Voicing Values at Gustavson

Every day, each of us makes thousands of decisions about how to act, and part of a good education is learning to think critically in order to make choices deliberately. One of the ways that Gustavson supports students as they develop these skills is by offering them fun, social, and safe places to learn even before they officially start their classes with us.

On October 25, 2016, 20 first- and second-year UVic students got together to talk about ethical dilemmas and practice some possible responses. Having a common set of values, says first-year student Rachel Kelly, “creates a desirable work environment where all employees feel comfortable and respected. In certain situations, however, it becomes difficult to judge if what you are doing is ethical or not.”

To see what Rachel learned at Gustavson’s “What Would You Do?” workshop, visit today’s blog post.

A standard for design life and durability for engineered mine wastes structures in the Journal of Cleaner Production, September 2016.

The premise for this paper is that poor rehabilitation outcomes are an inevitable consequence of the lack of consideration of design life and durability in the construction of mine wastes structures that usually account for the greatest residual risk to the environment after mine closure. The authors believe this is partly due to the absence of an appropriate standard or code for engineers to work towards. This paper provides a framework for the development of such standards in the expectation that this will result in further discussion and development of this approach in the mining sector.

Purpose, women, STEM

Fashion industry leader Rebecca Minkoff has a couple of purposeful goals for her business. One is to promote female entrepreneurship and empowerment. The other is to encourage women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math, or what’s called “STEM.”

Article and short video Rebecca Minkoff Wants to See More Women in STEM on Fortune.com.

Das Auto

One hundred and thirty years after Karl Benz patented a three-wheeled vehicle powered by a single-cylinder engine, the German auto industry is hanging up the gloves. Maybe.

This article in Wired on October 18, 2016, offers a fascinating glimpse into the history and future of the world’s biggest car industry in its homeland.

Three answers to three questions on how inclusive business will help achieve SDGs

At the seventh annual Business Call to Action forum, representatives from government, corporations, and the United Nations gathered in New York City to explore the efforts of inclusive businesses to meet the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The article in The Guardian is here.

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