

# Caring Campus Faculty Top Six Behavioral Commitments

*Caring Campus* is based on faculty identifying behavioral commitments to be implemented intentionally and campus-wide at their colleges. Following identification, faculty develop plans for the implementation, monitoring, and communication of those commitments to their department colleagues and eventually, campus-wide.

Among colleges implementing *Caring Campus* for faculty, the following are the most common behavioral commitments.

Face-to-Face (Classroom)	Virtual Environment
<p><b>Welcome to the Course:</b> Upon the first class meeting, faculty employ activities to engage and bond with all students.</p>	<p><b>Welcome to the Course:</b> Before the first class meeting, a welcome letter is sent to all students who are asked to respond with a letter describing themselves.</p>
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<p><b>Moments That Matter:</b> Faculty meet with each and every student to get to know them. This one-on-one meeting can be done during "student hours" or during class.</p>	<p><b>Moments That Matter:</b> Students are asked to write a paper about themselves. Comment on the paper and make sure that the paper is shared among all students.</p>
<p><b>Assignments Early and Often:</b> A low stakes assignment is given at the first class meeting and higher stakes assignments are given early in the course. Quick feedback is provided to students about their performance and follow-up done with students if they are struggling.</p>	<p><b>Assignments Early and Often:</b> A low stakes assignment is given at the first class meeting and higher stakes assignments are given early on in the course. Quick feedback is provided to students about their performance and follow-up done with students if they are struggling.</p>
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