Academic Integrity

ICAI Conference Takeaways

### Four Emerging Themes:

- Understanding Why Students Cheat
- Contract Cheating

- Policy Considerations
- Impacting the Culture

# Understanding Why Students Cheat

- Reasons why students cheat:
  - Age
  - Gender More males than female
  - Peer Related Factors Everyone is doing it and not getting caught...
  - GPA
  - Language Barrier/Culture
  - Admission Requirements

# Understanding Why Students Cheat

#### How do we minimize the opportunity to cheat?

- Lessen stakes on exams, but not too low.
- Assessment design
- Know your students students know you (instructor) Personalize
- Manage exam room
- Knowledge checks

### **Contract Cheating**

- The continuum of Contract Cheating
- Eliminating the myths

- How non-friends/family contract cheating operates
- Contract cheating is happening worldwide.

## Policy Considerations

- Rules about "self-plagiarism" for both Students AND Faculty
- A restorative practice process for those students who have committed a violation
- Develop a robust process of investigation

- More complete/clear/consistent practice for reviewing cases, adjudicating cases, or reporting cases by faculty and administration – Maxient use
- Contract cheating as a part of the policy

# Impacting the Culture

- Teaching students about academic standards
- Integrate AI into classes as part of the curriculum
- Addressing cultural differences in academia
- Understand and incorporate a student perspective address it
  - Remix Culture vs copyright

- Sense of community part of their values make it personal
- Option of education and awareness campaigns: students and faculty