Subject: ACM Values: Respect and Civility

Dear {student name}:

As the election season is upon us, we all must remember the values of respect and civility. Our ACM college community thrives when we engage in <u>meaningful</u> conversation, even when our opinions differ.

I wanted to share a few reminders as we enter this period:

- We all come from different backgrounds, and our beliefs reflect that diversity. Let's try to listen and learn from one another even when we disagree.
- Take the time to research candidates and issues thoroughly. An informed opinion is a powerful tool and it should always be shared with kindness and respect.
- Healthy conversations are the cornerstone of democracy but they should never devolve into personal attacks or disrespect.

I want to share a few reminders as you use Microsoft Suite products to conduct your ACM-related work:

1. Technology resources should not be used to create threatening, disruptive, or abusive messages. Please review the [Technology Resource Policy](). Technology resources provided by ACM may be reviewed.
2. As an ACM student it is essential to adhere to our [Code of Student Conduct]() in all interactions (both verbally and written) with others.

Please join me in working together to foster a supportive environment where everyone feels valued, regardless of their political stances or deeply held beliefs. Our strength lies in our ability to come together as a college community.

Thank you for contributing to a positive and respectful atmosphere this election season.

Dr. Bambara
President