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DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Your Quarterly Distance Education News & Updates *Spring 2017*

Congratulations! LeCroy Center Accelerated Supervisor Certificate Program named 2017 Bellwether Award Finalists at national Community College Future Assembly Conference.

LeCroy Center, Cedar Valley and North Lake Colleges Team Earns Finalist in Bellwether Award

The DCCCD's Accelerated (CBE) Supervisor Certificate Program, developed by the LeCroy Center with Cedar Valley College and North Lake College was awarded as a finalist in the Workforce category of the 2017 Bellwether Award competition January 30, 2017 in Orlando, Florida. The Team presented *After the Pipeline: Promotions for Incumbent Workers*.



Pictured in photo: Dr. Pam Quinn, Provost, LCET; Dr. Diane Minger, Faculty, CVC; Monica Lira Bravo, DCCCD Board of Trustees; Gemmy Allen, Faculty, NLC; Jesus Moreno, I.T. LCET and Dr. Christa Slejko, President, NLC. .

The Bellwether Award recognizes innovative community college programs and practices. Each year, finalists are invited to join the Bellwether College Consortium. Finalists are selected "based upon how well the program addresses" the conference's theme, an identified critical issue and the published criteria.

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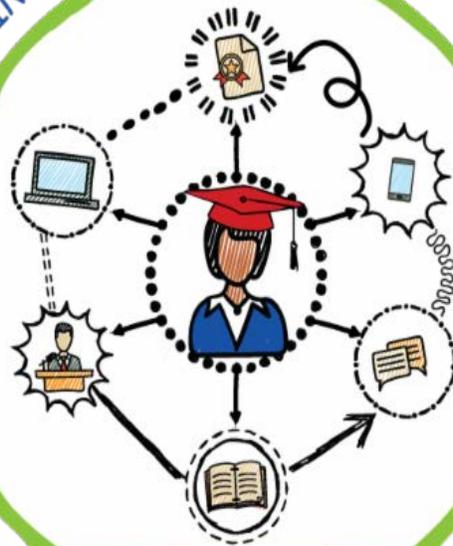
[See a list of the 2017 Bellwether Award recipients](#)

[See the new Fast Track Supervisory Certificate Program Video](#)



**Technology Institute Moves to Spring - Mark your Calendars
Friday, April 21, North Lake College, 9:00am - 3:30pm**

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Technology Spring Institute

APRIL 21, 2017 || NORTH LAKE COLLEGE

Presented by the LeCroy Center

Dallas County Community College District

Join us at the Technology Spring Institute to exchange great ideas with colleagues from the district and around the state.

- Featuring national expert keynote speakers.
- DCCCD Faculty and Student Rockstar Panels
- Pre-conference workshops, keynote speakers, vendors exhibiting the latest eLearning technologies and services, and a day-full of concurrent interactive sessions.

- Call for Presentations - Feb 28 - March 10
- Registration opens - March 13

For more information, contact aauzenne@dcccd.edu

Looking for a Program for Professional Development Day? We've Got you Covered

Digital Educational Badges Explores Student Credentials Free Webinar Feb 23

What is a digital badge?

A digital badge is a validated indicator of accomplishment, skill, quality, or interest that can be earned in many learning environments. Open digital badging makes it easy for anyone to issue, earn, and display badges across the web-through an infrastructure that uses shared and open technical standards.

The LeCroy Center will present a free professional development webinar on Open Educational Digital Badges, Thursday, February 23 at 2:00pm.





Dr. Richard E. West, Associate Professor at the McKay School of Education, Brigham Young University, will be our featured speaker in our professional development webinar on Open Educational Digital Badges Thursday, February 23 at 2:00 PM. West teaches courses in instructional design, technology integration, evaluation, and research methods. He currently conducts research in open badges for pre-service teacher education, online learning communities, and learning environments to promote group creativity. He is a developer for Badgeschool.org.

