STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University* defines academic integrity as a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. From these values flow principles of behavior that enable academic communities to translate ideals into action.

Palomar College is wholly committed to the ideal and ideals of academic integrity. We embrace and adopt the definition and related principles of academic integrity provided by the Center for Academic Integrity stated in the paragraph above. Following are the explanations of the five principles as provided by the Center for Academic Integrity and adopted by Palomar College.

1.   **Honesty:** Begins with oneself and extends to others. In the quest for knowledge, we must be honest with ourselves and with each other, whether in the classroom, laboratory, meeting, library, or on the playing field.

2.   **Trust:** Only with trust can we believe in the research and efforts of others and move forward with new work. Only with trust can we collaborate with individuals, sharing information and ideas without concern that our work will be misappropriated or misused, our reputations diminished, or our academic careers harmed. Only with trust can out communities believe in the social and economic value and meaning of an institution's scholarship and degrees.

3.   **Fairness:** Important components of fairness are predictability, clear expectations, and a consistent and just response to dishonesty. All campus constituencies have a role in ensuring fairness and a lapse by one member of the community does not excuse misconduct by another.

4.   **Respect:** Demonstrated by attending class, being on time, paying attention, following instructions, listening to other points of view, being prepared and contributing to discussions, meeting academic deadlines, and performing to the best of our ability. Being rude, demeaning, or disruptive is the antithesis of respectful conduct. We show respect for the work of others by acknowledging our intellectual debts through proper identification of sources.

5.   **Responsibility:** Shared responsibility distributes the power to effect change, helps overcome apathy, and stimulates personal investment in upholding academic integrity standards. Being responsible means taking action against wrongdoing, despite peer pressure, fear, loyalty, or compassion. At a minimum, individuals should take responsibility for their own honesty and should discourage and seek to prevent misconduct by others. Whatever the circumstances, members of an academic community must not tolerate or ignore dishonesty on the part of others.

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