

Issue 6: October 2025

Welcome to the sixth edition of our new communications channel, ICAI Highlights!

In this issue, we will:

1. Spotlight IDoA 2025 - coming soon on October 15!
2. Give you a snapshot from the latest #IntegrityMatters blogs
3. Give a round-up of Integrity News
4. Invite you to register for the ICAI Conference 2026
5. Reflect on the UDEM Conference from September 24-26
6. Remind you about the ICAI Southeast Conference

How to contact ICAI Highlights

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Spotlight: International Day of Action for Academic Integrity (IDoA): 10.15.25!

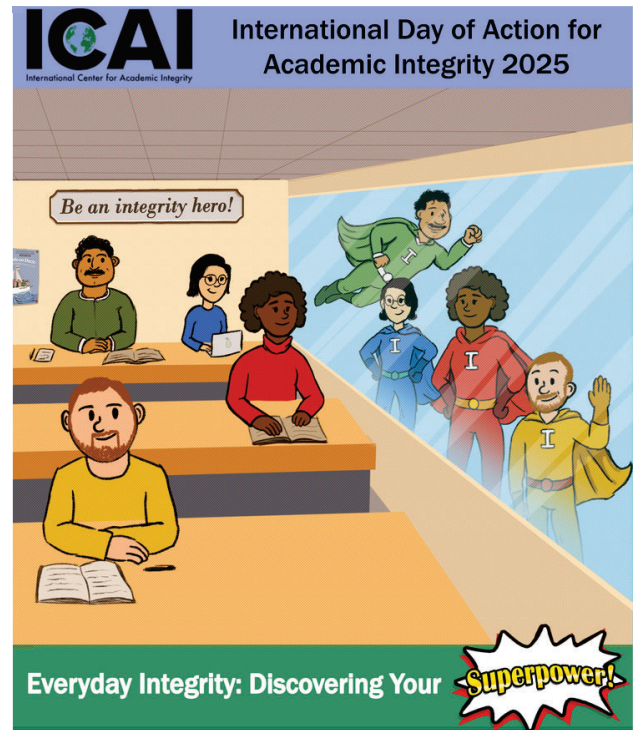
Everyday integrity: Discovering your superpower!

It's almost here!

Don't miss our exciting annual event with 15 hours of live sessions on October 15! Free and open to all!

Special features:

- Seven sessions featuring students in many contexts from high school to doctoral level.
- Diverse participants including globally renowned academic integrity experts, researchers, educators at multiple levels, administrators, and those working beyond academia.
- Speakers in a wide range of countries and regions, including: Australia, Canada, Chile, Czechia, Gaza, Guatemala, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Spain, South Africa, UAE, UK, USA.
- Debates, panel discussions, videos, interactive polls.
- Open access teaching resources for you to use.
- Pre-event: October 1
- Student comic strip contest - minimum 6-panels (Submission Deadline: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 11:59 pm EST, see [contest rules](#)).



Everyday Integrity: Discovering Your



October 15, 2025

Join us to celebrate 10 years of IDOA!

[IDoA website](#)

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#Integrity Matters Blog

The #IntegrityMatters blog has featured 2 blogs looking forward to events: the ICAI Southeast Regional Conference and the launch of the IDoA program; and 2 blogs with practical advice: to assess your academic integrity office and make a seasonal trim of your AI syllabus statements. Read more on the [Integrity Matters blog page](#)

2025 ICAI Southeast Regional Virtual Conference: It takes a village by Phillip Griffith

This year's conference theme is "It Takes a Village: Holistic Education in the Era of AI" and organizers hope to capture the perspectives of three stakeholder groups:

- Practitioners- how they implement AI in teaching while fostering student critical thinking and addressing challenges encountered;
- Students - how they use AI and their perspectives on its role in education;
- Administrators - how they support students and practitioners...



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Assessing your academic integrity office by Courtney Cullen

Why We Assess

Assessment is often viewed with dread. One more task on your never ending to do list that administrators want you to submit every year. With increasing caseloads and no real use of the data you collect, you may be wondering why it matters. If this is you, you are not alone. Let's look at how we may alter your assessment cycle to benefit your office and build change around your campus culture of integrity...

