

# Loyd Commons

## *Building Community through Service*

Loyd is continuously developing into a tightknit community full of life and meaningful tradition. The Loyd Motto of “Building Community through Service” was inspired by the Loyd Family’s dedication to service and giving back. Loyd Commons has five core values: creativity, friendship, growth, purpose, and responsibility. These five values are lived out in various ways in the commons such as through the Commons Council Committees that are titled after the values as well as through our Pinning Ceremony and end of the year recognition.



As the **intellectual leader** of Loyd Commons, the Loyd Faculty in Residence takes on the responsibility to be:

- Someone who uses reasoning & understanding to find truth
- Someone who thinks critically and teaches others how to do the same
- Someone who is willing to help you talk through issues – help find solutions, but not just give you solutions
- Someone who enacts an “apprenticing” model – showing students how to set an example
- Someone who is a servant leader
- Someone who acts as a “thought provoker” by encouraging others to seek out answers that may lead to more questions
- Someone who is a proactive leader and takes the time to meet students where they are and not wait for students to come to them
- Someone who establishes a strong presence in Loyd and instills pride in Loyd Commons
- Someone who is not afraid to be wrong and asks for help

The Loyd Faculty in Residence works closely with the rest of the Loyd Leadership Team to develop a mindset that seeks live out the motto and values. The Loyd Leadership Team consists of the Residential Community Director, eight Resident Assistants, Commons Council President and Executive Board, Resident Community Chaplain, Loyd Mentors, and Loyd Peer Leaders. To provide structure and focus, the Loyd Leadership Team created a four-year strategic plan to help guide their efforts. Now in the second year of the strategic plan, the commons continues to move forward in developing initiatives that will enable the Loyd experience to be unique and impactful for all that enter its doors.

As a primary objective, the Leadership Team seeks to empower the student leaders to take charge of the responsibility of developing Loyd Commons. It is not just the job of the Faculty in Residence, but the responsibility of all members of Loyd to build a sustainable and long-lasting community.

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