

# Introduction

The Institute on College Student Values is an annual seminar sponsored by the Florida State University Division of Student Affairs. The Institute provides a forum for discussion of research, educational strategies, and current developments related to the ethical development of students during the college years.

Concern about the moral development of students is not a new theme for higher education in the United States. Character development was one of the principle objectives of America's earliest colleges and universities and has remained an enduring goal of most institutions of higher education. The ethical development of college students is thus an old topic with new relevance for student affairs staff, faculty, administrators, campus ministers, and others interested in promoting the moral development of college students.

The 1994 Institute on College Student Values, from which the articles in this volume have been drawn, examined the issue of civic values and the role of college and universities in promoting social responsibility.

We appreciate the leadership and inspiration which each of our authors provided at the 1994 Institute. We are grateful to them for permission to publish their presentations and believe that readers will find these summaries to be provocative and helpful in thinking about the responsibilities of college and universities for promoting values development in college students.

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