Understanding Ethics and Integrity
GSU First Year Experience
"WHO TOOK THE COOKIES FROM THE COOKIE JAR?"

NOT ME
ETHICS

integrity
principles
moral
honesty
right
fairness
responsibility
choice
conscience
honor
value
Kohlberg’s individual moral developmental stages (1976)

Stage 1: Identification of “bad” acts and those are “against the law,” as prohibited by external punishments.

Stage 2: Right and wrong established by how they benefit the parties involved. “Fair” equals good.

Stage 3: Called the “Good girl/good boy” stage; reflects a concern for the opinions of others.

Stage 4: Concern for social order. Laws are seen as agreed upon duties that should be followed for the social good.

Stage 5: Principled level
   - Recognizes differing but equal moral values, holding certain principles as non-relative in the interest of fulfilling a kind of social contract.

Stage 6: Embraces a set of universal and self-chosen ethics. The law is based on such ethics and should therefore be followed.
Toilet paper!
INTEGRITY
IS DOING THE
RIGHT THING.
EVEN WHEN
NO ONE IS
WATCHING.
C.S. LEWIS

INTEGRITY
CHOOSING YOUR THOUGHTS
AND ACTIONS BASED ON
VALUES RATHER THAN PERSONAL GAIN
Making Ethical Decisions

• Recognize an Ethical Issue
• Get the Facts
• Evaluate Alternative Actions
• Make a Decision and Test It
• Act and Reflect on the Outcome

Five Ethical Principles

• Respect Autonomy
• Do No Harm
• Help Others
• Be Just
• Be Trustworthy

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- Integrity
- Excellence
- Accountability
- Respect

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BUILDING A CULTURE OF CARE
THROUGH ACCESS, EQUITY
AND INCLUSION

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