

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY PROGRAM DARE TO THINK

Universidad EAFIT

Abstract:

Dare To Think is the project that Universidad EAFIT launched in July 2011 with the objective of opening a dialogue among the EAFIT community concerning responsibility, ethics and integrity. The idea was not to restrict the discussions to academic dishonesty, but to approach the subject in a broader way.

The project's communicational component has consisted until to-day of five different phases: "cult of cunning", "academic dishonesty", "civic culture", "being better", and "academic integrity". Each phase has encompassed different strategies: a lecture by an expert, a cinema forum, and a billboard/visual campaign with thought-provoking phrases.

The educational component ran concurrently with the previous interventions and should be continued with a view to establishing an academic integrity policy.

Among the outcomes of the Program, that have resulted from a constant work in the last four years, it can be highlighted that: 1. Dare to Think became a permanent program for the University as declared by the University's Principles of Governability and Administration. 2. The Academic Integrity subject became very visible not only within the EAFIT community but also in many other institutions in Colombia where the University has been invited to share the experience. 3. Each year, around 2,500 freshmen attend an Academic Integrity Workshop led by a group of volunteer students who are part of the Dare to Think Student's Committee.

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