

## Impartial Respect and Acceptance

In “The Power of Hello,” Howard White outlines a self-discipline that his mother taught him to follow at a very young age. Although expressed more simply, the principles of Howard White’s self-discipline parallel the civil duties addressed by the student code closely.

The primary focus of “Article 1” of the student code is to simultaneously ensure that students maintain their rights while respecting the rights of other students. Similarly, White learns that by greeting his colleagues regardless of authority he has acknowledged his co-workers. On the surface, this greeting may seem nothing more than a simple exchange of pleasantries. An acknowledgement of another, though, represents something of much greater value. To acknowledge someone represents that you consider them one of your equivalents, that you respect their values and opinions as much as your own. This is not to say that all opinions and values are equal, but all opinions and values should be given a chance regardless of initial perspective. When Howard White addressed the founder of company, he did not see him as a towering figure who was superior. Howard saw someone who, though he greatly respects, was just as raw and human as the manual workers of the company.

Just like White’s self-discipline, the Student Code does not discriminate on the treatment of other students. The Student Code encourages all students to interact with each other regardless of race, gender, religion and other orientations. The establishment of this environments creates an academic community in which all students/people are able to thrive. When a student respects the ideas and opinions of others, their single-dimensional perspective becomes a multi-dimensional view of the world and reality. Being challenged by opposing ideas opens perspectives that were unknown before. White was able to gain insight from the founder of the company when he approached the man as an equivalent. His boss’s comment completely altered

the way White viewed his **role** in the company. White's acceptance of the perspective of the founder of the company made him believe that it was possible for him to achieve more than he had initially assumed. Though a simple gesture, Howard's **"Hello"** demonstrated all the values outlined by the Student Code.