

Collins View Article for the Feb 2017 SWNI News

Collins View is so very proud to reaffirm the social values of its residents and resident institutions, among them St. Mark Church, Riverdale High School and Lewis and Clark College.

Lewis & Clark President, Barry Glassner and Janet Stevenson, Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, issued a statement reaffirming the college's commitment to support all students regardless of immigration status or religious affiliation: "...Many members of the Lewis & Clark community have shared concerns regarding the new White House administration's proposals as they relate to Muslims and also to possible changes in immigration laws and policies. We ...are strongly committed to supporting and protecting all members of our community, regardless of their immigration status or religion. ...We are dedicated to continuing to work with undocumented and religious members of our community in the coming weeks, months, and years to ensure their safety and security.... Lewis & Clark has always and will always support members of our community to the fullest extent possible. [From <https://www.lclark.edu/live/news/34757-our-commitment-to-support-students-regardless-of>]

St. Mark Presbyterian Church Pastor Barbara Campbell wrote: "We are called to embody justice and compassion. This means doing what we can, individually and as a faith community, to protect and support those who are threatened by the violence of prejudice, including racial, religious, and sexual minorities and the marginalized who live without adequate food, housing, and health care."

The following is from Principal Paula Robinson's message to Riverdale High School students and families: "...Our school is not immune to the blindness, ignorance, anxiety, self-indulgence and presumptions that have a foothold in high schools across our country... I... reaffirm that our school will not accept such behavior. Every student deserves the right to attend a school where they learn and grow, free from the pressures of intolerance....

"As parents and educators, we have the responsibility to promote the values we expect students to display, and to condemn behaviors that counter our common values and threaten our community safety.

If you have not already done so,...please take the time to have a conversation with your children

- Discuss the importance of modeling the positive values we embrace, even in the face of cultural influences that might model the opposite.
- Remind them that the school will protect the safety of every student and will take steps, including discipline, to ensure that students who threaten the safety of others are corrected.
- Speak with them about the importance of standing up for what is right when they witness destructive behaviors.

I believe our ability to find common ground in our diverse experiences strengthens our community. ..."

The popular red white and blue "In Our America" yard signs have bloomed throughout Collins View. They illustrate social values such as "All People Are Equal," "Black Lives

Matter" and "People & Planet Are Valued Over Profit."

http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2016/12/social_values_mix_with_america.html

The Center for Immigration Studies has a map showing all the states that are sanctuaries.

<http://cis.org/Sanctuary-Cities-Map>

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