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Truth, Beauty and Goodness Reframed: Educating for the Virtues in the Age of Truthiness and Twitter

Howard Gardner, Ph.D.

Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

October 30, 2012, 7:00 PM
New Trier HS/Northfield Campus
Cornog Auditorium
7 Happ Rd., Northfield

Free and open to the public.
Book sale and signing.
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Tuesday, October 30, 2012, Truth, Beauty and Goodness Reframed: Educating for the Virtues in the Age of Truthiness and Twitter 7:00-9:00 PM, New Trier High School/Northfield Campus, Cornog Auditorium, 7 Happ Rd., Northfield, 60093. In the immediate wake of what may be the largest cheating scandal in Harvard University's history, one of its most renowned faculty members, the psychologist/researcher/educator **Howard Gardner, Ph.D.**, penned an op-ed for *The Washington Post* titled "When ambition trumps ethics" about our contemporary culture of success-at-all-costs. He called for a "searching examination of the messages being conveyed" to youth today. His decades-long study of what constitutes "good work," work that is excellent, ethical and engaging, positions him firmly as an informed source about what happens when the desire for economic success at all costs becomes the prevailing social paradigm.

In 2008, Dr. Gardner delivered a series of three lectures at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, where he is a trustee, and that endeavor later resulted in his 2011 book, *Truth, Beauty and Goodness Reframed: Educating for the Virtues in the Age of Truthiness and Twitter*. In his lectures and book, Dr. Gardner argues against the prevailing notion, promulgated by both postmodern acolytes and the new digital media, that the virtues of truth, beauty and goodness are now quaint, having outlived their usefulness. Dr. Gardner finds it imperative to revisit and preserve these classic core virtues with a modern lens, and to examine what they mean in today's reconfigured landscape. He extends his observations to offer educators (and parents and students) a roadmap as to how to engage in conversations and activities about these three virtues, both now and in the future.

Dr. Gardner is the **Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education** at the **Harvard Graduate School of Education**. He also holds positions as **Adjunct Professor of Psychology** at **Harvard University** and **Senior Director of Harvard Project Zero**. Among numerous honors, Gardner received a MacArthur Prize Fellowship in 1981. He has received honorary degrees from twenty-nine colleges and universities. In 2005 and again in 2008, he was selected by *Foreign Policy* and *Prospect* magazines as one of the 100 most influential public intellectuals in the world. Most recently, Gardner received the 2011 Prince of Asturias Award for Social Sciences. The author of twenty-eight books translated into thirty-two languages, and several hundred articles, Gardner is best known in educational circles for his theory of multiple intelligences.

FAN is celebrating its 30th anniversary year, and is grateful for its 2012-13 partnerships with **Compass Health Center**, **North Shore Community Bank**, **Quintessential New Trier** magazine, and **The Book Stall at Chestnut Court**. CPDUs available for education professionals; no pre-registration required. Book sale and signing at the event. All programs are free and open to the public. Visit www.familyactionnetwork.net for more information.

