Athletes and Academic Integrity

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Initial Question

- What’s the value of good sportsmanship?

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What is Academic Integrity?

Academic Integrity is the practice of being honest in all your academic endeavors. It includes:

- Giving credit to everyone whose work you rely on.
- Clearly distinguishing between your work and others’ work.
- Following course rules designed to help you and others learn and be accurately assessed on your learning.
- Being careful and thorough in your research and in communicating the results of your research.

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Why is Academic Integrity Important?

Conducting your work honestly:

• creates a culture of trust and collaboration between students and other students and between students and faculty;
• helps you to get the most possible out of your education;
• ensures that you and others get appropriate credit for your work and insights;
• helps ensure that you are earning a valuable degree from a respected institution.

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Why is Academic Dishonesty a problem?

Academic dishonesty:

- creates a culture of distrust between students and other students and between students and faculty;
- keeps you from learning everything you can;
- is tantamount to stealing ideas;
- harms the reputation of the College and all graduates of the College.

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The culture at Colby

- 35% of students responding to our survey think academic dishonesty is not a problem at Colby, but 25% think it is a problem.
- 13% broke collaboration rules on an assignment in the past year.
- 13% cheated on an exam in the past year.
- 18% committed minor plagiarism and 1.6% major plagiarism.
- Some students perceive athletes to cheat more often than non-athletes.
The big questions

❖ How can a team dynamic be harnessed to promote academic integrity and good academic work, more generally?
❖ How can athletes be campus leaders in academic integrity?
What you can do

• Always strive to do your best work and encourage your team members to do their best work. Prioritize academics.
• Help teammates be attuned to differences between cultures, disciplines, and professors.
• Develop a team culture of always giving credit to people or sources you rely on!
• Direct teammates to seek help when they need it! The earlier the better!

Resources:
✓ Your professors!
✓ Your personal librarian
✓ Writing Center
✓ Advising Dean
✓ Learning Coach
✓ Counseling Center
• If you become aware of academic dishonesty, let me know.