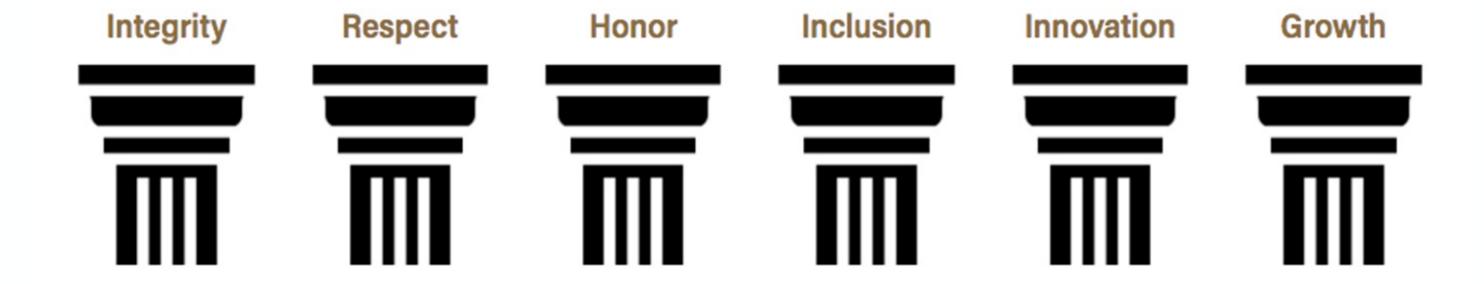
# PURDUE: AN INSTITUTION THAT LEADS WITH ITS VALUES

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### LEADING WITH OUR VALUES





### **66** DIVERSITY IS EXCELLENCE

expressing itself at the intersection of perspectives and lived experiences.

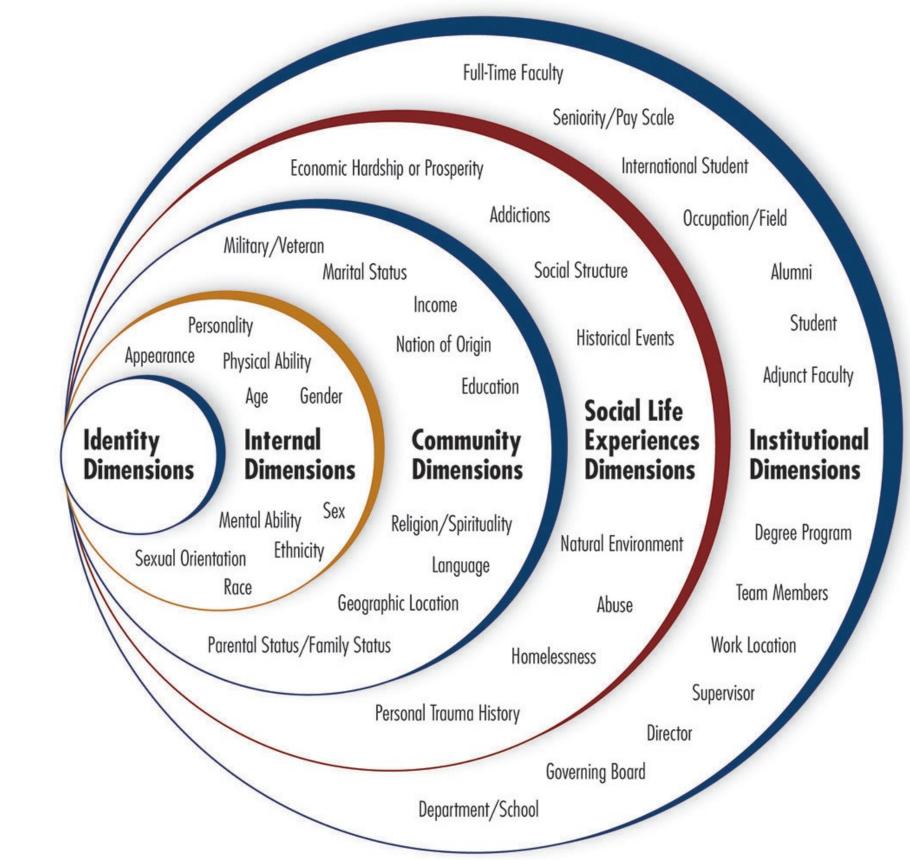
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# WHAT'S YOUR DIVERSITY?

# WHAT'S YOUR EXCELLENCE?





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## BELONGING ASKS 3 QUESTIONS

1

Do I feel like I belong here?

2

Can I envision the fullness of my potential coming into being here?



Are there people here whom I admire and aspire to emulate, and who will nurture me?

PROVIDING PEOPLE WHAT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED



# THANK YOU



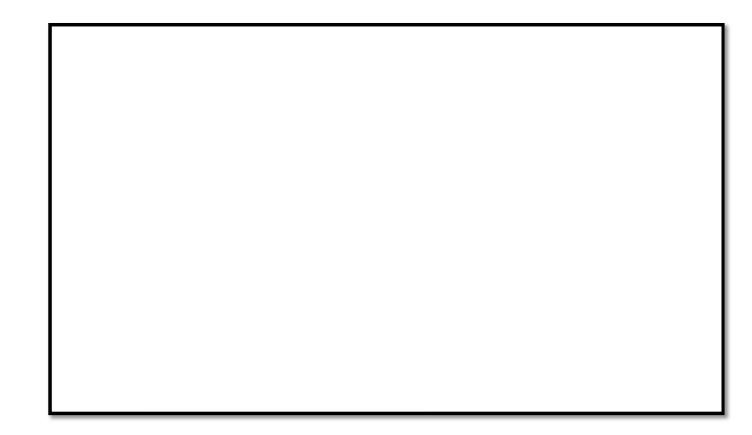
# FACILITATING BELONGING TO ENHANCE SUCCESS

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# Defining 'Belonging'



 "The extent to which individuals feel like a valued, accepted, and legitimate member in their academic domain."

(Lewis, Stout, Pollock, Finkelstein, & Ito, 2016)



#### Alignment with Institutional Key Focuses

#### Institutional key focuses

- Excellence at Scale
- Individualized Human Success
- Re-envisioning Land-Grant Mission

#### Belongingness aligns with key focuses

- Creating inclusive environments that foster mentorship, collaboration, and excellence
- Providing support, guidance, and resources so that faculty and staff can succeed and excel
- Promoting inclusivity and community engagement
- Encouraging success, recruitment, and retention

# Belonging Matters: Implications for Success

- Associated with academic performance—particularly important for nontraditional, first-generation, historically underrepresented students
- Associated with motivation, persistence, physical and mental health
- Students who feel they belong in the classroom are more likely to see the value of assignments, believe they can succeed, and actually succeed
  - \* Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation feedback from 8/15/2023
- Findings also apply to faculty success
- Connection to retention and recruitment

### **ODIB Faculty and Staff Initiatives**

- Supporting and uplifting faculty and staff
- Building community and bringing people together
  - Events: Family Dinner, Winter Mix & Mingle, DIB Awards Banquet
- Facilitating belongingness in departments
  - Faculty and Staff Resource Toolkit (https://purdue.link/ODIB\_Toolkit)





### **ODIB Faculty and Staff Initiatives**

- Professional Development
  - Inclusive research
  - Mentoring and inclusive pedagogy
  - Faculty search and screen
- Awards and Recognition
  - Seed funds
  - University level awards
  - Awards dinner

# THANK YOU

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