

Exercise. 1 Day 1. Reading for a College's Values

These are the blow-up quotes featured in the Johns Hopkins "Virtual Viewbook," published by the admissions office. All are on left-hand facing pages and numbered here in the order in which they appear. The only large quote that appears on a right-hand page, and the first one in the book, is from founder Johns Hopkins, at the right. Study these and compose a precise, one-sentence statement of this university's values that reflects all of this information. Share your sentence in a reply, if you like. Then think about ways that your essay could reflect these values.



"I have a great fondness
for young people who are
ambitious to make their mark
on the world."

— Johns Hopkins (1795–1873), founder of Johns Hopkins University

"Johns Hopkins is a great place
to **learn more about yourself**.
It's a **way of life**."

— Mandy Stein '11

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"I feel so **fulfilled** every single day.
It's that simple:
I feel **challenged** by the work, **productive**
in my extracurriculars,
and **happy** that I am pushing myself
to **do more** than I've
ever done before."

— Lauren Carney '11

"Before I came to Hopkins, I never would have
imagined how many **different**
places and backgrounds the **people** I would meet
would come from. But everyone has **the same**
basic interests, mainly the pursuit of knowledge and
the **willingness** to give back."

— Joe Nugent '13

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"Baltimore is a **great college town**.
There are lots of things to do in and
around the **city**—
restaurants, **theaters**,
shopping, and concerts."

— Saznin Mehta '12

"**Hopkins** is a place that attracts people
who want to do well in
whatever they do.
It's also an **incredibly collaborative** place.
People are always **working together**—in the
library, dorms, dining halls, wherever."

— Brian Shell '12

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"A small **community**
with large resources,
Johns Hopkins is **unrivaled**
in the **opportunities** it provides."

— Wafa Khadraoui '12