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Quick Bytes

Dallas County Community College District

Quick Bytes, **a monthly publication of information about services from the LeCroy Center.**
January 2014

Welcoming in the New Year

Welcome back!
Many exciting things are happening at the LeCroy Center in 2014. eCampus has officially moved to the cloud (Blackboard Hosting), making the management of the Blackboard Learning Management System more streamlined with improved availability.

A new fast-track program called Ready to Go will be available later this year with 8-week online courses. Cedar Valley College and Dallas Colleges Online will pilot an online Business course (BUSI-1301, Introduction to Business) this semester in the shorter format. Course Content Expert, Diane Minger will teach the course online.

Dallas Learning Solutions is venturing into iBooks and iTunes, while helping institutions build solutions for distance education programs with course development, consulting, courseware licensing, and partnership opportunities.

We look forward to working with you soon. Have a great 2014.

Turning Textbooks into iTunes iBooks

US Government
2013
$9.99 ▾

Biology for Non-Science Majors
2013
$14.99 ▾

US Government
2013
$9.99 ▾

Texas Government
2013
$14.99 ▾

Biology for Non-Science Majors...
2013
$14.99 ▾

It's a new day and new tune for Dallas Learning Solutions' (DLS) first venture into interactive reading and learning with iBooks and iTunes. The first set of fully-interactive textbooks for US Government Volumes I and II, Texas Government and Biology for Non-Science Majors (content) and Biology for Non-Science Majors Labs, have been transformed into exciting, colorful, and informational iBooks for students, faculty and the general public. They are not just a textbook and study guide-- they feature interactive and 3D images, highlighting and note-taking sections, study cards, and sharing features. They can also be used as learning enhancement tools, available for download on an iPad or MAC computer.

See more on iTunes.com - Textbooks/Politics & Current Events/Dallas Learning Solutions

Customer Reviews

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Fantastic ★★★★★
by E.R.P. – Jul 15, 2013

"A wonderful way of presenting Texas Government. Well done and beautiful videos. It is all I need to understand and teach this topic to my students. Please bring more subjects to light in this manner."

Ready to Use Courses

The Faculty Access to Supportive Technology, FAST Team is ready to work one-on-one with faculty on the implementation of Ready to Use course templates. Each template is complete with multi-media content, interactive activities, and prepared tests with question pools. They are also designed with ADA guidelines and Quality Matters standards. All you have to do is drop in a course syllabus and course dates-- and you are ready to teach.

Ready To Use Courses

- **BIOL 1408**
- **ENGL 1301**
- **GOVT 2305 (Federal)**
- **GOVT 2306 (Texas)**
- **GEOL 1403**
- **HIST 1301**
- **HIST 1302**
- **BUSI 1301**

Contact the FAST Team to get started: readytouse.dcccd.edu

FAST Team Scores High in Satisfactory Survey

In a recent FAST Team survey of faculty members:

- 100% surveyed would recommend The FAST Team to other faculty
- 100% surveyed were satisfied with FAST Team services

Here is what they had to say:

I wanted to take a moment and let you know that Susan Long is wonderful. I do not speak computer, so she translates it from tech to historian, (from a HIST 1301 instructor).

Jami Woolley was extremely helpful and professional. I would have saved myself a lot of anguish by coming here first.

The FAST team is always willing to help! Thank you!

I always enjoy working with the FAST Team. I'm always pleased with the service provided.

Outstanding service - I'm very satisfied.

Contact the FAST Team at fast@dcccd.edu, call us at 972-669-6537.

NUTN Webinar Looks at Online Security and Authentification

A simple password might have been a good idea when we used only a handful of systems, but times are changing and so is the need for password protection. The National University Technology Network (NUTN) will offer a free webinar on "Proactive Solutions for Online Academic Integrity Challenges," on January 22 at 1:00pm. Dr. Mark Sarver, CEO of eduKan and Jeff Maynard, CEO of Biometric Signature ID, will lead a national discussion on this timely topic while looking at academic integrity in online courses, options available to colleges to help protect students and employees, and technologies for using authentication systems. Registration is free for DCCCD employees.

Register online at: nutn.org/webinars.

STARLINK: The First Year Experience

STARLINK Professional Development - February, 2014
FYI, It's About FYE (First Year Experience)
February 17 - March 3, 2014

"One in every four college students leave before completing their sophomore year and nearly half of all freshmen will either drop out before obtaining a degree or complete their college education elsewhere. This is why developing a comprehensive agenda for the First Year Experience (FYE) is important." www.act.org

Many schools build into their curriculum first-year seminars or other programs that collaboratively promote student access, success, and excellence. FYI, It's About FYE will showcase various FYE program methods and their effectiveness in retaining and enhancing student performance and retention.

Featured Presenter:
Ron Stout, MS, MSDT, CCLP
Psychology Professor, FYE Specialist, Senior Facilitator for Cooper Consulting

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