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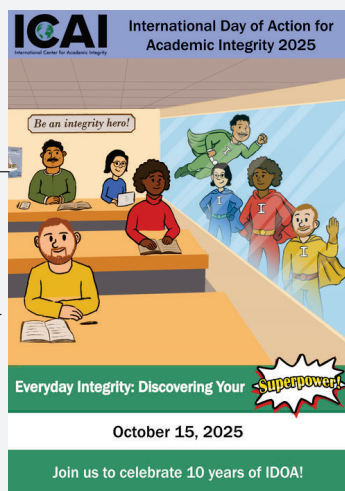
Everyday integrity: Discovering your superpower! Program out for IDoA2025! by Mary Davis

It's here!

Our program of live events for the 10th [International Day of Action for Academic Integrity](#) on October 15 is now available - please check it out, [register to attend](#) and join us!

Contributions

We have about 90 panelists for IDoA this year from at least 20 countries, with 60 Faculty/staff and about 30 students. Huge thanks in advance to all the contributors for their efforts, and many thanks to all those working on IDoA2025...



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This fall, trim those AI syllabus statments by Joseph Brown

It's fall, and it's time to prepare for the season. Here in Colorado, it means exchanging shorts for flannel, trimming the yard for its final form through winter, and watching the aspens turn that bright gold that heralds the season in the mountains. It also means that, at this point in the term, I've read a lot of syllabus statements on generative AI and academic integrity. And I'm here to tell you, it is time for a seasonal trimming of those too. The verbose generative AI statement once served us well. The longer, august statements (usually featuring a preamble) helped when our worry was that our students or our colleagues (and administration) didn't know enough about what AI was or how it could figure into our classes. That time has passed...



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Do you, your colleagues and/or your students want to write a blog?

If you have an academic integrity message, experience, practice or project to share via a blog, please get in touch with the Integrity Matters blog editor: Mary Davis mdavis@academicintegrity.org

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Ready to rise? Register now and Elevate Integrity with us!

Registration is officially open for the 2026 ICAI Annual Conference! This year's theme, Elevate Integrity, invites us to rise together—sharing ideas, building strategies, and advancing a culture of integrity in education.

Early bird rates are available now through January 9, 2026—don't miss your chance to lock in savings and secure your spot.

Join us as we take academic integrity to new heights.

Register today:

<https://academicintegrity.org/aws/ICAI/pt/sp/annual>

Lift Your Voice. Elevate Integrity.



Reflections on UDEM Conference September 24-26

The UDEM Conference, Monterrey, Mexico achieved its objective as a transformative commitment with an inspiring academic integrity event including an outstanding keynote from Guy Curtis on 20 years of research into student plagiarism, and another by ICAI President Blaire Wilson on the long-term importance of teaching and learning about academic integrity for future jobs and the stability of society. ICAI board members Kelly Ahuna and Courtney Cullen also gave insightful and thought-provoking presentations on their research into recent developments in academic integrity.

IDoA Committee member Luz Godina led an fascinating panel discussion about developing pathways to institutional integrity systems with colleagues.

The Conference was in its 13th year and continues to lead the way in high quality presentations and discussions demonstrating the importance of academic integrity across the Latin American network and beyond.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the event, especially the organisers Liliana Almaguer, Luz Godina and team!



Have you been following the news stories about integrity? Here are our main news stories:

Contract cheating

A important new documentary film has been released called 'Shadow Scholars' about the contract cheating industry spotlighting Kenyan scholars writing essays and theses for students around the world. The documentary is narrated by Professor Patricia Kingori from the University of Oxford, includes interviews with Thomas Lancaster and is directed by Eloise King (see posts by [Eloise King](#), [Thomas Lancaster](#) and [YouTube trailer](#)).

Research integrity

The European Network of Research Integrity Offices (ENRIO) Congress in Ljubljana discussed safe institutional cultures and the shared responsibility for strengthening research integrity, including a presentation by Artem Artyukhov on scientific consulting vs scientific consulting mills (see posts by [ENRIO](#) and [Artem Artyukhov](#)).

AI news

A subject of much continued discussion is assessment redesign for academic integrity and learning, in the light of AI challenges (see posts by [Thomas Corbin](#)).

A recent research paper is being discussed which compared AI and human feedback, and concluded there is little difference in effectiveness, but a hybrid approach is recommended to benefit from the speed of AI feedback while retaining the empathetic and contextual features of human feedback. (see post by [Rogers Kaliisa](#)).

Reminder: The [Southeast ICAI conference](#) one-day virtual event is on Friday, **October 24**, 2025, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM (ET) on the theme of "It Takes a Village: Holistic Education in the Era of AI."

Still time to register!

Register here. Zoom link and full program will be shared in advance.

We look forward to seeing you later this month!

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