Commitment to Community Reflection

Name: ___________________________ Due date: ____________

- Length: 1800 words
- Use this form as a cover sheet and return with your paper.
- Please submit your paper by dropping it off at the Office of Student Conduct or by emailing it to studentconduct@elon.edu.

You have been assigned a series of questions to reflect on your decision making during your incident. In order to complete the assigned sanction, you will first read the Commitment to Community found below. It is expected that you will take time to reflect and write clear, well-developed responses that demonstrate you have thought about the issue and considered all of its aspects.

Commitment to Community

Ask any group of students, faculty and staff to describe Elon, and the word “community” will be mentioned over and over. It is at the core of our values, shapes many experiences while you are a student and continues long after graduation. It also challenges each of us to ensure that our actions support every member of our community.

As a living learning community, the Honor Code – a commitment to living with honesty, integrity, responsibility, and respect – helps guide standards for behavior on the basis of shared values and principles. Maintaining a vibrant learning environment that supports all members of our community requires us to make ethical decisions while taking personal and social responsibility for our actions. Each member of the University community is responsible for ensuring all members feel they “bELONg”!

The following four principles of living will guide your life choices and support our community.

Treat yourself with respect.
Make healthy and safe choices.
Follow the law and don’t abuse alcohol or other drugs.
Stretch yourself and learn from others.
Challenge yourself to engage more deeply rather than in more things.

Treat others with respect.
Learn to manage conflict with civility.
Value the dignity of each person.
Intentionally reach out and develop a diverse group of friends.
Honor the physical and intellectual property of others.

Be honest and live with integrity.
Be truthful in your academic work.
Be a trustworthy, fair and ethical friend.
Be authentic and intentional in your relationships.
Accept the consequences for your behavior and learn from the experience.

Take responsibility for your actions (yourself) and community.
Be accountable for your actions and admit when you’ve not lived up to expectations.
If you see something that isn’t right, say something.
Be aware of your privilege and work to ensure all voices are heard.
Make choices that advance the common good.
Questions (answer these on a separate document):

1. Based on the Commitment to Community statement above what is your role in helping to foster this commitment?

2. Describe your decision-making process during this incident and where did the decision-making go wrong?

3. What was the effect (or potential effect) of your choices on each of the following: you, friends, family, police, staff, others present or not present, community?

4. What do you value about being part of the Elon community? How did your actions reflect or contradict these values?

5. Write down 4 personal values and why it is a value to you.

6. Describe a situation in which your past decisions were not congruent with your values or the Elon values.

7. Give an example where/how you are making new decisions that are congruent with these values.

8. How will your personal values and community values help guide your future decisions?