OUR GOOD NEIGHBOR STORY



BERRY COLLEGE WAS FOUNDED ON A GOOD NEIGHBOR CULTURE. OUR FOUNDER, MARTHA BERRY, WAS TROUBLED BY THE SOCIOECONOMIC CHALLENGES OF HER NEIGHBORS. SHE EMPOWERED THEM TO CHANGE THEIR FUTURES BY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND, ULTIMATELY, A SCHOOL WITH THEM.

THE BERRY COMMUNITY HAS CONTINUED TO CARRY
THE HEART OF GOOD NEIGHBOR CULTURE AND
EVOLVED IN UNDERSTANDING HOW WE VALUE,
TREAT, AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS. WE DRAW FROM
OUR INSTITUTIONAL VALUES, VIRTUES, AND OTHER
RESTORATIVE PRACTICES TO PRIORITIZE THE
EDUCATION OF THE HEART AS MUCH AS THE HEAD
AND HANDS.





GOOD NEIGHBOR PILLARS

A GOOD NEIGHBOR....

APPRECIATES THAT
SUSTAINABLE IMPACT
IN A COMMUNITY
SHOULD BE DONE IN
COLLABORATION WITH
RATHER THAN UNTO
THE COMMUNITY

VALUES SERVICE AND CARING FOR THE NEEDS OF OTHERS ABOVE SELF CONSIDERS, INCLUDES, AND EMPOWERS THOSE IN THE MARGINS

BELIEVES THAT A
RICH VARIETY OF
VOICES, IDEAS, AND
EXPERIENCES MAKES
BERRY A DYNAMIC
PLACE TO LIVE AND
LEARN AND PREPARES
STUDENTS FOR
GLOBAL CONTEXTS

APPROACHES AND
LEARNS FROM
CONFLICTING
PERSPECTIVES BY
REACHING OUT TO
OUR NEIGHBORS WITH
PATIENCE, HUMILITY,
AND GENEROSITY OF
SPIRIT

RECOGNIZES THAT
RELATIONAL
RESTORATION
BEGINS WHEN THE
COMMUNITY ADMITS
ITS IMPERFECTIONS
AND PROBLEMS

UNDERSTANDS THAT LIFE IS BEST LIVED IN RELATIONSHIPS AND THAT WE ARE STRONGER WHEN WE ARE AN ACTIVE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY LEAVES
PLACES
BETTER THAN
WE FOUND
THEM