

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 CONTINUES TO CARRY THE HEART OF GOOD NEIGHBOR CULTURE AND IS CONTINUALLY EVOLVING IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF 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