

# Engaging the Disengaged: Moving our Students Toward Success

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12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**CRTLE Classroom 105 Trinity Hall** and Microsoft Teams



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Poll: Describe what you have observed or encountered relating to disengaged students in your courses.

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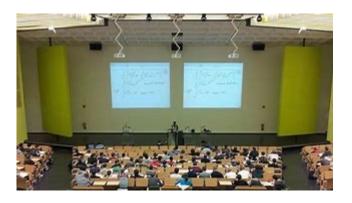
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### Student Survey (Harvard Business Education)

- Common reasons students report for being disengaged:
  - Lack of real-world application
    - gap between what is taught in classrooms and what they need to learn to excel in the real world.
  - Lecture heaviness
    - Slides and long lectures.
  - Lack of adaptability
    - COVID-19 related changes.





### ABC's of Disengaged Attitude

#### Affect

- Feeling of hopelessness
  - Results in chronic absenteeism and school dropout (Journal of Education and Work, 2006; Frontiers in Psychology, 2020)
- Sense of Belonging
  - Feeling of being valued, included and accepted at university.
  - Lower levels of belongingness in first-generation students (Pedler et al., 2020)

#### Behavior

- Environmental distractions
  - Tech-enabled distractions phones and laptops
- Lack of motivation (Carnegie-Eberly Center)
  - Do not believe their efforts will improve performance.
  - Have other priorities that compete for their time and attention.

#### Cognition

- Knowledge gap
  - Good versus not-so-good school districts.







## ABC's of Engagement

#### Affect

• Establish a trusting relationship with students by being tolerant, consistent, and intellectually humble (Worthington et al., 2023).

#### Behavior

- Incorporate tech into lectures.
- Motivate by holding students accountable, provide feedback, and highlighting the benefits of education for the real-world success.

### Cognition

- Administer early assessments.
- Help student set realistic expectations.

# Poll: Describe an effective action you have taken in your courses to re-engage your disengaged students.

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### Discussion and Q&A!



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