

PROVOST SCHOLARS PROGRAM

University Intensive Seminar – Session 7

Civility in Discourse: Meaningful Strategies for Communicating

Date: November 8, 2018 | 2:30 - 5:00PM | Guilford House

Purpose

The purpose of this session is intended to provide Provost Scholars with the knowledge and skills to be active participants in informed dialogue and effective communication. The circle will focus on becoming better listeners and engaging peers, parents, teachers and the larger community.

Presenters: The Provost Scholars and Staff



In this unique and traditional format of a "Talking Circle," the norms of civil and informed discussion practice are moderated by selected group members who are responsible for maintaining ground rules generated by the group. An inherently democratic practice, it requires the respect and focus of the group on active speaking and listening. All members are invited to participate with by sharing their individual perspectives. Guidelines for appropriate engagement are made and monitored through consensus.

Objectives

At the end of the presentation, the Provost Scholar will be able to:

- Identify two group behaviors that help to facilitate the discussion through consensus and diplomacy
- Discuss two benefits of speaking with people of different cultural beliefs, values, and opinions
- Identify two emotional reactions and two constructive approaches that could be used to move the group toward positive decision-making

Agenda

- 2:30 - 3:50 pm: Tutoring
- 3:50 - 4:00 pm: Brief Intermission
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm: University Seminar and Notetaking
- 5:00 pm: Dismissal

Faculty & Staff

- Dr. Faye Gary, Program Director
- Ms. Kate Klonowski, Program Coordinator
- Mr. David VanLeer, Program Volunteer
- CWRU Tutors