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What: UWM School of Education and Wisconsin Character Education Partnership News

The **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Education (UWM/SOE)** and **Wisconsin Character Education Partnership (WCEP)** announce an affiliation which will enable them to become leaders in social/emotional learning. Creating peaceful, joyous classrooms by modeling good character behavior accelerates learning. This makes students career and college ready while assisting them in becoming good citizens. The announcement comes from UWM/SOE administrators and the WCEP Board of Directors.

Participants:

WCEP is part of the national Character Education (CE) organization and movement. CE provides K-12 schools with the *Eleven Principles of Character* and then encourages participating schools to find their unique, individualized means of striving to become a character driven community: students, teachers, staff and families. The organization works by training school personnel in techniques for achieving character driven goals. Best practices are published and shared amongst member schools. Awards are given at the state and national levels for successful efforts.

UWM/SOE grants education degrees at the bachelor, master and doctorate levels. It will now have the opportunity to become a national leader with a proficient partner organization and encourage solutions and best practices thereby creating a character driven K-12 environment. Research and publishing opportunities abound by building on the pioneering work currently going on in this field.

Affiliation Benefits:

WCEP welcomes the scrutiny of rigorous academic field work and expects its work to continue to improve. UWM/SOE graduates will be fully versed in the field and eager to participate in creating character driven school communities. WCEP believes graduates will be recruited because of their knowledge in this area.

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