

# Character Education Resource Center News You Can Use

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*When students leave our program and enter their careers, we remind them of the **3 Es**: always be **ethical, empathetic, and enthusiastic**.*

– E. DeRoche

## Resources for Observing, Mentoring, and Advising

*A Love Letter to Teaching: 8 Reasons Why Teaching Matters*

<https://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2018/01/03/a-veteran-educators-love-letter-to-teaching.html>

*Mentors for New Teachers Boosts Student Achievement - by a Lot*

[http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/teaching\\_now/2017/06/new\\_teacher\\_center\\_mentor\\_study.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/teaching_now/2017/06/new_teacher_center_mentor_study.html)

*The Case for Mentors Grows Stronger*

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/case-mentors-grows-stronger-youki-terada>

*Why New Teacher Need Mentors*

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/why-new-teachers-need-mentors-david-cutler>

## Teaching by the Numbers

*4 Tips to Help Teachers Bounce Back After a Tough Observation*

<https://www.teachervision.com/blog/morning-announcements/4-tips-to-help-teachers-bounce-back-after-a-tough-observation>

*7 C's of Effective Teaching*

<http://tripoded.com/teacher-toolkit/>

*8 Keys of Excellence*

[http://www.8keys.org/8keys\\_defined.aspx](http://www.8keys.org/8keys_defined.aspx)

*8 Tips and Tricks to Redesign Your Classroom*

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/8-tips-and-tricks-redesign-your-classroom>

## A REMINDER

“I Do It My Way” is the creative teacher’s mantra. All teachers have their own style and method of teaching. There is no one best way of teaching character.

What every teacher needs are character related units, lesson plans, strategies, activities, videos, testimonials, and assessment ideas. In other words, character education instructional resources.

All of these and more can be found at the Character Education Resource Center.

*Our Motto:* If we don’t have it, we can get it, or create it.



## Two Things to Think About

*The difference between a vocation and a career:*

*A career is something you choose; a vocation is something you are called to ...*

*A career is a job you do as long as the benefits outweigh the cost; a vocation involves falling in love with something, having a conviction about it and making it part of your personal identity.*

*A person choosing a career asks, How can I get the best job?*

*A person summoned by a vocation asks, How can my existing abilities be put in service of the greatest common good?*

*(Excerpts from David Brooks, NYT’s columnist, in Union Tribune 8-28-2016)*

*The difference between personality and character:*

*Personality is easy to read, and we're all experts at it. We judge people...if not upon first meeting them, then shortly thereafter. Character, on the other hand, takes far longer to puzzle out. It includes traits that reveal themselves only in specific—and often uncommon—circumstances, traits like honesty, virtue, and kindness.*

*Ironically, research has shown that personality traits are determined largely by heredity and are mostly immutable. The arguably more important traits of character, on the other hand, are more malleable—though, we should note, not without great effort. Character traits, as opposed to personality traits, are based on beliefs (e.g., that honesty and treating others well is important—or not), and though beliefs can be changed, it's far harder than most realize.*

*(Alex Lickerman, M.D. “Reflections of a Buddhist Physician, “ Psychology Today)*

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