Salisbury University Chalking Policy

Salisbury University recognizes the use of chalking as an effective medium utilized to advertise programs and events, as well as to allow for the freedom of expression that contribute to intellectual development and social discourse among members of the university community. Pursuant the Salisbury University Promise, all are expected demonstrate respect for diverse groups, individuals, and opinions. Therefore, chalking may be used by students, faculty, or staff based on an adherence to the following guidelines:

1. Chalking must be done with water-soluble chalk only. No permanent paint, chalk or spray chemical may be used on any surface.
2. No chalking is permitted on porches, the University pergola, overhangs of buildings and buildings generally.
3. No messages may be written on walkways other than sidewalks, and must be on flat horizontal surfaces where rain or natural elements can wash it away.
4. Chalking or chalked messages may not deface decorative symbols or sculptures.
5. Chalking must contain non-offensive language which includes but is not limited to:
   - Obscenities
   - Hate Speech
   - Liable or Derogatory statements about individuals or groups (e.g., false or inaccurate information that hurts or defames one’s reputation)
6. Chalked messages or advertisements are intended to be short-term and temporary, and should normally not exceed a time frame of 48 hours.
7. Students or student organizations shall not remove or alter the message of another student or organization.

Salisbury University reserves the right to remove or restrict any messages or images that serve to compromise the integrity of the University, or that may contribute to a hostile environment. Individuals found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action under the University’s Student Code of Conduct, Policies and Procedures.