

NAF Next - Unleashing Student Potential Through Advocacy and Role Modeling

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Session Agenda



In this session we will:

- The **influence of social identity** on student decisions and reaction
- Practical techniques to **enhance self-advocacy among students**
- Develop collaborative approaches to **foster student achievement**
- Discuss tools for **building industry partner allies**
- Explore how we can **lead by example** (role modeling)
- Craft a personal **advocacy mission statement**

Social Identity Defined



Given

Chosen

Core

The aspects of your identity that come from belonging to certain groups, including those based on gender, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, race or ethnicity, age, education, socioeconomic status, etc.

Understanding Your Social Identity



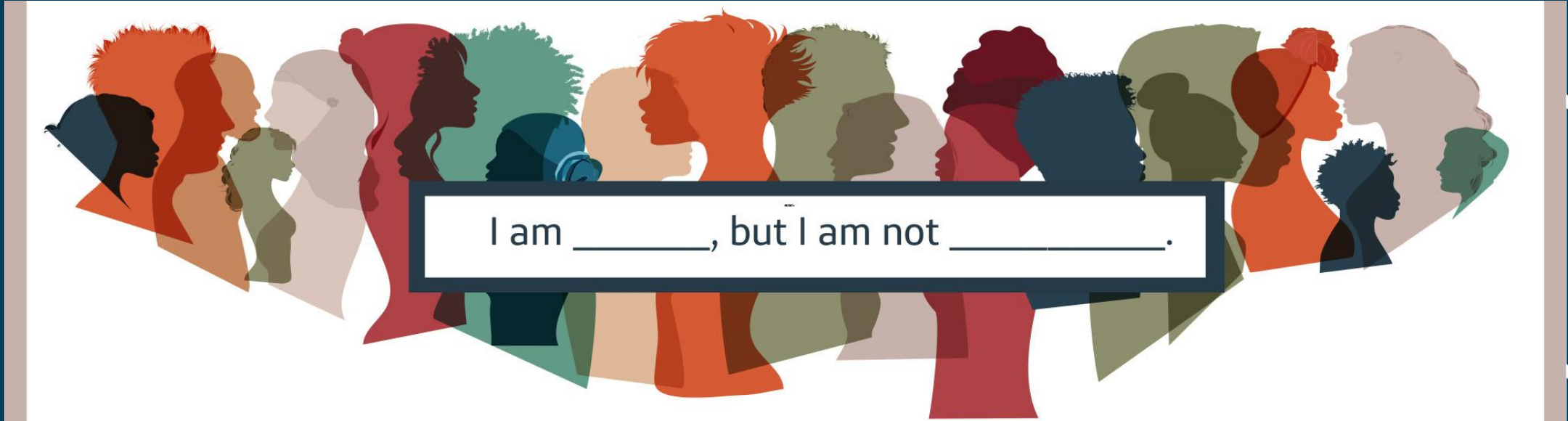
How might elements of your social identity impact how you are building relationships with your students?

