

# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual College Ethics Symposium



Hilton Head Island, SC  
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October 10 - 12, 2024

## **Location**

Providence Presbyterian Church (PPC)  
171 Cordillo Parkway  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

**To foster ethical decision-making  
by utilizing moral and religious values**

# Welcome to the College Ethics Symposium



Roland King, Chairman  
College Ethics Symposium

It is my pleasure to welcome this year's participants to the 47<sup>th</sup> College Ethics Symposium. Dare I say when the founding members created the concept that resulted in this Symposium, they never anticipated a stoppage due to a hurricane one year and a coronavirus for two years. Yet, here we are, delighted to continue the tradition they started in 1978.

The objective of the Symposium is – and always has been – to equip college senior students with specific knowledge and skills to navigate through contemporary ethical issues both in the workplace as well as in their private lives.

We use case studies as our teaching tools to convey ethical and moral principles. Past participants have described the Symposium as a much needed and value-added experience prior to leaving academia.

Please enjoy this in-person experience on beautiful Hilton Head Island where both students and their faculty advisors will engage for 2 ½ days of case discussions, sharing, and fellowship.

## Key Facts about the Ethics Symposium

The College Ethics Symposium is a nationally recognized program with a #1 ranking on Google out of 5.8 million references for the phrase "college ethics symposium." It is planned and implemented by a committee made up of representatives from various Hilton Head area churches and at least one area university. The Symposium is held each year at Hilton Head Island, SC.

The case study-oriented Symposium has been held over 45 years for college seniors from throughout the nation. Over 3500 students have attended the program since its inception. Most students are selected by their colleges/universities through a rigorous process involving a formal application and consideration of their GPA and moral character. In short, we help develop the ethics of our nation's future leaders who, in turn, will influence tens of thousands of other people during their careers.

The mission of the College Ethics Symposium is "To foster ethical decision-making by utilizing moral and religious values." We are respectful of the principles and values of students of all faiths or no faith at all.

The primary focus of the Symposium is to teach students that they can be successful in their careers and be ethical. In addition, students learn how to identify and resolve difficult ethical issues that occur in the workplace.

At the heart of the Symposium are the small group discussions about real-life situations requiring a moral framework. These sessions are led by accomplished leaders who are trained in the art of discussion.





# College Ethics Symposium Itinerary

***\*\*All activities will be at Providence Presbyterian Church (PPC) unless otherwise noted***

**Thursday, October 10**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Registration	PPC Fellowship Hall
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Welcome - Roland King, College Ethics Symposium Chairman	PPC Fellowship Hall
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Introduction of Facilitators	PPC Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Faculty Advisors Introduce Students	PPC Fellowship Hall
4:15 pm - 4:30 pm	Students Assemble with Facilitators	PPC Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm - 5:45 pm	Small Group Orientation, Introductions, and First Case Study & Faculty Program	Assigned Classrooms
5:45 pm	Depart for Host Family Homes and Prepare for Dinner	Designated Homes
6:45 pm	Thursday Night Dinner with Host Families	Designated Homes

**Attendees Please Note: Students must be in PPC Fellowship Hall each morning by 8:00 am sharp.**

**Friday, October 11**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
7:00 am	Breakfast with Host Families	Designated Homes
8:00 am - 8:15 am	General Assembly	PPC Fellowship Hall
8:15 am - 11:55 am	Second Session of Case Studies & Faculty Program	Assigned Classrooms
11:55 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch	PPC Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Group Activity	PPC Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Depart for Harbour Town in the Sea Pines Community	Faculty Transportation
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Vagabond Cruise	Calibogue Sound
3:45 pm - 6:00 pm	Free Time and Return to Host Families to Prepare for Dinner	Faculty Transportation
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm	Appreciation Dinner	PPC Fellowship Hall
6:45 pm - 7:00 pm	Recognition and Thank You of Guests / School Introductions - Steve Miller	PPC Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Group Activity "Freeze" - Robyn Zimmerman and Emily Elizabeth Cotton	PPC Fellowship Hall

**ENJOY THE EVENING WITH YOUR HOST FAMILIES!**

# College Ethics Symposium Itinerary Continued

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**Saturday, October 12**

Time	Activity	Location
7:00 am	Breakfast with Host Families	Designated Homes
8:00 am - 8:15 am	General Assembly	PPC Fellowship Hall
8:15 am - 11:40 am	Third Session of Case Studies & Faculty Program	Assigned Classrooms
11:40 am - 11:50 pm	Presentation of CES Certificates - Facilitators	Assigned Classrooms
11:50 am - 12:00 pm	Participants Feedback - Online Survey	Assigned Classrooms
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Lunch & Nominated Students Feedback Session	PPC Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Dismissal	Safe Travels Back to Campus!



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Clemson University's Faculty Approved Decision-Making Model:

**STAR Decision-Making Model**

**S = Stop**

- Take the time to recognize the ethical problem and all of the issues surrounding and contributing to the problem.
- Identify the stakeholders (those affected by the problem) and the impact the issue is having.
- Develop at least three solutions to the problem.

**T = Test**

For each potential solution, use at least three of the following tests. For maximum effectiveness, it is best to use all of the tests.

- Harm Test - Does this option do less harm than the alternatives?
- Legality Test - Is this option legal?
- Precedent Test - Does this option set a precedent, which, while the outcome in this fact pattern may not be problematic, would create a dramatically different outcome in another fact pattern?
- Respect Test - What would someone you respect or hold in high regard say if he or she learned of this option?
- Golden Rule Test - Would I still think the choice of this option good if I were one of those adversely affected by it? How would I want to be treated?
- Peer or Colleague Test - What do my peers or colleagues say when I describe my problem and suggest this option as my solution?

**A = Act**

Using these tests as a lens to gain insight into your dilemma, make a decision and act upon that decision.

**R = Reflect**

Now that you've made a decision, take responsibility and own the decision. Pause to reconcile the solution with anticipated outcomes and reflect on what you've learned from the process. If necessary, adapt and modify your decision to secure the most positive results possible.

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