

## THE 2008-2009 COLLEGE AT RINDGE STUDENT HANDBOOK

Franklin Pierce University is an academic community dedicated to intellectual, moral, and the personal growth and well-being of its members. We come together with a common purpose, united by a commitment to the optimal development of our individual and collective talents and abilities. Our tasks, in one respect, have a seemingly selfish aspect, since we focus so much of our energy on our individual minds, on our own individual lives. The pursuit of personal excellence, however, though sometimes lonely, should not be thought of as selfish. The life of a university is a shared life, and the richest experience is possible only when we see ourselves not just as individuals, but as contributing, responsible members of the larger community... and that is what a good university must be.

There can be no sense of community without shared beliefs about what is valuable, what is enriching, and what is good. Franklin Pierce University believes that our greatest responsibility is to take full advantage of our time here together. Our years at Franklin Pierce University provide a rare, invaluable opportunity for the kind of personal growth that Western culture has always revered as the highest good: The freedom and responsibility to do one's best. The chance to make our lives better through determined, conscious effort is what Franklin Pierce University is committed to achieving.

This student handbook is a piece of this effort to help students do just that. It is a partial guide to the life of the University. To new students, it provides an introduction to co-curricular realities and expectations. It is not a mere list of "Thou-shalt-nots." It is a formal statement reaffirming the University's commitment to mutual respect, trust, and integrity as precious values in and of themselves. This document has emerged through our history as a way to create the best environment in which to most effectively pursue the fundamental goals of our university community.

The 2008-2009 College at Rindge Student Handbook contains information on policies and opportunities. We encourage and challenge you to seek out new areas of interest and get involved in activities that will make the university experience more rewarding in the years ahead. Education and learning are opportunities for personal growth and academic achievement. We expect you to identify concerns about the quality of life on campus and to participate with faculty and staff in achieving high standards of learning and growing in this beautiful setting. Maintaining a healthy campus environment requires a balance between individual rights and responsibilities and those shared experiences that contribute to the Common Good and give rise to establishing the university community.