

Character Development Programs and the Arts

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Dear Listmembers,

I am interested in knowing the names of any colleges or universities that integrate visual art images in their character development programs. I will be using this information for my dissertation. Its title is still evolving, but at this point it is "Visual Art Images and Character Development Programs: A Descriptive Analysis of the Role of Visual Art Images in Selected Character Development Programs in Higher Education".

Visual art images are here defined as: paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, installations, as well as art incorporating technology, like Viola videos.

Character development programs are here defined as: planned, comprehensive, and systematic courses of study designed to inculcate a higher education institution's identified and defined core values through critical thinking and analysis.

I would like to know what images are used and what core values are then analyzed with them. Additional questions may be: Who selects the images? Are art faculty members involved in teaching in a university's character development program?

I am more than interested in any programs, also in Europe, at this point. I had gathered the names of US schools from 'The Templeton Foundation's Colleges that Encourage Character Development'. Submission to this publication was voluntary, so I'm seeking to find those applicable programs that were not submitted.

Best regards,

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