

Community Colleges

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I spent yesterday afternoon at Bunker Hill Community College and have already, in the few hours since then, had e-mail from several of the students whom I met there.

I think that we pay much too little attention in this country, and spend much too little money, on education. Okay, enough time on my soapbox.

But one of the good things we do is to provide community colleges.

I was with, yesterday, students from I-don't-know-how-many different cultures. English is a second language for many of them. I watched them listen intently and take notes. They came up to me afterward to thank me, to shake my hand, to tell me their names: names from Iraq, Thailand, Viet Nam, Korea, Barbados, Haiti...those are a few that I recall.

Most of them, probably all of them, have jobs. They work hard and study hard and spend their time trying to better their own lives and make a difference in the world. I doubt if any of them went to Fort Lauderdale for Spring Break.

I admire them.

I admire them more than I admire the Duke University Lacrosse team.

And I admire their teachers.

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