How to emphasize Academic Honesty on the 1st day of class & beyond

- Handout the policy to your students or point to the Lee College Catalog
- Use the Lee College Academic Honesty Values Document
- Ask if they have any questions
- Let them know the responsibilities of faculty and students
- It is like a legal contract
- Academic Honesty Contract & have them sign it
Emphasizing the Importance of Academic Honesty 1\textsuperscript{st} day of class

- Consequences of cheating or cutting corners in their professions
- Give consequences of famous people who have cheated or plagiarized
- Mathematical consequences of getting a zero on an assignment
Stressing the Importance of Academic Honesty beyond the 1st day

- Remind your students of what you talked about on the 1st day
- Let students know that you trust them, but you will be watching for violators
- Make it less easy for your students to be dishonest by:
  - Using Blackboard tools like Respondis Lockdown Browser and Safe Assign
  - Seating students in every other seat during an exam
  - Creating a critical or creative thinking assignment/exam
  - Creating a case study exam/assignment or have them apply what they have learned
Stressing the Importance of Academic Honesty beyond 1st day

- Rotate your exams each semester
- Come up with new tests at least once a year
- Give your students tests that look the same but are different for each student
- Randomize the question order in your exams
- Assume that most publisher’s test bank answers are already on the Internet
- Have your student give a presentation at their final rather than an exam
- Have students write their essays in class
Stressing the Importance of Academic Honesty beyond 1st day

- Proctoring a Test – procedures from Dr. Janice Umez
  - Setup the room with answer sheets, pencil, test code, & scratch sheet
  - Students can’t enter the room until it is setup
  - Students line up outside of the class with the assumption that they are near their friends
  - Students that come in next to each other are placed at areas way across the room from each other
  - No student has ever complained about this proctoring procedure
We are building a culture of Honesty

- Students will adhere to the Academic Honesty Policy when:
  - the student knows the benefits & consequences of the policy
    - It’s on us to educate them about the policy (Education)
  - the student takes personal responsibility for it
    - It’s on us to hold them accountable (Enforcement)
  - the student makes it an intrinsic value that will benefit self & others
    - It’s on us to teach them good ethics (Education)
The Ultimate Goal

- Creating a Student led Honor Code where students police themselves:
  - Very few Community Colleges have a honor code
    - Central Virginia Community College
    - Duke University