

Daily Curriculum – March 26

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

If you could interview a famous person, whom would you choose, what would you want to ask, and how would you prepare?

Key Concepts: Identify or explain these subjects you heard about in today's show:

1. debt load
2. NCAA
3. unionize

Fast Facts: How well were you listening to today's program?

1. In what U.S. state has the governor declared a state of emergency after a recent landslide killed at least 14 people? Explain how landslides happen.
2. What advice does First Lady Michelle Obama have for students who want to study abroad? Where did she receive her first passport stamp? How did she feel about asking her dad to pay for the trip? How did he respond? What did she get out of the experience?
3. According to the report: What is the median debt load for a student with a graduate degree? How does this compare to the debt load graduate students carried in 2004? What factors may be behind this increase?
4. Why is former Northwestern University football player Jeff Yarbrough now unable to run? Why doesn't he have surgery to correct the problem? What are members of the Northwestern University football team trying to do, and why? How has the university responded? What is the NCAA? How has this organization responded to the players? Why does the law professor in the video argue that unionizing is not the answer to the players' concerns?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think that the first lady advises young people to "be open" when they study in another country? Have you ever traveled to a place where the people and culture were different from what you knew? If you have, how did the experience impact you?
2. Do you plan to attend college? Is graduate school a possibility for you? If so, how much do you expect to contribute to tuition and other expenses? What options might help exist you pay for your education? Do you think a college degree is worth the cost? Explain. What do you think you could do to minimize the cost of earning a degree?
3. What is your opinion of the Northwestern University football players' attempt to unionize? Do you see the players as employees of the university, or do you see them as students? Which way do you think the judge should rule? Explain.