

Orientation Sunday • August 6 • 2-5:30PM

# ARÊTE INSTITUTE

Classics and Effective Leadership



**THE HABIT OF LEARNING** is the vital principle of education and the lifeblood of academic institutions. It needs to be stimulated throughout each school community and district—among educators as well as students.

Administrators working directly with instructional design and delivery carry a special burden of learning by virtue of their office: they are called upon to champion the academic *vision* of the enterprise while management duties and standard trainings tend to detach them from the human qualities and actions whose cultivation is the very reason for the work.

**THE COWAN CENTER'S ARÊTE INSTITUTE** is designed to help primary and secondary administrators refresh their imaginations for the *human* purposes of education by reacquainting them with the profundities of the human *experience* itself. Through the intensive study of great works of literature and art, and through presentation of leadership in light of these great texts, administrators are invited to awaken their creativity in a larger vista and reconsider their roles and responsibilities with liberated, purposeful eyes.

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*We emerge from Arête programs changed, and better, because we come to understand more fully the human enterprise in which we are engaged. In an age of standardization, this is an invaluable contribution to an administrator's personal and professional growth.*

Charles Carroll, Chief Academic Officer, Fort Worth ISD

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## THE 2017-2018 ARÊTE INSTITUTE: COMIC WISDOM AND THE NATURE OF AUTHORITY

**August 6, 2017** • SUNDAY: 2-5:30PM • RECEPTION AND PROGRAM—ORIENTATION: AN INTRODUCTION TO COMEDY  
A film and Dr. Louise Cowan's "Introduction" to *The Comic Terrain* are the focus. (A pdf of the text will be sent upon registration.) Other books and materials are provided at this time.

September 14-16, 2017 • Thursday: 5:00-8:00PM; Friday and Saturday: 8:45AM-4:00PM

**FOUNDATIONS OF THE COMIC ACTION** Intensive study of the comic genre in ancient Greek and Shakespearean dramas and a film helps refine the sensibilities needed to apprehend the human movements of comedy in art and life

January 18-20, 2018 • Thursday: 5:30-8:30PM; Friday and Saturday: 8:45AM-4:00PM

**COMIC STRIVING IN THE SHADOW OF MODERNITY** This intensive three-day study of Dostoevsky's prophetic novel *Crime and Punishment* is designed to explore the complexities of the human condition, particularly the nature of adolescent angst, a signature feature of our time.

Two Sunday 2-5:30PM sessions TBD, November and March • **COMIC WISDOM AND THE NATURE OF AUTHORITY**

**FEE: \$1,300.00** Includes nine sessions: instruction by specially trained Ph.D. faculty, books, materials, meals, and snacks.

**Please contact Dr. Claudia MacMillan to enroll: [cmacmillan@dallasinstitute.org](mailto:cmacmillan@dallasinstitute.org).**

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*Arête has been the single most influential leadership experience I have had. It has been one of the most significant experiences of my life.*

Audrey Wilson-Youngblood, Learning Coordinator, 7-12 English Language Arts/Library Services, Keller ISD

## Arête REFRESHES ME as it feeds my soul.

Lisa Behne, Associate Principal, Rockwall-Heath High School

*Studying with colleagues from around the area and examining leadership through profound literature has helped me gain NEW perspectives for the greater, moral questions of our work as educators and leaders.*

Dr. Tom Maglisceau, Principal, Rockwall-Heath High School

*Arête is rare, a place to connect with other leaders who welcome the challenge to think deeply, an opportunity to question and listen in a study of the human qualities necessary for leaders in public education.*

Leah Beard  
Director of Organizational Improvement and  
Strategic Planning, Keller ISD



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