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Fall 2014

Fall Is In the Air

Welcome to the start of the 2014-15 academic year! This is always an exciting and reinvigorating time as we welcome new colleagues and students to the LeCroy Center and Dallas Colleges Online.
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LeCroy Center Provost Wins Texas Leadership Award



Pam Quinn, Provost of the LeCroy Center for Educational Telecommunications, of the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD), has been selected as the Texas Community College Instructional Administrators (TCCIA) 2014 Ray Williams Outstanding Leadership Award recipient.

The award was presented at the annual TCCIA conference on May 26, 2014, in Galveston, Texas. Community college leaders from around the state attended the conference. The keynote speakers for the conference and awards program included, Noah Brown, President of the Association for Community College Trustees and Dr. Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Quinn said, "I was truly honored to receive such recognition from the organization that represents instructional leaders in Texas."

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New 8-Week Classes for Online Students



Dallas Colleges Online and Cedar Valley College joined forces this semester to offer students a new option for degree completion with a concentrated approach to keeping students on track for graduation. The Ready2Go Degree Program is an 8-week schedule of specific courses, with dedicated academic coaches, a guided program of courses with the same students--from start to finish-- and a road map to degree completion in two years. Dallas Colleges Online and Cedar Valley College are piloting the program Fall 2014.

Read more about [Ready2Go...](#)

Ready, Set, Use: NEW Ready2Use Courses for Faculty

Ready2Use Courseware

As the number of online courses skyrockets, so does the number of new online instructors. Many faculty share a similar sentiment when preparing to teach an online class--they're uncertain and anxious about what to expect as they prepare to teach online for the first time. That's exactly why the LeCroy Center along with DCCCD instructors created templates of entire courses that are available for faculty to use. Ready2Use courses are full of videos and animations, interactive activities, and pools of questions and prepared tests. Each course template was created using Quality Matters Rubrics and ADA compliant tools. An easy-to-follow instructional video has also been developed for faculty use. Ready2Use is a collaboration of content experts, instructional designers and producers-- all designed to enhance teaching and learning. All you have to do is put in a welcome message, a course syllabus and course dates and you are *"ready-to-teach"*.

Check out all the Ready2Use Courseware: readytouse.dcccd.edu
For more information, contact fast@dcccd.edu, or call 972-669-6537.

Give Your Online Course a New Look with Cool New Tools



No one wants to scroll through hundreds of pages of text documents - that's simply not how we're used to experiencing the web. Good online courses enhance learning by including clear instructions, student expectations, assessments and feedback and effective and engaging technologies. Try including videos, interactive activities, podcasts, and other multimedia elements into your online classroom.

Here are a few tricks to update your online eCampus course.

Try including a Mashup in your course. They allow you to include content in a course from an external website.

- Flickr Photo: Link to a site for viewing and sharing a photograph
- SlideShare: Link to PowerPoint presentations, Word documents, or Adobe PDF Portfolios
- YouTube: Search and embed a video for viewing and sharing
- NBC Content: NBC Learn videos is a large searchable collection of more than 12,000 stories from the NBC archives; create playlist; embed into eCampus class
- Kaltura Media: A repository of more than ----- video clips and interactive activities from DCCCD course videos for viewing and sharing

Camtasia is a screen capture video editor

Create videos for class, a "welcome" video and introduce yourself to your class, or use animation in a PowerPoint Presentation.

Media Server is a storage repository for videos

If you have created videos from your smart phone, tablet or other devices, easily upload those videos into a safe and secure repository. Create playlists, use the easy search tools, and tag videos to used in classes or presentations.

Contact the FAST Team to get started: fast@dcccd.edu

**Check program
availability
in your state!**



LeCroy Center Provost Pam Quinn testified before the State of Texas Senate Higher Education Committee in the Senate Chambers July 22 on state authorization for distance learning classes across state lines. As chair of the Coordinating Board's Learning Technologies Advisory Committee, she was asked to address the Higher Ed Committee regarding their charge to review online learning. Quinn discussed the importance of Texas

joining the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) so that Texas college and universities

can offer online learning to students in other states. The US Department of Education wants regulations in place aimed at setting some minimum standards for how a state approves colleges operating (via distance education or face-to-face) within its borders. Current requirements, the application processes and the costs to comply, vary greatly from state-to-state.

Training is the New Link in STARLINK Professional Development



STARLINK programs are debuting a brand new training-styled format in the new lineup of professional development programs for 2014. Many of the new programs will be released in a three part training series. Each training will be 15 minutes, totaling 45 minutes. The last component is a bank of test questions based on the programming. Once completed, each participant will receive a certificate of completion.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming lineup of professional development.

September - Curriculum and Assessment Strategies to Improve Student Success

October - Strategies to Assist Students to Take Responsibility for Their Own Learning

November - Improving Student Outcomes in Developmental

Reading/Writing Courses

December - Leadership and Success Series, David Garibaldi presents "Rhythm and Hue"

[Check out the full lineup of professional development programs...](#)

STARLINKtraining.org



STARLINK and the Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) recently announced its new partnership. The Rural Community College Alliance serves rural America (more than 600 rural and tribal colleges) as a clearinghouse for best practices and research. STARLINK will be a sponsor in the upcoming RCCA conference in Prescott, Arizona - September 24-26.

NUTN 2014 to Highlight Mobilization of Apps in Online Learning



The NUTN Network will kick-off the 32nd Annual Conference on Distance & Blended Learning, "Collaboration: Breaking Down The Barriers," September 22-24, in San Antonio with a line-up of distinguished speakers. Dr. Robbie Melton, mobile learning advocate from the Tennessee Board of Regents is this year's opening and keynote speaker. Dr. Melton has published and presented around the nation on the impact and value of mobilization for education and the workforce and has acquired a new distinction as an "Appologist", due to her study of the pedagogy and best teaching practices with mobilization, quality standards for the utilization of mobile apps, and for her creation of the Mobile App Education and Workforce Resource Center (50,000+ Apps that have been

aligned with over ninety-five subject areas from PreK to Ph.D., including workforce careers, professional development and life-long-learning; according to one's mobile device of choice). Dr. Melton says, "educators must understand the power of this technological transformation and apply it in redesigning institutions that meet the needs of today's learners for tomorrow's technological workforce."

For more information on NUTN 2014, <http://nutn.org/network2014/default.asp>



Lynda.com is an online video-training library with more than 100,000 videos and 500 courses on topics like Web design, 3-D Animation, Excel and CAD to career development and everything in between. The tutorials can help you learn anything from a new software program for work, to a hobby like photography or video editing. It can even help prepare you for co-op or job interviews by providing professional development tools. Lynda.com is a learning and training site built on video tutorials by some of the world's top experts and masters in their fields. All the training videos are hosted online 24/7 and best of all, it's FREE to all DCCCD employees.

You can find Lynda.com at: myPortal.dcccd.edu/employees, just click on "Tools".
For more information, contact Software Training (???)

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