The Role of Colleges and Universities

- Why do students cheat?
- What can we do to reduce cheating and to educate students about ethical behavior?
Why Students Cheat

- Students do not understand academic standards
- Academic program not relevant to students’ career goals
- Students feel pressure to succeed
- Colleges and universities fail to take adequate steps to prevent and to respond to cheating
What we can do

- Create a shared value of academic integrity and foster a community standard of honesty
What we can do

- Identify roles and responsibilities
  - Administrators
  - Faculty
  - Students
What we can do

- Adopt a code that works
  - Clear
  - Fair
  - Reasonable sanctions
Web Resources

The Center for Academic Integrity
Duke University
http://kenan.ethics.duke.edu/partnershp.asp?actID=42

The University of Maryland
http://www.jpo.umd.edu/
http://www.studenthonorcouncil.umd.edu/code.html
“Any system of education that is without values is a contradiction in terms…. A system that denies the existence of values denies the possibility of education.” Robert A. Plane, former President of Wells College