

Sponsored By: Honor Pledge Committee

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Honor Pledge Resolution

WHEREAS, the Honor Pledge committee has developed an Honor Pledge for Samford University,

WHEREAS, this Honor Pledge will encourage Samford students to commit to a high standard of integrity and excellence in all areas of life,

WHEREAS, the Honor Pledge must be passed by a vote of the student body to be officially adopted by the university,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF SAMFORD UNIVERSITY, that the Honor Pledge be referred to a vote by the student body on the Spring 2017 SGA elections ballot.

The Samford University Honor Pledge

Preamble

Samford University's motto—For God, For Learning, Forever—brings together our commitment to our Christian heritage, the pursuit and transmission of knowledge, and the enduring virtues.

Only a particular kind of person and institution can fulfill such a demanding motto. To do this, the individuals who form the Samford community must embrace honor in all areas of life and scholarship. Thus, an honor pledge is an appropriate way for the Samford community to live out its motto.

Honor Pledge

I believe that the members of the Samford community possess dignity and are worthy of honor.

I understand that honoring others fosters academic achievement, personal growth, and spiritual development.

I commit to hold myself and my peers to the standards of conduct and academic integrity maintained by the University.

To this I, _____, pledge my sacred honor.

For God, For Learning, Forever

Proposal for Implementation

Purpose

The Honor Pledge is a statement by Samford undergraduates expressing our commitment to conducting ourselves with honor. Signing the Honor Pledge will require students to consider their role in the larger Samford community and the expectations that the Samford community has of them.

Samford's Code of Values and academic integrity policy articulate specific ways in which Samford undergraduates should act honorably. The Honor Pledge will draw students' attention to the importance of those two policies. However, the commitment expressed in the Honor Pledge extends beyond those policies.

The Code of Values and academic integrity policy express the administration and faculty's expectations of us. The Honor Pledge expresses our expectations of each other.

Plan

The Honor Pledge will be voted upon by all undergraduates during the upcoming Spring 2017 SGA elections. If passed, the Honor Pledge will be submitted to the administration and Board of Trustees for approval as Samford University's Honor Pledge.

The Honor Pledge will be introduced to incoming students during either Orientation or Connections weekend. Representatives from the Student Government Association will lead presentations describing the purpose of the Honor Pledge to the students. Representatives from SGA will also encourage and enable Orientation leaders and/or Connections leaders to communicate about the Honor Pledge to incoming students. Incoming students will then be asked to sign the Honor Pledge.

Representatives from SGA will continue to provide peer education for all undergraduates throughout the academic year. This peer education may include convocations or other presentations intended to remind students of their commitment to living with honor as a member of the Samford community.

The Honor Pledge is not an honor code. It does not involve any changes or additions to any current policy.


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