

# Your Appearance at Miami University

## Guidelines for a successful partnership

How  
You  
Can  
Help  
Us

We are pleased that you have been contracted to speak at Miami University. We hope that the information below will assist you in understanding and being sensitive to our unique culture. We are an institution that values intellectual inquiry and we also commit ourselves to certain other values.

To help us reinforce these values, we ask that you avoid using language, jokes or stories that marginalize any members of our community or that glorify or make light of illegal drinking, abusive drinking or drug use. These references will only undermine our community's effort to promote a healthy environment.

Thank you.

Our academic culture supports serious engagement for our students both in and out of class. Miami students do well academically and are high achievers.

Diversity is important to the present and future of Miami University.

We take great pride in being known as an *Involving College*. However, with a campus culture full of opportunity, students may find themselves over-involved. The message we encourage is that students should choose carefully and purposefully those things that will enrich their learning.

A high percentage of Miami University students participate in the Greek Community. Most of the Miami fraternities and sororities are working towards returning to their founding values, which include scholarship, leadership, character, service, and friendship.

Students overestimate the use of alcohol and other drugs on campus. Mixed messages in the culture contribute to high-risk drinking (e.g., consuming alcohol illegally or at levels that are damaging to a person's physical or mental health, relationships, and academic pursuits; and engaging in practices that put the individual or community at peril.)

Finally, through Miami's Leadership Commitment, we strive to develop the leadership potential in all students whether they hold formal leadership positions on campus or make a difference on a daily basis. The following nine values form the foundation for our programs:

- Being active in the campus community and beyond
- Seeing potential within yourself and others
- Thinking critically and taking time to reflect
- Respecting the dignity of others and appreciating diversity
- Communicating directly and honestly
- Being flexible and open to change
- Taking purposeful risks
- Being responsible for your actions
- Encouraging others to live by these values

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