Creating a Positive Tone in Campus Classrooms
THE REAL REASON AIRLINES DISCONTINUED PILLOWS
“Part industry expose and part call for a return to engaged teaching, *Campus Confidential* shows how the noble project of higher education fell so far and how we can redeem it.”

**The Fun Professor:** ‘uncanny ability to get, and hold, student attention. Time move swiftly in class,... makes material … interesting and relevant to students’ (pgs. 148 -149).

**The Vault:** All scholars are learned, but ‘Vaults’ have the ability to enchant listeners with staggering reserves of dense wisdom and consider the transmission of scholarly insight to be a sacred task. (pgs. 153 - 155).

**The Mentor:** Scholars who cultivate lasting, professional relationships with students ... and pay attention to individuals outside of the classroom. (pg. 155-156).

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https://eric.ed.gov/?id=ED525984
What do you notice about each of these images?
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The first day of class always creates some nervousness, even for seasoned instructors. It helps to have a mental checklist of objectives to accomplish so that you and your students come away with the impression that the course is off to a good start.
The first class meeting should serve at least two basic purposes:

○ To clarify all reasonable questions students might have relative to the course objectives, as well as your expectations for their performance in class. As students leave the first meeting, they should believe in your competence to teach the course, be able to predict the nature of your instruction, and know what you will require of them.

○ To give you an understanding of who is taking your course and what their expectations are.
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May I ask that you please forward this message (see below) from me onto your students, in preparation for our Call Back discussion next week, Nov. 2\textsuperscript{nd} at 9:30. As I have in the past I would like to bring along another teacher to provide feedback to your students. With your permission I would like to bring Chery Jones, a teacher I had the pleasure of working with in the past. She is wise and approachable and will truly add to the discussion.

Thanks
Stephen

Good day,
My name is Stephen Leppard and Dr. Chorney has invited me to speak with you during your ‘call back’ session on the morning of Nov 2\textsuperscript{nd}. My research and numerous years as a mentor teacher, U of A school contact and administrator has reinforced that effective ‘call backs’ are pivotal for student teachers’ professional development. Call backs afford dedicated time for students to discuss what is being experienced in the field and to learn from each other. These discussions are critical for making meaning of what is expected of you, as a person who happens to teach.
It has also been my experience that meaningful conversations can be nurtured by starting with your questions, comments or concerns. Please take a moment and share your thoughts regarding ...
1) the things your really like about your school/field experience,
2) the things that would make your placement even better,
and
3) any concerns/ questions/ additional comments you would like to share?

I will harvest these thoughts, look for themes and create a presentation that addresses your issues in as timely and effective a manner as possible. Please note that all comments will be presented anonymously!
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https://cft.vanderbilt.edu/guides-sub-pages/teaching-large-classes/
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[Link to Center for Teaching's guide on teaching large classes]
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Yet connecting with college students never occurred to me.

https://normaneng.org/about/
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- Benjamin Bloom (Cognitive Domain),
- David Krathwohl (Affective Domain), and
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https://thesecondprinciple.com/instructional-design/threedomainsoflearning/
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Krathwohl’s Affective Domain Taxonomy

Some Questions:

What is Krathwohl’s affective domain taxonomy?

How is the taxonomy presented?

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Krathwohl’s affective domain taxonomy is perhaps the best known of any of the affective taxonomies. "The taxonomy is ordered according to the principle of internalization. Internalization refers to the process whereby a person’s affect toward an object passes from a general awareness level to a point where the affect is 'internalized' and consistently guides or controls the person’s behavior (Seels & Glasgow, 1990, p. 28)."
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— Parker J. Palmer, *The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life*
Teaching Co-Mentorship Program

The Teaching Co-Mentorship Program is based on the understanding that teaching can best be supported and improved through mutual mentoring when participants from different faculties and departments at all stages of their academic careers come together as partners to explore and develop each other's teaching through a process of probing dialogue, reflection and self-discovery. It is widely understood that changes in teaching practices that better support learning are best achieved through active involvement in such professional dialogue. Equally as important is the awareness that stimulating change and experimentation in teaching practices requires a non-judgmental and non-threatening cooperative environment. When colleagues of equal status come together there is a better chance that they will share ideas and develop their thinking in an atmosphere of trust and cooperation.

Goal of the CTL Teaching Co-Mentorship Program

The main goal of CTLs Teaching Co-Mentorship Program is to encourage peer-to-peer support to assist in the development and success of all university-level teachers.

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Little Discretionary Time

Teaching
Researching
Publishing
Studying
Personal Life
Family Life
Passive Learning:  
Students passively receive information from the professor and internalize it through some forms of memorization. (Michel, Carter III and Varela, as quoted in Berlinerblau. pg. 157)

Active Learning:  
Learning is not a spectator sport … students … must talk about what they are learning, write about it, relate to past experiences and apply it to their daily lives. (Chickering and Gamson, as quoted in Berlinerblau. pg. 158)
Think-pair-share – In this simple exercise, the instructor poses a question or problem to the class. After giving students time to consider their response (think), the students are asked to partner with another student to discuss their responses (pair). Pairs of students can then be asked to report their conclusions and reasoning to the larger group, which can be used as a starting point to promote discussion in the class as a whole (Angelo and Cross, 1993). This exercise helps promote engagement because students feel greater responsibility for participation when paired with one other student; lack of participation becomes obvious and problematic. In addition, the inclusion of “think” time and the initial opportunity to talk about a response with a single peer reduces the anxiety some students feel about responding to instructor prompts.
for 30 seconds
for 1 minute
during class
before class

turn to your neighbor
walk across the room

with the whole class
with another group
verbally
in writing

group size = 2
group size = 3 or 4

come to consensus
agree to disagree

think - pair - share

Ask students to respond to a question independently.
Have students compare answers in small groups.
Ask students to share their work with the class.
with pen and paper
or a laptop
in writing
as you doodle

via polling software
via whiteboard
class discussion
time for telling

explain your reasoning
share your opinion
TRADITIONAL CLASS

IN CLASS

DURING CLASS

Attend a lecture.

Look over materials.

BEFORE CLASS

AFTER CLASS

Attempt the homework.

OUT OF CLASS

https://vimeo.com/70893101
The Flipped Classroom

In Class

Students practice applying key concepts with feedback

Before

Students prepare to participate in class activities

Out of Class

Students check their understanding and extend their learning

After
Some Recommended Readings

- Heppner, Frank. *Teaching the Large College Class: A Guidebook for Instructors with* 

https://cft.vanderbilt.edu/guides-sub-pages/teaching-large-classes/
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**Equality**

**Accommodation**

**Accessibility**
Somatotype is a theory of classification and a body technique that was originally developed in 1940 by the American physiologist William Herbert Sheldon [1]. According to his studies, he divided the physical structure of the human being in three different biotypes: Endomorphy (adiposity), Mesomorphy (muscularity) and Ectomorphy (thinness), which define physical characteristics that permits to differentiate all individuals.
The Instinctive Center

The Thinking Center

The Feeling Center

The Peacemaker

The Challenger

The Enthusiast

The Loyalist

The Investigator

The Reformer

The Helper

The Achiever

The Individualist

The Enneagram with Riso-Hudson Type Names