Shaw Man
And
Shaw Woman
Society
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“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he…”
-Proverbs 23:7

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**PURPOSE**

- To bring about awareness as to who and what “A Shaw Man” is.
- To assist Shaw University males seeking to define themselves on campus, in the church, the community, and in the workplace by providing them with concrete principles to personify their everyday lives.

**MISSION**

The mission is to challenge each male in the Shaw family to “Strides To Excellence: Only the Best!” as expressed in the administrative motto by Dr. Clarence G. Newsome, President. This means at the home of “Pro Christo et Hvamanitate” the expectation of moral excellence is self-giving, transforming, and empowering the love of Christ. For where Pro Christo seeks to empower principles of character and conduct; **Integrity, Intellect, Resourcefulness, and Love** will be the common principles shared, and valued all for God’s Glory.

“I AM A SHAW MAN!”
The following pages are composed of four principles by which “A Shaw Man” lives. The word principle can be defined as a motivating force or rule of conduct. If one adheres to these four principles, one will experience a favorable outcome in life. Everyone wants to belong, to feel wanted and needed. No one is for themselves, of themselves, or by themselves. Everyone has been given a voice; however, only a few are heard. Here at Shaw University, we voice our beliefs. We deny any person or thing to define us. Circumstances and challenges are welcomed. “A Shaw Man” faces them victoriously and wins effortlessly. “A Shaw Man” has a voice called:

- Integrity
- Intellect
- Resourcefulness
- Love

After diligently and consistently applying these four principles in your life you too will say: “I AM A SHAW MAN!”
**INTEGRITY** - a state of being of sound moral principle, upright, and honest.

**ACTION PLAN**

“The integrity of the upright will guide them.”

*(Proverbs 11:3)*

“A Shaw Man” lives and breathes integrity. He lets integrity be his everyday guide. Integrity guides him to the whole truth. “A Shaw Man” realizes the importance of honesty. He is committed to this standard of integrity. He always analyzes and judges his day-to-day actions. He is his own person, unique and original. “A Shaw Man” constantly reminds himself that he is “Fearfully and wonderfully made by the handy work of God.” He is totally independent from outside opinions. He does not conform, but transforms his mind through the “Word.” “A Shaw Man” of integrity is an example setter. He always does the right thing regardless of the circumstances. He knows nothing is hidden from God. He takes integrity personally. He is totally committed to pleasing God. Therefore, he sets safeguards in life to stay focused. He develops biblical traits, which consequently will provide spiritual nourishment. “A Shaw Man” discovers integrity is the ultimate guarantee to magnificent living.

“Integrity makes all the difference in the world.”

-Dr. Frederick K.C. Price

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“I AM A SHAW MAN!”
INTELLECT - the ability to learn and reason; the capacity for knowledge and understanding; the ability to think abstractly or profoundly.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but a fool despises wisdom and discipline.” - Proverbs 1:7

ACTION PLAN: From the classroom to the yard, “A Shaw Man’s” intellect must be on display. Shaw University is an institution that allows intellectual growth in many different ways. “A Shaw Man” should be knowledgeable in subjects such as politics, business, law, technology, health and fitness. The mind capacity of “A Shaw Man” has neither limits nor boundaries. “A Shaw Man,” should always be hungry for the food of thought and knowledge. In addition, “A Shaw Man,” must remember that learning is a life-long journey.

“For attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young...” -Proverbs 1:2-4

“IA M A SHAW MAN!”
RESOURCES - the quality of being able to cope with a difficult situation; the quality of being able to deal with a problem.

“And to one he gave five talents to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability…” - Matt 25:15

ACTION PLAN: To “A Shaw Man,” resourcefulness is the key to unlock any door of opportunity. It is understood that life is about overcoming challenges and obstacles while remaining steadfast in the pursuit of one’s goal. As “A Shaw Man,” accepting life’s challenges is a part of your nature. Financial, academic, family, and mental struggles are simply acknowledged as a part of God’s plan to make us into what He wants us to be. Nevertheless, the tools necessary for us to achieve the desires of our hearts are already in place. “A Shaw Man” realizes that God is the source! We are used as resources to help one another for God’s greater purpose.

“The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself…” - Proverbs 11:25

“I AM A SHAW MAN!”
“Love is God and God is Love.” (Read Corinthians 13:4-8)

Love is the source of integrity, intellect and resourcefulness.

A Shaw Man knows that love cannot exist without relationship. He knows the divine order of love: God, himself, mankind, and his university. He devotes his life to being a man after God’s own heart. In an effort to know his Creator intimately, he spends time daily in prayer, reading, and studying the blueprint for successful living.

“A Shaw Man” applies the “Word” to his studies and strives for academic achievement. He demonstrates his love through giving. Giving is love’s corresponding action. His mandate in life is to “live to give, and give to live.” He first and foremost gives himself completely to God. He then becomes a conduit which God uses to build His Kingdom.

“A Shaw Man” loves mankind by “doing as he would be done by.” He knows that whatever seed he sows will harvest. Therefore, he sows acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity towards others. He is always looking for opportunities to display knowledge to others. He teaches by precepts and example.

“A Shaw Man’s” love for his university will be the ultimate motivator to achieve academically and, as an alumnus, give back to his alma mater. “Love never fails,” and because of this truth, the love “A Shaw Man” possesses for his university will not allow him to fail as a student, administrator, faculty or staff member. “Love sees the best in all people.” As “Shaw Men,” we shall lift one another and uphold the principles that bind us forever.
Self-evaluation is the first step toward positive change. In order to effectively uphold the principles of “A Shaw Man,” it is vital to comprehend examples of what it means to be “A Shaw Man:”

**INTEGRITY: A Shaw Man**

- Does not cheat on tests
- Is not afraid to admit when he’s wrong
- Does not involve himself in gossip
- Holds the door for others
- Does not litter in the dorms or on campus
- Respects women
- Earns respect
- Removes his tray when finished eating in the cafeteria
- Takes educational life seriously (i.e. obeys classroom decorum)

**INTELLECT: A Shaw Man**

- Maintains a GPA of 2.0 or above
- Studies proactively
- Has intellectual conversations
- Stays abreast of current events
- Does not settle for mediocrity
- Visits professors
- Does personal research on topics discussed in class
- Strengthens his spiritual life
- Communicates effectively
RESOURCEFULNESS: Shaw Man

- Explores all options
- Controls the controllable
- Thinks positively
- Is self-sufficient
- Is willing to help someone in need
- Networks with faculty and staff
- Makes copies of all documents
- Uses every experience as a learning experience
- Does not procrastinate

LOVE: A Shaw Man

- Keeps his university environment clean
- Does not speak negatively of the university
- Supports other students in their endeavors
- Participates in student activities
- Treats others as he would like to be treated
- Supports university events
- Knows Shaw University history
- Spreads awareness of Shaw University through accomplishments
- Cares about his own identity
- Serves the community
- Knows the University Alma Mater

“I AM A SHAW MAN!”
A Shaw Woman

“Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised is the one who lives in the Fear of God.” Proverbs 30:31 MSG

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PURPOSE:

- To bring about awareness and define “A Shaw Woman.”
- To assist Shaw University women seeking to define themselves on campus, in the church, community, and in the workplace by providing them with concrete principles to govern their everyday lives.

MISSION:

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“I AM A SHAW WOMAN!”
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- Caring
- Determination
- Thoughtful
- Gracious

After diligently and consistently applying these four principles in your life you too will be able to say: “I AM A SHAW WOMAN!”
CARING: a state of being that is characterized by deep concern, enduring love, empathy and attentiveness toward others.

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”
Leo F. Buscaglia

ACTION PLAN:
“A Shaw Woman” is one who is wholeheartedly unselfish and gives true definition to caring. Never wanting to be self-seeking and consistently giving of herself for the betterment of her institution. The very being of this distinguished institution lies within her actions and her existence creates an environment suitable for growth. Through her concerned nature, she has given of herself to those who may lack what she has in excess. To a community that is in need of what she provides, “A Shaw Woman” has consistently sacrificed herself and yet remains grounded in this chaotic society. A “Shaw Woman” understands the importance and the grave necessity of caring and being attentive to her surroundings. She is her own person and she is unique, she is original and she is excellent. A “Shaw Woman” is neither traditional nor conventional; instead, she is totally and completely independent and will never conform to outside opinions. A “Shaw Woman” gets her opinion from the infallible and unadulterated Word of God. She realizes that God knows all, sees all, and is all. Therefore, she respects and acknowledges His presence in her everyday life. To please God is the aim of a “Shaw Woman” and through her caring, she is confident that she is pleasing to Him. A “Shaw Woman” cares to live and lives to care.

“A kindhearted woman gains respect” Proverbs 11:16

“I AM A SHAW WOMAN!”
**Determination**: a state of being characterized by a firmness of purpose, and an unrelenting resolve to reach one’s goals.

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no help at all."

*Dale Carnegie*

**Action Plan:**

“A Shaw Woman” possesses determination in every aspect of life; she is a woman of fortitude. Through hardships, discouragements, and pain, “A Shaw Woman’s” determination supercedes all barriers enabling her to accomplish her mission in life. “A Shaw Woman” does not need a male counterpart to succeed. Determined in her schoolwork, “A Shaw Woman” seeks “Only the Best” for failure is never an option. Equipped with the necessary tools to succeed, she becomes an essential resource to Shaw University. “A Shaw Woman” does not bear the personification of a quitter. “A Shaw Woman” is determined to change the world.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

*Philippians 4:13*

“**I AM A SHAW WOMAN!**”
**THOUGHTFUL:** a person slow to act who enjoys analyzing, interpreting, and patiently summarizing; characterized by careful reasoned thinking.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world: indeed it’s the only thing that ever has!”
*Margaret Meade*

**ACTION PLAN:**
A “Shaw Woman” can always be defined as a leader. From the classroom to the yard, to the dormitory and even off campus, the thoughtfulness of a “Shaw Woman” is always evident by her behavior and mannerisms. A “Shaw Woman” has the mental capacity to equal anyone in any subject and is not limited by others. A “Shaw Woman” spends her time thinking about life and what she can do to improve not only her own existence, but the existence of others. She is not hasty in her decision making process and rarely regrets the outcome. She plans her future while acknowledging the present and reflecting on the past. Her thoughtfulness inspires others to make careful decisions about their lives and their futures. Thoughtfulness goes hand in hand with intelligence. A “Shaw Woman” engages in wise thoughts and because of this engagement, she is intelligent. Her intelligence breeds her thoughtfulness and her thoughtfulness breeds her wisdom.

“She opens her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”
*Proverbs 31:36*

“I AM A SHAW WOMAN!”
**Gracious:** someone deemed to be dignified or honorable; marked by an attractive or pleasing character or appearance.

“There are no better cosmetics than a severe temperance and purity, modesty and humility, a gracious temper and calmness of spirit; and there is no true beauty without the signatures of these graces in the very countenance.”

*Arthur Helps*

**Action Plan:**

“A Shaw Woman” is gracious. Before speaking, “A Shaw Woman” makes her presence known by her elegant appearance and charismatic disposition. Her attire inspires the female community to take pride in themselves and in their appearance. She wants to make a statement with her wardrobe and not allow her wardrobe to make a statement about her. The respect that she has for herself keeps her a lady despite any temptation. Her relentless passion to uphold the values and principles that this prestigious institution was founded upon has caused her to be an outward testament, evident by her caring, determined, thoughtful, and gracious spirit.

“For God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting your cares upon him for he careth for you.”

*1 Peter 5:5-6*

“I AM A SHAW WOMAN!”
CRITERIA/EVALUATION

In order to effectively uphold the principles of “A Shaw Woman,” it is necessary to provide examples of what being “A Shaw Woman” would mean. Self-evaluation is the first step toward a positive change.

CARING: A Shaw Woman

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• Treats others as she would like to be treated
• Supports university events
• Knows Shaw University history
• Willing to help someone in need
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“I am A Shaw Woman!”
**DETERMINATION: A Shaw Woman**

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"I am A Shaw Woman!"
The Alma Mater

Hail, Dear Old Shaw U,
Thy Sons revere thy name.
Long shall thy works be proud,
   Undimmed by fame.
Time shall thy praises sing,
   Glory repay thy tears,
And loud thy praises ring,
   Thru all the years.

Noble thy hallways,
Noble thy grassy plains,
Nobler the hearts of men,
   Where thou dost reign.
All we who love thy name,
Stout hearts that shall not fail,
All rise and loud proclaim
   Alma Mater, Hail!
Esprit de corps

Esprit de corps - the common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honor of the group.