VALUES

Excellent education and service: We keep our programs strong and updated. We set and adhere to reasonable and appropriate standards. We assess how well we are doing and make needed changes. The College's basic challenge is to continue the tradition of excellence in education and service that has always been a hallmark of Dutchess Community College.

Caring attitude: We show a genuine concern for our students: how they learn, mature and develop. The caring attitude exhibited by faculty and staff is extremely important to our students' success. Most of our graduates remember fondly people at Dutchess Community College who had an impact on their lives. This caring attitude also helps to define how we are perceived by those we serve, and in this sense contributes to our reputation.

Innovation: We make a conscious effort to ensure that what we do is appropriate for the times and circumstances. Innovation includes the implementation of new and creative teaching methods as well as the use of technology to achieve efficiency and effectiveness.

Pride: We strive to create an atmosphere in which all members of the College community have a sense of personal dignity and worth. Pride is related to self-respect and a desire for excellence. It establishes a tone and level of expectation that becomes the foundation for success. A college that achieves distinction has a right to be proud.

Reputation: We desire to be held in high regard and esteem by others. A good reputation is hard to acquire, and it must be earned again and again. The way others view us is important to our success. Integrity, which is being honest and doing what we say we are going to do, is an essential component of earning and keeping a good reputation.