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ECKERD COLLEGE OFFICE OF INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

The Office of Inclusive Excellence leads Eckerd College in its implementation of the institution-wide plan to improve **diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging**. The Office collaborates with and supports all campus stakeholders in accomplishing their goals for DEIB as the College strives to strengthen its cultural competence and foster critical conversations that break boundaries, challenge stereotypes and advance understanding across differences.

Inclusive Excellence focuses on five key pillars to serve our campus DEIB needs:

1. ACCESS

Achieve a more diverse and inclusive student body, faculty and staff—using strategies to increase or maintain compositional diversity and retention of Eckerd students and employees.

2. CLIMATE

Create and sustain an environment that acknowledges and celebrates diversity and employs inclusive practices throughout our daily operations.

3. SCHOLARSHIP

Accomplish excellence in education and scholarship by offering courses, generating learning and creative opportunities, and designing curricula with attention to inclusion for students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE

Create and sustain an institutional infrastructure that effectively supports progress in achieving diversity objectives in the 2021–2026 “ONWARD: Strategy in Action” strategic plan.

5. ENGAGEMENT

Use Eckerd’s mission as a liberal arts college to provide lifelong learning opportunities to members of the local community and marginalized populations.

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ECKERD COLLEGE CENTER FOR INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE



Inclusive Excellence Ambassador Team

A REFUGE

The Center for Inclusive Excellence is a comfortable place on campus for students to decompress, express themselves, meet in community and connect with others who celebrate diversity.

We welcome everyone to use our Center, to feel included and have their voice heard. Anyone who shares this space becomes a steward of it and our vision for an inclusive campus community.

We are grateful for the Inclusive Excellence Ambassadors who help manage the Center. Together we are creating a campus where people from diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds and with diverse identities can exist with equity, feel included and experience belonging.

CENTER HOURS

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–10 p.m.

Sunday, 4–10 p.m.



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