The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) afford eligible students certain rights with respect to their education records. An “eligible student” under FERPA is a student who is 18 years of age or older or who attends a post-secondary institution. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days after the day the College receives a request for access. The College will inform the student of the correct official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate. If the College decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the College will notify the student of the decision and the student’s right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information concerning the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
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STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS

DISCLOSURES WITHOUT CONSENT

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students’ education records, without the consent of the student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in 99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to College officials, disclosures related to some Judicial Board hearings, and disclosures for the purposes of Massachusetts law, no other disclosure of PII is permitted without the written consent of the student. These conditions include:

1. To other College officials, including faculty within the College whom the College has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes, in certain cases, contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other persons with whom the College has a contractual relationship to provide support services to students.
2. To the appropriate educational and administrative agencies, such as a State postsecondary educational authority that is responsible for supervising the College’s State-supported education programs. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the conditions found in 99.31, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may further make disclosures of PII to outside entities designated by those educational and administrative agencies to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf (99.31(a)(4)).
3. To authorized representatives of the U.S. Comptroller General, the U.S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretaries of Education, or State or local educational authorities, such as a State postsecondary educational authority that is responsible for supervising the College’s State-supported education programs. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the conditions found in 99.31, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may further make disclosures of PII to outside entities designated by those educational and administrative agencies to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf (99.31(a)(4) and 99.35).
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5. To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the College, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) adminster student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (99.31(a)(8)).
6. To accreditors to carry out their accrediting functions. (99.31(a)(7)).
7. Information the College has designated as “Directory Information” under 99.31(a)(11).
8. To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent of IRS tax purposes. (99.31(a)(8)(B)) Parents may also obtain non-Directory Information if the College has a signed release from the student on file. Students may obtain a release from the Registrar’s Office or other official office.
9. To comply with a judicial order or lawful judicial subpoena. (99.31(a)(9)).
10. To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to section 99.36. (99.31(a)(10)) In certain circumstances parents may also be notified when their student is involved in a health or safety emergency.
11. To you, an employee of the College, if the statement is your official job duties.
12. To the general public, the final results of a disciplinary proceeding, subject to the requirements of section 99.39 and for the purposes of Massachusetts law.

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CAMPUS SEX CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act is a federal law that provides for the tracking of convicted, registered sex offenders enrolled as students at institutions of higher education, or working or volunteering on campus. Massachusetts Section 140.241 (6) states that it is a violation of Massachusetts law to allow or employ on campus registered sex offenders online at www.mass.gov/sex-offender-registy-board or by contacting any of the following:

- Sex Offenders Registry Board, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, P.O. Box 4647, Salem, MA 01970
- Easton Police Department, 46 Lathop Street, North Easton, MA 02356
- Stonehill College Campus Police, 320 Washington Street, Easton, MA 02357

MASSACHUSETTS LAW AGAINST HAZING

Massachusetts Law requires that the following information be issued to students, student groups, teams and organizations:

Chapter 269: Section 17: Hazing; organizing or participating; defining.
Chapter 269: Section 18: Hazing; a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The term “hazing” as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forcing calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, including by involvement in the commission of acts that are designed to subject such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or restraint of bodily functions.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this act.

Chapter 269: Section 18: Failure to report hazing

Section 18. Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger to peril to himself or herself, make all reasonable efforts to aid such person or to report the incident to the appropriate law enforcement agency, including the police, fire department, or other government agency.

Section 18. Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger to peril to himself or herself, make all reasonable efforts to aid such person or to report the incident to the appropriate law enforcement agency, including the police, fire department, or other government agency.
education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by or approved by the institution to use its name or facilities is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations.

Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and agree to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall, at least annually, or before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full time student in such institution, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the board of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations of the laws regarding the consumption or possession of alcohol and other drugs containing a statement that the institution has provided the following information to each of its students, and has not received notice from the institution's recognized student organizations that the institution has not complied with the institution's policies to its students. The board of higher education and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports and shall forthwith report with the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.

**DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT**

Stonehill College, in accordance with federal legislation and College policy, is committed to providing a drug-free, healthy and safe environment for all students, faculty and staff. The unlawful sale, possession, manufacturing, distribution or dispensation of illegal alcohol or other drugs may result in criminal prosecution as well as internal disciplinary action.

The legal drinking age in Massachusetts is 21 years of age. A person over 21 years of age may not buy alcohol for a person under 21 years of age, unless that relationship is that of parent and child or husband and wife, and even in those situations must be bought at a package store, not a restaurant. No one under 21 years of age may purchase or attempt to purchase or be purchased by a person under 21 years of age. A person may not be under 21 years of age to purchase alcohol, present false identification, or make arrangements with someone older to buy alcohol for him/her. Furthermore, a person under 21 years of age may not buy, possess or attempt to purchase or be purchased by a person under 21 years of age, or for the use of the person under 21 years of age, the use of some other person to make a purchase in that person’s name, and then to receive possession of the alcohol purchased for the person under 21. In the case of possession of or sale of such alcohol, to a person under 21 years of age, shall be punished by a fine of $300. Any person without a license to sell alcohol may not serve under 21 years of age, unless he is the legal guardian of the young person, the father or mother of the young person, or the member of the same household as the young person. No person who furnishes any such beverage or alcohol for a person under 21 years of age shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500 nor more than $500 or by imprisonment for not more than two and one-half years, or both. If the purchase is made with the knowledge that the person is under 21, the police officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person is driving under the influence, a breathalyzer test may be given. If the person refused refuses to submit to such test or analysis, after having been informed he will be punished for such refusal, no such test or analysis shall be made and he shall be made to surrender the driver's license in accordance with the provisions of this section and he shall be punished by a fine of not less than $500 nor more by imprisonment for not more than 30 days nor for more than two years, or, both, and for a violation by any person under 21 years of age in the state in prison for not more than five years or in a house of correction, or both.

Each such group, team or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgment stating that such group, team or organization has received a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen, and that each of its members, plebes, or pledges, or applicants has received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team or organization undertakes and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

For information about how the College complies with the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), please visit the College's website at https://www.stonehill.edu/offices/counsel/gdpr/.

**DELIVERY OF SERVICES**

Stonehill College assumes no liability for the delay or failure in providing educational or other services or facilities due to causes beyond its reasonable control. Causes include, but are not limited to power failure, fire, strikes by College employees or others, damage by natural elements, and acts of public authorities. The College will, however, exert reasonable efforts, when it judges them to be appropriate, to provide comparable services, facilities or performance; but its inability or failure to do so shall not subject the College to liability. particular. These requirements may change while a student is enrolled in a program and may vary from state to state or country to country. Although the College stands ready to help its students learn about requirements and changes in them, it is the student’s responsibility to initiate the inquiry.

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**Non-Discrimination Policy**

As a Catholic college founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross, Stonehill College believes in the inherent dignity and worth of every person. As such, the College is committed to providing an inclusive environment free from discrimination for its students, faculty, staff, alumni, visitors, and guests. Therefore, Stonehill College prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law in admissions to, access to, or treatment in, educational programs or activities. Although the College stands ready to help its students learn about requirements and changes in them, it is the student’s responsibility to initiate the inquiry.

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A student who has been convicted of possession or sale of illegal drugs while receiving financial aid loses eligibility for federal and state government financial aid (including Title IV, HEA grant, loan, or work-study assistance) for a period of time specified in the law (HEA Sec. 486H (c)); (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(2)). The period of ineligibility depends on whether the conviction was for possession or sale (including compelling to sell) illegal drugs. For further information, please visit the College’s website at http://www.stonehill.edu/files/resources/drug-conictions-notice.

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**UPDATES**

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