

# T<sup>3</sup>: Today's Teaching Tip

## Professional careers and grades

Many students don't share our interest in their learning and career, rather than just the grades. How can we help change this?

- **Design assignments as learning opportunities** –We could ask students, “What might you learn by doing this assignment?”
- **Include reflection** – Students need to replace asking each other; “What marks did you get?” by “What did you learn?”
- **Plan evolving assignments** –Each assignment needs to build on what has been learned in the previous ones.
- **Encourage better collaboration with peers** – Help students replace asking each other; “is this unit hard?” by questions like; “how this unit prepares me for my career?”
- **Change the conversation** – Consider being interviewed for the job of your dreams and the interviewer says, ‘I see you took a unit on .... , tell me what you learned in that unit?’”