



THIS WEEK AT THE CENTER FOR ETHICS*

Friday, August 27, 2010

The Center for ETHICS at the University of Idaho offers study, intervention, outreach, consultation, and leadership in developing and advancing the theory, knowledge and understanding of character education including moral and ethical reasoning, moral development, ethical leadership, and ethical application. The Director of the Center is Dr. Sharon Kay Stoll http://www.educ.uidaho.edu/center_for_ethics*

Team Works

- As a part of the continuing contract with WWC (<http://www.winningwithcharacter.org>), the Center has finished an elementary afterschool curriculum for TeamWorks, a Native American education program supported by Mac Strong, formerly of the Seattle Seahawks. The Center has been working with TeamWorks for about 18 months on this project. This specific curriculum is focused on the adventures of Little Eagle as he learns that character is imperative to himself, his family, and his tribe. Doctoral Student Susan Steele was the lead on finishing the last chapter "Overcoming". **Due to the initial success of this program, Hope International has decided to conduct an assessment of the "Little Eagle" curriculum for possible expansion to other Native American Tribes in their organization.**

Doctoral Students

- **Susan Steel, Ph.D. Student and Long time Elementary School Volunteer Coordinator**
 - **Servant Learning and Leadership with University of Idaho Athletics**
Is beginning research on service learning and is working with University of Idaho Athletic Director Dr. Rob Spear's INTR 204: Life Skills for Athletes and selected Core Discovery courses to evaluate if an academic community-based service learning experience has an effect on the leadership identity and character development of college students. The Core Discovery students and student-athletes will be giving of their time to a local elementary school for their service learning experience during the 2010-2011 school year. Other Core Discovery students will act as the control.
 - Received a \$500 scholarship stipend to attend the 2010 IARSLCE Annual Conference "International Perspectives: Crossing Boundaries through Research", October 28-30, 2010 in Indianapolis, IN. Her study will revolve around the effect of a service-learning experience on character and leadership development in college students.
- **Clinton Culp, Ph.D. Student, Major USMC (Ret)**
 - **United States Marine Corps, The Basic School**
Received approval from University of Idaho IRB and endorsement from the Commanding Officer, The Basic School and awaiting approval from USMC higher headquarters and IRB. The study will assess the ethics curriculum and pedagogy of The Basic School. The Basic School is a six month long course which every Marine officer is required to attend before they are assigned to a follow on military occupational specialty school, after which they will be assigned to individual units in the Operating Forces. About 1800 Second Lieutenants attend The Basic School each year in companies of 300.
 - **IAT/DIT-2/HBVC Preliminary Study**
This study seeks to discover the correlation (if any) between the Defining Issues Test-2 (DIT-2), the Hahm Beller Values Choice Inventory (HBVCI), and the Implicit Association Test (IAT). The DIT-2 and HBVCI are self-report measures of explicit moral reasoning and the IAT is a measure of implicit associations, in this case sportsmanship and unsportsmanship moral behavior.
- **Tom Grant, Ph.D. Student**
 - **Sport and Society Blog, "When athletes are injured"**
Look at issues of a coach's duty with regard to protecting the health and welfare of their athletes.
<http://ethicswithdoc.blogspot.com/>

Winning With Character (WWC)

- WWC (<http://www.winningwithcharacter.org>) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to character education in competitive populations and athletics from grade school to college to the professional ranks. The Center for ETHICS* has a continued relationship with WWC in helping them with assessment and curriculum development.
 - WWC is also in discussion with University of Cincinnati about character education with the football team. A new position is appearing in this DI programs called Player Development Coach and character education appears to now be an important item for these coaches to work with athletes. Hopefully the discussion becomes reality.
 - A preliminary discussion is developing between WWC and the University of Tennessee football.