University Honors College, embrace THE HONORS CREED and acknowledge before others our deeply held beliefs that:

Character, more that anything else, defines the worth of a person;

Commitment is a virtue that sustains us, guides, us, and inspires others during uncertain times;

Creativity is the essential factor that promotes invention, adaptation to our environment, and personal fulfillment;

Curiosity, more than anything else, compels human beings to explore and learn;

Discipline is essential to a culture of order, whether on a personal level or within a political system;

Faith and its cousin, hope, are foundational to human knowledge, whether applied to a religion or science;

Honor is a virtue not to be equated with glory, but with respect and purity; and finally that

Integrity is the cornerstone of every creed, every code, every profession, every civilization, and every enterprise. Without integrity, truth—the virtual goal of the academic enterprise—can never be found.

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