

Administrators First

In "[Better Ways to Battle the Silent Epidemic](#)," Simon Williams, argues:

Recently I argued in the British Medical Journal that introducing universal mental-health checks for schoolchildren could reap significant social, health, and economic benefits. The same argument applies to the college population. The earlier we identify burgeoning problems, the more likely we are to prevent them from developing into clinically diagnosable problems, the costs of which are far greater.

Let's take a little different perspective. Why don't we start mental-health screening with school administrators? They can lead by example.

If you have any doubt, take a look at the depositions of several USM administrators. Their confused, corrupt and false testimony strongly suggests they need mental-health screening, if anyone does.

Some are still on board at USM, like Gwen Pate and Steve Jackson. Others are at other schools, like Martha Saunders (University of West Florida) and Alvin Williams (University of South Alabama). Some, like Patty Munn, Rod Posey, and Charles Jordan, seem to have disappeared altogether from higher education.

Students and faculty shouldn't be subjected to their malicious behavior. Mental-health screening, if it is to be done *en masse*, should begin with administrators and their ally faculty.