

Be A Good Neighbor

Oakland is one of the most populous neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh and is the third largest economic center in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania behind the City of Philadelphia and the City of Pittsburgh. Oakland has become a very diverse neighborhood with the blending of college students from three Oakland based universities and individual homeowners and apartment dwellers. This blending, especially in urban settings, can generate conflicts over a wide range of issues (commonly referred to as Town/Gown issues) not the least of which are off-campus parties.

It is our expectation that our students are always in control of their behavior and that they are civically responsible at all times; that includes being respectful of their neighbors especially while attending parties. As a student, whether you live on-campus or off-campus, you are expected to live by the common values expressed in the principles outlined in the Pitt Promise at all times.

The Pitt Promise: A Commitment to Civility

The University of Pittsburgh is committed to the advancement of learning and service to society. This is best accomplished in an atmosphere of mutual respect and civility, self-restraint, concern for others, and academic integrity. By choosing to join this community, I accept the obligation to live by these common values and commit myself to the following principles:

As a Pitt Student:

- ◆ I will embrace the concept of a civil community which abhors violence, theft, and exploitation of others;
- ◆ I will commit myself to the pursuit of knowledge with personal integrity and academic honesty;
- ◆ I will respect the sanctity of the learning environment and avoid disruptive and deceitful behavior toward other members of the campus community;
- ◆ I will support a culture of diversity by respecting the rights of those who differ from myself;
- ◆ I will contribute to the development of a caring community where compassion for others and freedom of thought and expression are valued; and
- ◆ I will honor, challenge and contribute to the scholarly heritage left by those who preceded me and work to leave this a better place for those who follow.

By endorsing these common principles, I accept a moral obligation to behave in ways that contribute to a civil campus environment and resolve to support this behavior in others. This commitment to civility is my promise to the University of Pittsburgh and its community of scholars.

Student Rights Within the University Community

With the approval of the Board of Trustees, the University affirms the following student rights and privileges: