parental notification

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) permits institutions to directly contact parents or legal guardians of students under the age of 21 who are found responsible for violating institution policies on the use or possession of alcohol or controlled substances. After lengthy discussion and review, we concluded that College staff from the Vice President of Student Affairs Office will notify parents or guardians when a student is found responsible for the use, sale or possession of controlled substances (illegal drugs) within the community.

We will also notify parents or guardians when that student is found responsible for the use, sale or possession of alcohol when they are under the age of 21 and one or more of the following occurs:

1. When a student has been found to have violated the alcohol policy a second time;
2. When there is significant property damage;
3. When medical attention to any person, including the student, is required as a result of the student’s alcohol-related behavior;
4. When the student demonstrates reckless disregard for his or her own personal safety or the safety of others; or
5. There is evidence that the student’s alcohol-related behavior negatively impacted the learning environment.

referrals

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
(For individuals harmfully involved with alcohol)
1701 East 12th Street, Cleveland, OH
216 241 7387
www.aacleve.org

AL-ANON
(For relatives/friends of someone with an alcohol problem)
75 Public Square #701, Cleveland, OH
216 621 1381
www.clevelandal-anon.org

GLENBEIGH ACMC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
(Inpatient and outpatients facilities)
800 234 1001
www.glenbeigh.com

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CENTER
18697 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, OH
440 816 8200
www.swgeneral.com

ST. VINCENT CHARITY MEDICAL CENTER
ROSARY HALL
2351 East 22nd Street, Cleveland, OH
216 861 6200
www.stvincentcharity.com

WINDBURG LAURELWOOD CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE
35900 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby, OH
800 438 4673
www.windsorlaurelwood.com
wellness

As part of the College’s commitment to educating the whole person, alcohol and drug information is consistently gathered and programming is offered to build awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. These occur for both resident and commuter students with an alcohol awareness week in the spring. The College participates in the Core Drug and Alcohol survey every other year. Additionally, students are encouraged to develop and lead programming efforts aimed at providing information on making responsible life choices in these areas.

Wellness is central to the Ursuline College Mission which focuses on the holistic education of students.

college policy

Alcohol

Ursuline College exists in a state that regulates the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Under state law one must be 21 years of age in order to purchase or consume liquor, wine, wine coolers, liqueur, beer or other alcoholic beverages. Ohio state law also prohibits the carrying of an open container of any alcoholic beverage on the street or in a motor vehicle. Criminal penalties range from fines to imprisonment depending on the nature and seriousness of the offense.

Ursuline College policy will be in accordance with state law and with local ordinances regarding the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The policy recognizes that alcohol abuse leads to a variety of physical and/or emotional problems. These effects may be significant or even fatal. As a college whose primary mission is the education of women, Ursuline is also concerned that both men and women understand that using alcohol while pregnant may cause damage to a fetus.

Within this context, the following comprise the Ursuline College policy on the use of alcohol:

1. No persons under age shall consume, purchase or be served any alcoholic beverage.
2. No alcoholic beverage is permitted in the student residence hall rooms.
3. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in residence hall public areas and in the buildings of the College except with approval.
4. Registered parties and events on campus with alcohol will be permitted only in conjunction with procedures established in accord with this policy.
5. College sponsored events held off campus will be on a cash bar basis unless specifically approved by Ursuline’s President.
6. The College will provide alcohol awareness education programming and counseling opportunities for those who seek/or would benefit from such counseling.

Drugs

The possession, use and/or distribution or sale of drugs such as marijuana, cocaine and other controlled substances is a violation of both federal and state law. Criminal penalties range from fines to imprisonment depending on the nature and seriousness of the offense.

The use of such substances is destructive to both physical health and mental well-being. Negative effects associated with drug abuse include cardiovascular damage, respiratory failure, injury through violence or deliberate, self-destructive behavior, a depressed immune system and memory impairment.

The possession, use, distribution or sale of any controlled substance or illegal drug by any member of the Ursuline community while on campus, at an off-campus educational site or at a college sponsored event is a violation of College policy. Such violations will be handled according to procedures outlined in the appropriate Employee or Student Handbook. Sanctions may include discipline up to and including expulsion and referral to the appropriate law enforcement authorities for prosecution.