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We teach more by what we are than by what we teach.

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Whenever we talk about writing centers, we almost always refer to the *community* of writing centers, indicative of the close-knit ties among those who direct and staff these campus units. The community concept is especially important since, as writing center directors typically remark, "there is only one of us on any campus." Thus, reaching out, listening to others, and asking for advice are common, as are conference reunions over breakfast.

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