This Week at the Center for ETHICS*
Friday, July 23, 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

United States Army

- David Brunner, Ph.D., Dr. Stoll’s 18th finished doctoral student was recently hired as a performance enhancement specialist with the United States Army specifically the Explosive Ordnance Device Group in Huntsville Alabama. The position is one of many offered through the United States Army to prepare both officers and enlisted men about performance and principles of ethics including goal setting, building confidence, concentration, arousal control, energy management, and arête. Dr. Brunner will be at Huntsville for 10 months and then will be relocated to Richmond, Virginia.

United States Marine Corps Basic School

- The conversation continues between the Center, doctoral student Clinton Culp, MAJ, USMC (Ret.), and the Commanding Officer of The Basic School (U.S. Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia) about the Center’s assessment of their current curriculum in ethics education. 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 groups of 300.

WWC

WWC [Winning With Character (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.

- Work continues with the Mac Strong Foundation on building elementary school age curriculum for their TeamWorks after school program. TeamWorks offers programs in athletics, reading, and character education for after school programs with three Washington State Native American Tribes and One Alaska Tribe.
- 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.

This Week on Hiatus

- Dr. Stoll has been invited by Phi Kappa Phi to attend the national convention in August 3-5, 2010, all expenses paid, to represent the University of Idaho Chapter as an outstanding chapter of merit. Dr. Stoll is president of Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 79.