



A Message from President Hatch

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Dear Wake Forest students, faculty and staff,

Last week, you received [an update](#) regarding the U.S. Department of Education's new Title IX regulations, which will go into effect on August 14, 2020. I appreciate the leadership of Vice President Penny Rue, Associate Provost Kami Chavis and Interim Title IX Coordinator Tonya Deem in navigating this legislation for Wake Forest. We are especially fortunate to have Dr. Rue leading this effort. As the chair of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), she testified to Congress about Title IX legislation and has significant expertise in this matter.

As you know, Wake Forest is an institution charged with educating leaders of character. Part of leadership is adhering to a higher standard, recognizing and being driven by a moral code, exhibiting an ethical responsibility toward others and being held to account. Our commitment to this kind of character education has not and will not waiver.

Though we are still learning the details outlined in the new regulations, I want to assure you that Wake Forest remains firm in its high expectations of all within this community. To be part of Wake Forest means that we believe in the intrinsic value of each individual; we show respect for all people; and we strive to create an environment where all can learn without the fear of harm.

Ultimately, the safety and wellbeing of our campus community will always be our highest priority. As our message stated last week, our institutional commitment to preventing, responding to and providing a fair process regarding sexual harassment and sexual assault remains resolute.

We will continue to provide the community with periodic updates to keep you informed about any Title IX changes.

Thank you for your commitment to Wake Forest and our community.

Sincerely,

Nathan O. Hatch
President