While no university may punish, forbid, heavily regulate, or restrict speech rights protected by the First Amendment, Texas A&M University-Central Texas aspires that its students will engage with members of the university community in a courteous, respectful, dignified, and academic manner. Each student shall have the right to participate in all areas and activities of the university, free from any form of discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. No university official or student, regardless of position or rank, shall violate these rights; any custom, tradition, or regulation in conflict will not be allowed to prevail. Students are expected at all times to recognize constituted authority, to conform to the ordinary rules of good conduct, to be truthful, to respect the rights of others, to protect private and public property, and to make the best of their time toward an education.