Boyer’s Principles of Community

**Purposeful**
A college is an educationally *purposeful* community, a place where faculty and students share academic goals and work together to strengthen teaching and learning on the campus.

**Open**
A college is an open community, a place where freedom of expression is uncompromisingly protected and where civility is powerfully affirmed.

**Just**
A college is a just community, a place where the sacredness of the person is honored and where diversity is aggressively pursued.

**Disciplined**
A college is a disciplined community, a place where individuals accept their obligations to the group and where well-defined governance procedures guide behavior for the common good.

**Caring**
A college is a caring community, a place where the well-being of each member is sensitively supported and where service to others is encouraged.

**Celebrative**
A college is a celebrative community, one in which the heritage of the institution is remembered and where rituals affirming both tradition and change are widely shared.

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