As a community of visionary scholars at CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY, we dedicate ourselves to model the institution’s Guiding Principles and to achieve academic excellence through: integrity, scholarship, community, creativity, excellence, civility, service and leadership.

**INTEGRITY**
I will practice and defend academic and personal honesty.

**SCHOLARSHIP**
I will cherish and honor learning as a fundamental purpose and use rigorous, responsible, and critical inquiry to understand existing knowledge, acquire and share new knowledge, and apply what has been learned.

**COMMUNITY**
I will promote an open and supportive campus and community environment by respecting the rights and contributions of others.

**CREATIVITY**
I will share and use my talents to enrich the human experience.

**EXCELLENCE**
I will strive toward the highest standards of performance in any endeavor undertaken.

**CIVILITY**
I will respect the rights of others and be mindful of the impact of my words and actions by being kind, courteous, and avoiding overt rudeness.

**SERVICE**
I will work with others to improve the communities in which I now live and will touch in the future.

**LEADERSHIP**
I will be responsible for my conduct, the results of my actions, placing respect above popularity, and honor above all else.

As a member of the Claflin Community, I pledge to uphold the values that guide my conduct, performance, and decisions set forth in the CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY CREED.

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**Points of Pride**

1. For eight consecutive years, U.S. News and World Report has ranked Claflin University among the Top 10 HBCUs (2019 Ranking #7). Claflin University is also one of only four South Carolina universities/colleges and one of only four HBCUs ranked by U.S. News and World Report as being the “Best National Liberal Arts Institutions.”

2. Ranked Number 1 among HBCUs by U.S. News and World Report’s Short List for annual alumni giving of approximately 50 percent

3. The Alice Carson Tisdale Honors College, established in 1994, provides students unique preparation for successful careers after graduation

4. Four S.C. Governor’s Professors of the Year and two National Science Foundation Early Career Development Faculty Awards since 1996


6. Exceeded $100 million Capital Campaign goal raising more than $105 million – making it the largest fundraising campaign in Claflin’s history

7. Selected as a frontier set network institution by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to pursue transformational change in higher education

8. The Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Complex which provides holistic health, nutrition, and lifelong wellness education to the Claflin University campus community and area residents

9. The Henry N. Tisdale Molecular Science Research Center (MSRC) designated a core research facility by the South Carolina Research Authority

10. The James and Dorothy Z. Elmore Chapel which serves as a place for worship and educational building for those students who are studying religion and philosophy as well as humanities and social sciences. This crown jewel of the campus was erected debt free.