Understanding Your Social Identity - Debrief

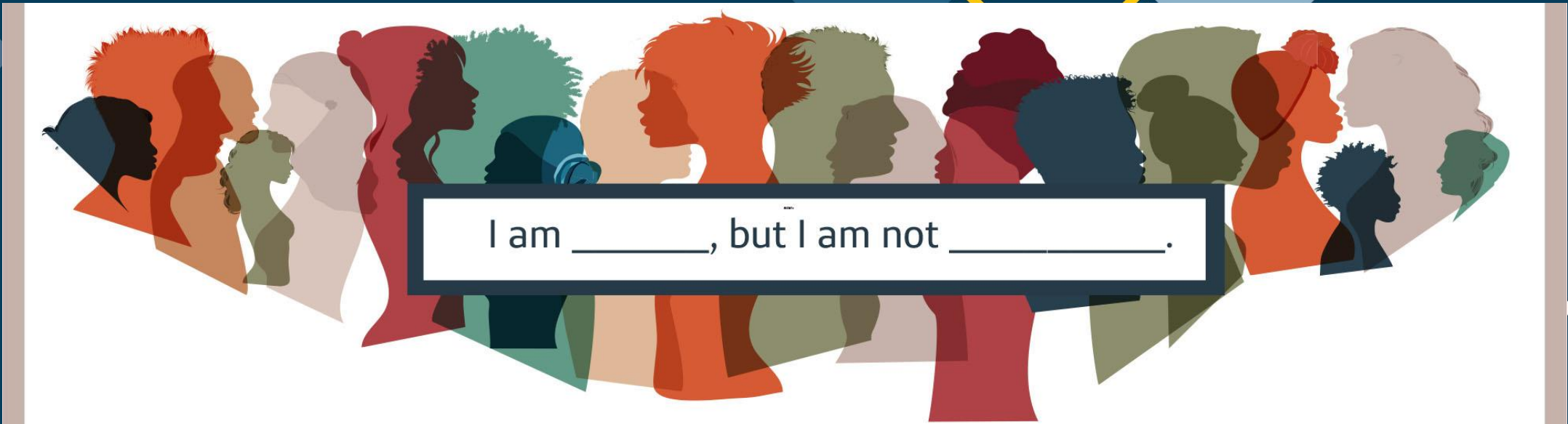


Why is it important to have a high level of self awareness as learning professionals?

“Inclusive teaching requires an understanding of how social identities matter to our students, and to ourselves as instructors.”
- Jackson Bartlett, Associate Director for Inclusive Teaching at CATE



I am _____, but I am not _____.



I am Mexican but I am not fluent in Spanish

I am good at learning material, but i am not good at getting tested on it.

I am social person, But I am not an extrovert.

I am exhausted but I am not a quitter.

I look mean and nonchalant, but I am not

I am extroverted and social but not confident

I am an introvert, but I am not restricted by my wants to be alone when it comes to helping a friend.

My Student Story



Self-advocacy is the ability to communicate your needs. People who self-advocate are more likely to thrive in school, work, and life. Self-advocacy skills can be learned at any age.

Social Identity and Student Choice



When a child begins their educational journey, they begin to encounter their first experiences with understanding belonging:

Introduced to people of various identity groups

Awareness of individual identities begin to form

Social Identities become more prevalent

Elevating Student Advocacy

IMPLEMENT MEASURES FOR STUDENT SELF-KNOWLEDGE

- Learning interest inventories
- Providing Feedback that encourage growth and development
- Resources that close skills gaps
- Frequent peer and self-assessment

PROVIDE EASY-ACCESS EDUCATIONAL TOOLS

- Tools that promote experiential learning
- Make learning tools easily accessible
- Create avenues for promotion of learning path

BUILD A COMMUNITY ON STUDENT VOICE

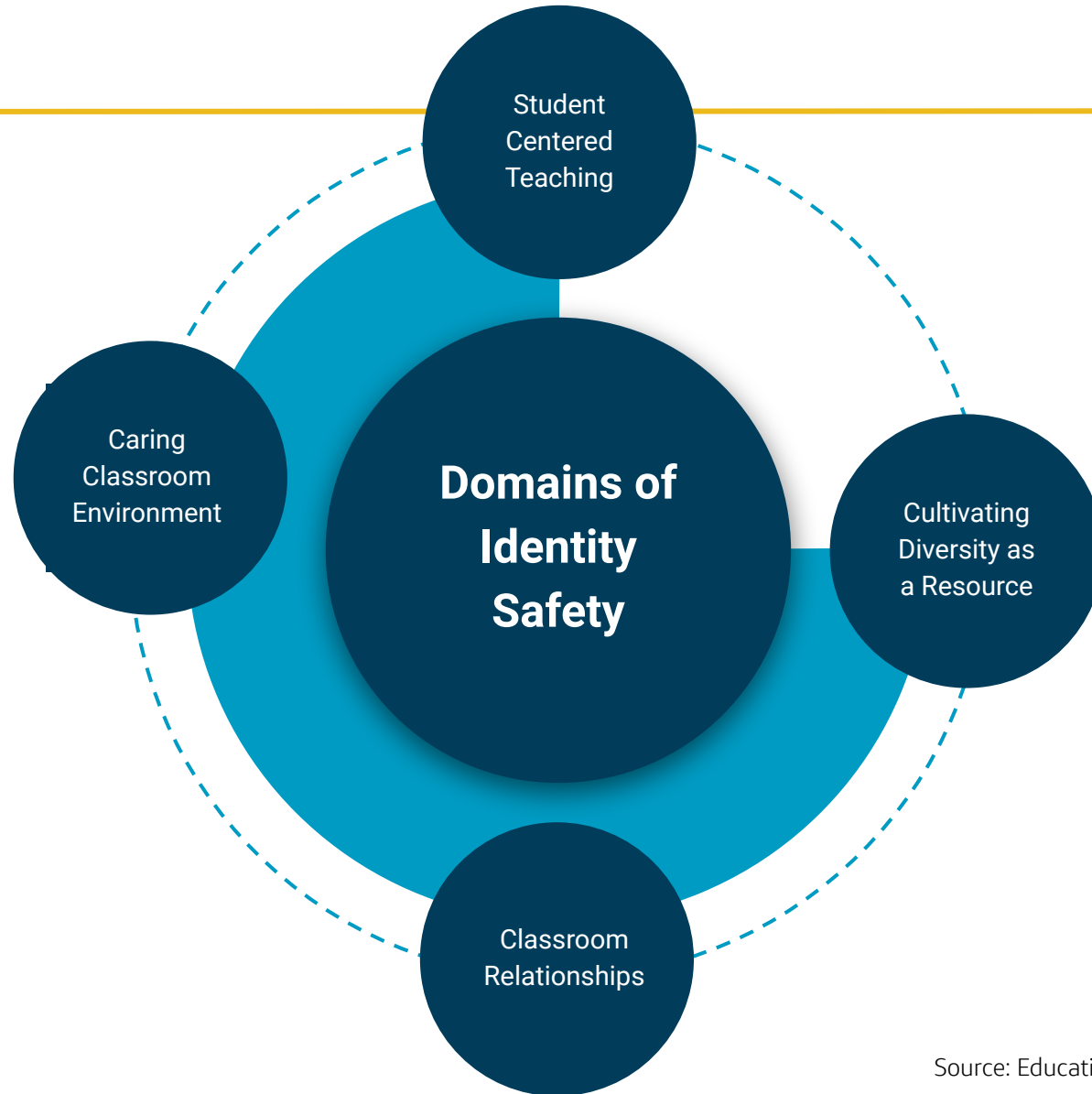
- Daily check-ins (beginning or end of day)
- Build in time for reflection
- Sentence stems, starters, and word banks are very important for students who struggle to articulate their thoughts.
- Student-led discussions

