Civility
CHALLENGE

USC School of Dramatic Arts

CommUNITY @SDA
CommUNITY Initiative @ SDA  Recognizing diversity, inclusivity and equity are central to the study and practice of the dramatic arts and to our duty as global citizens, the School and university have made a concerted effort and commitment to cultivating a diverse and inclusive environment on campus. The School has increased the number of works and resources by women, persons of color and underrepresented minorities that are taught in required core curriculum. The same conscious effort for equity and inclusivity is utilized by our Literary Committee when recommending plays for our annual season of productions. Additionally, the School annually hosts a diversity and inclusion summit for the SDA community that explores issues of race, gender, culture and identity through interactive workshops, panel discussions and performances. The School also works with the university’s offices of Student Affairs, and Equity and Diversity to develop programs and initiatives that raise awareness and provoke dialogue about significant campus climate issues.

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Hold doors open for people in front of you or behind you throughout the day. 5 people must acknowledge that you held the door open for them. Share this card with the 5th person who acknowledges your gesture.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES ONLINE:
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“I Get By With A Little Help From My Friends.”
Lend a helping hand to someone in need.
Share this card with someone that you helped.

Helping Hand

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“I Love Your Smile.”

Smile at five random people you encounter during the day. Share this card with one of those people who smiled back at you.

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Hello!

Introduce yourself to three random people today and have a brief conversation. Share this card with the third person you met.

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Share with someone what civility means to you and why it is important.
Pick up 5 pieces of trash within your community. After disposing of the fifth piece, give this card to a random person nearby.
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Visit a local business or nonprofit organization in your community to learn about their mission. Share this card with someone else who visits that site.

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During the next 24 hours, you can only use kind and encouraging words towards people and animals. Share this card with someone after completion.
Use “please” and “thank you” when requesting help from other people at least five times. If someone responds by saying “you’re welcome,” share this card with that person.
Take one minute to practice mindfulness. Be present and breathe deeply in and out. Share this card with someone after completing the breath cycle at least three times.

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“Be the Change You Wish to See.”
Create a sign or chant that reflects an issue that you care about. In an open space or public forum speak civilly with someone about the topic. After your conversation, share this card with them.

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Visit and share three of your favorite places in your community with someone you know. Explain why these places are important to you. After visiting the third location, share this card with that person.

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Try and go 24 hours without complaining about someone or something. Focus your energy on finding a positive solution or outcome to the situation instead.
“Silence is Golden.”
Unplug and visit a quiet place such as a library or public garden that is free of loud noises or distractions. After enjoying the power of silence, share this card with someone who is in a loud or noisy location.

Shhh...
Write a letter to a local city or state official discussing why civility is important to the community. Include this card with your letter.
Plant a flower, fruit, or vegetable in a garden within your community or your home. Reflect upon how this action impacts the community positively and improves sustainability.

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“Oh, the Places You’ll Go.” Visit and explore a place in your community or city that you have never been to before. Leave this card in the place for another visitor to find.

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“A World of Pure Imagination.”
Create something that is animal-friendly or eco-friendly that will positively impact the environment. Share your creation and this card with someone.

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“Art of Communication.”
Write an encouraging and kind note or letter for someone to find. Leave your card along with your letter.
Have a conversation with someone you know without using any type of technology. After your conversation, share this card with that person.

face to face

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“When People Talk, Listen Completely.”
Actively engage and listen to someone who has a very different opinion, perspective, philosophy, belief system, etc., than you. Engage in civil discourse about the topic. Allow both voices to have equal space and to listen and hear the other voice. After your conversation, share this card with someone else.

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