



Reasoning with Ethics

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Ethics in action creates character.

Use this blog to:

1. Lead class discussions in social studies, civics, ethics or advisory classes.
2. Teach students skills to analyze cases with core ethical values.
3. Recognize skills in support of SEE's Tri-Factor Model of ethical functioning.

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Beyond Pizza

What brings a well-to-do master chef, born in Italy and now the owner of successful restaurants in Chicago to the Cook County Jail?

Bruno Abate tells a CBS interviewer that he answered a call and found purpose in reaching out to touch the lives of jail inmates. Abate founded Recipe for Change, which has expanded to culinary, fine arts and life skills training for Cook County prisoners. Of the hundreds that have participated in his program, none have returned to jail and that compares to the traditional 70% recidivism rate.

One program of Recipe for Change engages inmates in an in-house culinary program where under Abate's mentorship and high standards the inmates learn how to create artisan pizzas. The culinary and life skills learned in the process prepare the inmates for life after prison and help break the cycle of the street hustle leading back to jail.

SEE asks students to consider what core values would motivate a man like Abate to give up time from his comfortable life to create and lead this prison program? Beyond Abate's culinary expertise, what skills would he have needed to see his vision for a prison program become successful?

Regarding the response sought for this archived issue, SEE welcomes students to post responses on our website at http://bit.ly/Ethics_Case. A relevant video can be found at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/italian-born-pizza-chef-bruno-abate-teaches-cook-county-jail-inmates-cooking-and-life-skills/>

For more information about Recipe for Change, visit their website at-- <http://recipeforchangeproject.org/>

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Master Chef Bruno Abate with Cook County inmate in his Recipe for Change program.

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