**Loving Large at Lawrence**

**Loving Learning:** We enthusiastically embrace rigorous learning in which those involved are empowered to bring all aspects of who they are to the educational enterprise. We understand that optimal intellectual development occurs when there is significant challenge accompanied by sufficient academic and emotional support. Consequently, we seek opportunities to encounter and create new knowledge.

**Loving Ourselves:** We acknowledge that we cannot truly recognize and respect the humanity in others without first understanding and accepting ourselves. As a result, we strive to become allies who empower each other in becoming effective self-advocates for what we need to thrive in this academic environment. And are gentle with ourselves and others as we develop these skills. Ultimately, we work to find harmony between the demands of engaged liberal learning and self-care.

**Loving Community:** We strive to embody the idea of Ubuntu. It is a term from southern Africa commonly translated “I am because you are” or “a person is a person because of other people” by valuing the critical contributions each of us makes to creating a vibrant educational experience due to our unique backgrounds, culture, beliefs and approaches to learning. We acknowledge and support our interdependence as we strive to create a just, equitable and inclusive community in which to work and learn.