

# The Wheeler School

## Statement on Diversity and Community

At Wheeler we actively seek students, faculty, and staff from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds in the belief that a broad range of experiences and viewpoint enhances learning, enriches life on campus, and better prepares us all for full participation in a pluralistic, democratic society.

We also are working toward an inclusive curriculum and pedagogy that recognizes that we live in a multicultural nation and world. To reach this goal we know we must confront overt and hidden biases, such as racism, sexism, and homophobia, in ourselves and others.

We believe that these goals cannot be reached without an open and continuous dialogue among all members of the Wheeler community, including parents and students. We recognize that our diversity -- whether based on race, ethnicity, religion, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, or some other source -- can sometimes lead to conflict, but we also believe that such tension can provide the catalyst for the growth and change we seek.

We are supported in the pursuit of diversity by Wheeler's long tradition of respect for the dignity of the individual and our shared sense of responsibility for the well-being of each other and the larger community.

Asking groups within your school to consider the statement, its meanings and implications could be useful way to further your own conversation. Please share with us ([steve@aisne.org](mailto:steve@aisne.org)) any statement your school has adopted.