

# Civility

## CHALLENGE



USC School  
of Dramatic Arts

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@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.

[dramaticarts.usc.edu](http://dramaticarts.usc.edu)

# OPEN DOORS

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.

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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*

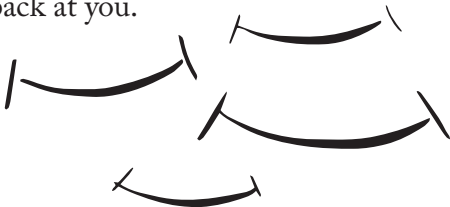
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## **“I Love Your Smile.”**

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.

CIVILITY

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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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## CommUNITY

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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# Nice!

During the next 24 hours,  
you can only use kind  
and encouraging words  
towards people and animals.  
Share this card with  
someone after completion.

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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.

Thank  
you!

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# Breathe

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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# 1 DAY

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.

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**“Silence is Golden.”**

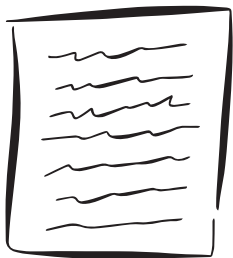
Unplug and visit a quiet place such as a library or public garden that is free of loud noises or distractions. After enjoying the power of silence, share this card with someone who is in a loud or noisy location.

Shhh...

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Write a letter to a local city or state official discussing why civility is important to the community. Include this card with your letter.

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# Seed

Plant a flower, fruit, or vegetable in a garden within your community or your home.

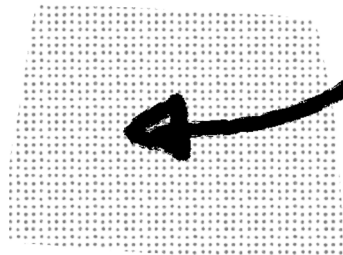
Reflect upon how this action impacts the community positively and improves sustainability.

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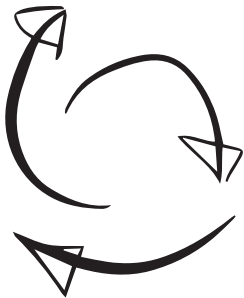
## “Oh, the Places You’ll Go.”

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.

# ENCOURAGE

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Have a conversation with  
someone you know without  
using any type of technology.

After your conversation, share  
this card with that person.

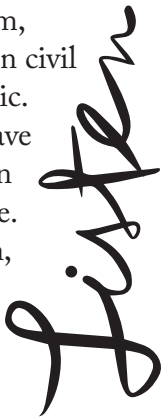
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to  
face

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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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