

Community of Respect Pledge

I will do my best to work toward building a community of respect within the WSU community. I pledge to do the following:

Expand My Knowledge

Step out of your comfort zone to learn about others, read, travel, meet new people, attend unfamiliar cultural events, take culturally courses, TRY NEW THINGS!

Become Aware of My Own Biases

Become aware of how your thoughts and impressions about specific groups may impact what you say or do.

Be Mindful of the Language I Use

Certain common expressions can unintentionally be very hurtful to a specific group of people. Learn more about inclusive language.

Don't Ask Others to Speak for Their Entire Group

There is great diversity within all groups, no one person can speak for all

Avoid Stereotyping Remarks

Do not make blatant statements. There are all kinds of people in every group.

Interrupt Insensitive Jokes or Hurtful Comments

It might not be easy, but it's the right thing to do.

Speak Up – Not be Silent

Being silent when someone says or does something offensive makes them think that you agree and that it is ok; when it is not.

Utilize Resources

You do not have to do it alone. There are many resources on campus and off, that can assist you in learning more, reporting incidents, advocating for others, and creating a supportive campus climate.