To register for the live program, contact the Learning Technology Team, ltt@dcccd.edu.

Learning Technology Teaching Tips



One of the best ways to find usable copyrighted works, especially images, is to find someone who wants to share their work under a Creative Commons (CC) license. CC creators share their work without having to relinquish copyright or individually license their work. These licenses allow users to use works without needing to pay for a license or royalties.

[Read more at Creative Commons in Plain English](#)

Here are 4 EZ steps to get you started with You Tube videos in your online course:

1. On the YouTube website, type in your search criteria in the search field. For example "Transmedia Storytelling." This will single out all content on YouTube that is about Transmedia Storytelling.
2. Next, locate the Filter button to the left on the screen and click.
3. Select to filter using "Creative Commons" by clicking this option. This will single out the videos that are on YouTube, are about transmedia storytelling, and are published there under a Creative Commons licensing.

Happy creative commons video searching!

5 Essential Steps to Building Community for Your Online Course



To build a community, I like to give my students a survey in the beginning of the course, which captures data about their academic backgrounds and interests. In a recent online course on how to code, I added the following question to the survey: "How confident do you feel in your ability to program?"

Kunal Chawla, course developer and instructor at Udacity.

Learning online can be a very lonely process. You sit with your computer, working for the most part in a quarantined digital island, unaware of your peers and their struggles in the course. In this post, I want to highlight some ways of connecting online students and creating a vibrant learning community.

[Read more...](#)

Quality Scorecard Nearing Final Phase

The district-wide Quality Score Card Steering Team met January 18th at the LeCroy Center to discuss Phase III results and recommendations covering the areas of Course Development & Instructional Design and Course Structure. Representatives at the colleges are currently scoring areas for Phase IV, the final phase of the project. They will meet in April to report on Phase IV findings and to prioritize tactical (short-term) and strategic (long-term) recommendations. They will also develop the initial process for implementing selected QSC recommendations.

Quality Scorecard Team

Pam Quinn, Project Chair, LCET	Fred Newbury, Project Chair, RLC	Terry DiPaolo, Project Lead, LCET	AZ Basset EFC
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Faculty Rockstars Share Experiences in Teaching Online, Tips and more

Last semester, six faculty from around the DCCCD participated in a first of its kind: the Rockstar Faculty Panel Discussion live at the LeCroy Center studios. The Rockstar Faculty Panel was a high-energy discussion of best practices and innovation in online teaching streamed on Nov. 11, 2016 as part of National Distance Learning Week. This session included new perspectives and insights for successfully engaging your students. The participating faculty were Moderator Cindy Castañeda, EFC; Shazia Ali, EFC; Denise Griffin, ECC; Chaele Norman, RLC; Toni M. Schuster, NLC; and Denise Shipley, MVC.



[Watch the Rockstar Program online at Stream It](#)

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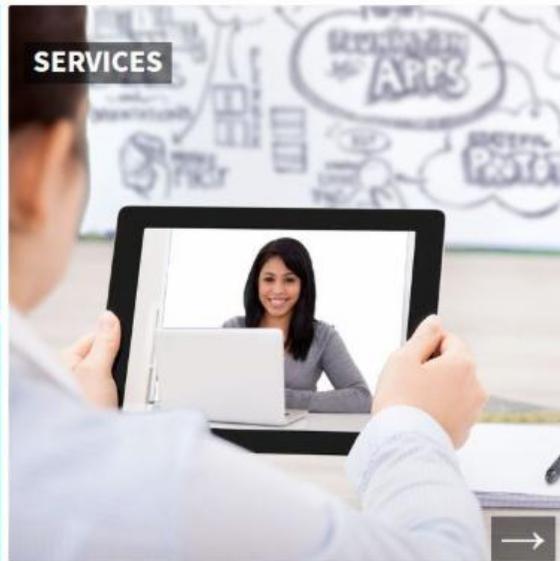
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