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Fostering Student Achievement

Our role is to create an equitable and safe environment for learners

How do we cultivate this through other modalities?



Building Industry Partner Allies

HOST PARTNER VISITS - COUNCILS

INTERNSHIP & MENTORSHIP

BUILDS STRONG INDUSTRY PARTNERS ALLIES

- **JOB MARKET**
- **INDUSTRY TRENDS**
- **NEW TECHNOLOGIES**

ADVOCATE FOR APPLICABLE RESOURCES

ELEVATE STUDENT JOURNEY STORIES



Leading by Example

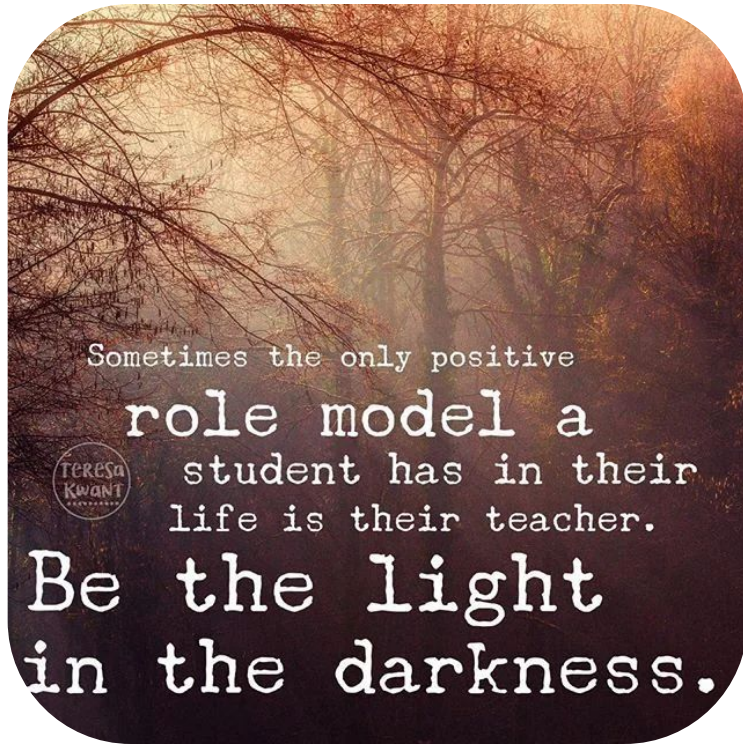
- ❑ Encourage open communication
- ❑ Provide opportunities for growth:
- ❑ Recognize and celebrate achievements
- ❑ Foster a culture of feedback

Activity: Share your insights:

- Best Practice Sharing
- Which of these may be present the most challenges. How might we overcome those?



Educators Inspire through Role Modeling



What's Your Advocacy Mission Statement?

Things to consider:

- Who am I?
- What do I value as an educator?
- What barriers of belonging do you want to remove?
- What resources do I need?



Teachers have a profound responsibility to be the best role model possible, for they are the window through many children see their future.

- Author Unknown

