

NEACAC Annual Conference
May 30, 2019 – Current Trends Forum

Moderated by Alyssa Frank (Boston Latin School); Jim Cristiana (Merrimack College) and Kathy Strand (Independent Counselor).

This year's question that asked session attendees: ***“The news cycle this year was filled with stories that touched on ethical issues within our field. From where you sit, what are the ethical issues that you face, and how do you handle them?”***

We compiled a sample list of commentary, resources, and articles related to issues prompted by the Varsity Blues scandal or other issues this year that have the potential to raise ethical questions. Readers are welcome to send in links to additional resources and articles (please email Current Trends Committee Chairperson, Terry Ward -see Terry's email below).

To begin with: Our Profession's Ethical Standards

NACAC Code of Ethics: webpage includes links to multiple ethics-related documents
<https://www.nacacnet.org/advocacy--ethics/NACAC-Code-of-Ethics/>

NEACAC: Link to Admission Practice Committee: <https://www.neacac.org/admission-practices>

HECA Code of Ethics: https://hecaonline.org/standards_and_ethics

IECA Code of Ethics: [https://www.iecaonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/IECA Principles of Good Practice2018.pdf](https://www.iecaonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/IECA_Principles_of_Good_Practice2018.pdf)

Varsity Blues: reaction & commentary

Summary of scandal itself:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_college_admissions_bribery_scandal

Chronicle of Higher Education:

Admissions Officers Didn't Cause the Scandal. But they Helped Shape the Culture that Spawned it. By Eric Hoover, March 13, 2019.

Education Writers Association – podcast/reaction

<https://www.ewa.org/ewa-radio/operation-varsity-blues-real-story-isnt-admissions-scandal>

The Education Scandals Bigger than Varsity Blues (The Atlantic: May 2019)

<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2019/05/education-scandals-bigger-varsity-blues/590137/>

Broadening the ethical conversation:

Wall Street Journal: original article link (but must be a subscriber to view complete):

Who is most likely to get extra time to take the SAT

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/many-more-students-especially-the-affluent-get-extra-time-to-take-the-sat-11558450347>

Summary of article: <https://commonwealthmagazine.org/education/in-newton-the-everyday-version-of-varsity-blues-scandal-2/>

New scrutiny of patterns in which wealthier students are more likely to get extra time on the SAT (Inside Higher Ed)
<https://www.insidehighered.com/admissions/article/2019/05/28/new-scrutiny-patterns-which-wealthier-students-are-more-likely-get>

Underrepresented students; unintended consequences (a look at the push for more Pell eligible students) Inside Higher Ed (January 2019)

<https://www.insidehighered.com/admissions/article/2019/01/28/study-pressure-enroll-more-pell-eligible-students-has-skewed-colleges>

NY Times (May 17, 2019): Low income students being taxed like trust fund babies (an apparently unintended consequence of the Trump Tax Cut Legislation)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/17/us/politics/college-scholarships-tax-increases.html>

High School Student Newspaper Takes Stand Against Elitism (Inside Higher Ed)

<https://www.insidehighered.com/admissions/article/2019/05/28/high-school-student-newspaper-takes-stand-against-elitism-and-boasting>

Another view – or two -or three....:

The Corporations Devouring American Colleges -by Kevin Carey (February 2019)

<https://www.huffpost.com/highline/article/capitalist-takeover-college/>

Response to Carey's article: <https://www.insidehighered.com/digital-learning/article/2019/04/10/expert-roundup-what-kevin-carey-got-right-and-wrong-about-opms> and from 2U:

<https://www.insidehighered.com/digital-learning/views/2019/04/17/2u-response-kevin-careys-critique-online-program-management> (April 2019)

Cracks in the Ivory Tower: Authors discuss their new book on “moral mess” of higher education. (Inside Higher Ed)

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2019/05/24/authors-discuss-their-new-book-moral-mess-higher-education>

Recent news:

SAT Adversity Index:

<https://www.insidehighered.com/admissions/article/2019/05/20/college-board-will-add-adversity-score-everyone-taking-sat>

Reaction: <https://www.insidehighered.com/admissions/views/2019/05/20/numerous-questions-point-flaws-new-adversity-score-sat-opinion> and from ACT: <https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2019/05/21/act-comes-out-against-adversity-index>

(Related): Social mobility ranking added (September 2018) -Inside Higher Ed
<https://www.insidehighered.com/admissions/article/2018/09/10/us-news-says-it-has-shifted-rankings-focus-social-mobility-has-it>