**UMB School of Social Work**

**Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

**Core Values Statement**

*UMB’s core values (Respect and Integrity, Well-Being and Sustainability, Equity and Justice, and Innovation and Discovery) are at the heart of the University’s mission to improve the human condition and serve the public good of Maryland and society at large. These core values closely align with the primary mission of the social work profession, which, as outlined in our National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics is “to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people.”*

*As we work toward cultivating these core values within our University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW) classrooms and field placements, we ask that students treat their peers and community members with* ***Respect and Integrity****. We challenge students to model* ***Equity and Justice*** *inside and outside of the classroom. As you study and work with the Baltimore community, we encourage students to use their* ***Innovation and Discovery*** *skills to explore new and improved ways to approach our work. Lastly, UMSSW supports all our students in cultivating* ***Well-Being and Sustainability*** *— not just for our communities and planet but students also must take care of themselves to prepare for the journey ahead. As you matriculate through the School of Social Work, we encourage you to cultivate UMB’s core values as they help us build a safe and inclusive community for all.*

***Visit this link to learn more about UMB’s core values:***

*www.umaryland.edu/president/core-values/*

***Visit this link to learn more about the NASW Code of Ethics:***

[*www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English*](http://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English)

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