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I am a faculty member in Industrial and Systems Engineering who is passionate about diversity and improving the climate at UW.

I have an idea for improving the campus climate. I know the deadline has passed, but I did not think of it until now and I wanted to share my idea anyway.

My idea is to promote diversity and student health in bathroom stalls.

My previous university of Virginia Commonwealth University did this in what they called the "Stall Seat Journal." Every month or two they would put new
It is a (11x16")

- informs students on being good citizens (campus climate!)
- reminds students about deadlines (withdrawing from class deadline, fill out evaluations)
- includes statistics and articles about health and safety, often about drinking and drugs (to combat party culture)

The Stall Seat Journal is cheesy, informal, and fun. It was successful in normalizing the idea that not everyone parties. Some of the topics are about microaggressions, and I think it can encourage students to listen to each other and learn something, a critical component in improving campus climate. It could be a way to subtly make students recognize that some of their behaviors are not healthy by providing them with a better alternative. A huge benefit is that these might not be seen as a diversity effort.

Read an article about it here:

http://www.news.vcu.edu/article/The_Stall_Seat_Journal_10_Years_of_Aha_and_HaHa_Health_News

See the archive here: <http://www.thewell.vcu.edu/>

Here is the latest Stall Seat Journal.

