

International Day of Action Against Contract Cheating 2022

List of news reports to discuss with students about the long term professional and social impacts of academic integrity problems

This list of news reports about the long-term professional and social impacts of academic integrity problems was produced by the International Day of Action Against Contract Cheating 2022 Faculty planning group. It includes news items from Canada, Germany, New Zealand, US and UK. The list was summarised and compiled by Dr Mary Davis, UK, Faculty co-chair.

Academic integrity issue	Brief description	Website link (eg to news site)
Impersonation	<p>The story of the impact of a construction manager who stole the identity and qualifications of a colleague. The building he constructed collapsed during the Christchurch earthquake in 2011, killing 115 people. New Zealand</p> <p>The story of someone unqualified working as a nurse and using needles on patients Canada</p>	<p>https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/124243373/collapse-revisiting-the-odd-case-of-gerald-shirtcliff-the-fake-ctv-engineer</p> <p>https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/fake-nurse-sentenced-7-years-for-impersonation-using-needles-on-patients/ar-AAWuTmT</p>
Plagiarism	<p>The story of Germany's education minister who was found to have plagiarised their PhD. The minister was responsible for overseeing universities, then lost their degree and post as education minister. Germany</p> <p>The story of a Dean who plagiarised a speech to graduates Canada</p>	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/feb/09/german-education-minishttps://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/erik-wemple/wp/2014/05/16/cnn-fires-news-editor-marie-louise-gumuchian-for-plagiarism/ter-quits-phd-plagiarism</p> <p>https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/probe-of-deans-plagiarized-speech-wont-be-made-public-university-of-alberta-says/article594045/</p>

Cheating	<p>Schools resorted to online instruction during the pandemic, and access to technology during assessments blurred the lines between unauthorised collaborations and cheating. The story in the link explores different challenges some teachers faced and the measures they tried to help the students understand why integrity matters.</p> <p>US</p>	<p>https://www.npr.org/2021/08/27/1031255390/reports-of-cheating-at-colleges-soar-during-the-pandemic</p>
Cheating	<p>EY employees cheated on exams required to obtain and maintain Certified Public Accountant licenses</p> <p>US</p>	<p>https://www.theguardian.com/business/2022/jun/28/ernst-and-young-fined-cheating-audit-settlement</p>
Impersonation	<p>Company reported to be advertising a job to write university applications for international students to UK universities, including personal statements. The job advert requires writers to 'adjust or rewrite your prose style to match the voice of different students'.</p> <p>UK</p>	<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-62305043</p>
Inappropriate professional behaviour	<p>Lawyer charged with breaking the law.</p> <p>Canada</p> <p>Paramedics accused of mistreating patients</p> <p>US</p>	<p>https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/lakeshore-councillor-charged-in-alleged-road-rage-incident</p> <p>https://www.firstcoastnews.com/article/news/crime/florida-paramedics-accused-of-taking-selfies-with-unconscious-patients-as-part-of-challenge/77-279634254</p>