Responsible Choices...
Living in Community
St. Bonaventure University Mission Statement

Our Franciscan COMMUNITY affirms the unique dignity of everyone, each person reflecting the goodness of God, and invites all of our sisters and brothers to forge bonds of mutual acceptance and understanding that create a true sense of belonging.

We are a COMMUNITY...
...nurturing COMPASSION.
...seeking WISDOM.
...demanding INTEGRITY.
What does a true sense of belonging mean?

• Who are you?
• Why are you here?
• Do you feel valued?
The Cosmic Egg

- Richard Rohr
Why are we having this conversation?

- We believe in the inherent goodness of each individual
- Every decision you make outside the classroom impacts your academic success
- “We are” because of you
Living in a community

• People coming from different backgrounds and hometowns
• Different ethnicity, sexual orientation, race, religion, ability, socioeconomic capacity, gender
• Differences seen and unseen
• Conflict
How to live in a diverse, welcoming and inclusive community:

- Listen
- Be open to new people, new experiences
- With rights come responsibilities
- Get uncomfortable
- Celebrate difference
University Resources

• SBU 102
• Damietta Center
• President’s Committee on Equity and Inclusion
• Bias Incident Response Team/Policies and Procedures
You have a lot of choices to make.
Everything you do outside the classroom affects your academic success.

• What and whom will you allow to influence your choices?

• Who do you want to become?
168 hours/week
It’s All Choice Time!!
The environment in which you’re making these choices is changing.

This is the intersection of your story, and our story.
Respect for the inherent dignity of each individual, including oneself.
Framework for Decision Making

• Making *informed* decisions
  • Knowing your values: family and University community
  • Policies and procedures related to alcohol and other drug use
    • *AlcoholEDU* – *not a choice* 😊
• Develop confidence in your decisions
• Conversations for the car ride home
Sexual Misconduct

- Sexual Misconduct encompasses multiple violations, including sexual assault
- One of the most under-reported campus crimes nationally
- Understanding consent and understanding your role in preventing this crime/violation is key to changing the problem
- Alcohol is the number one “date rape drug”
Sexual Misconduct and SBU

• Prevention education and victim resources
• Title IX, VAWA, “Enough is Enough”
• University Policy and Procedure related to Sexual Misconduct
• Confidentiality, anonymity, disclosure and reporting
• On- and off-campus resources
• Expectations of the University
• EverFi
• DOJ Grant
Beware the “Bona Bubble”

• This is not Las Vegas

• Think about what is shaping your view of what college will be, especially the social scene.

• Your choices will affect your success, one way or another
BEGIN YOUR BONA ADVENTURE