



Virtual Learning Focus

Mid-Term Greetings

A sincere thank you to all who made the fall 2014 Virtual Learning retreat on Friday, October 3, a success! Cindy Doherty, Vice President of Academic Affairs, celebrated Rosemary Barker as Virtual Learning's adjunct excellence award winner (congratulations, Rosemary!). Bob Messner, chief information officer, presented the information technology strategic plan and answered many questions. Erik Cederholm from ProctorU spoke about remote online proctoring services. Christine Nowik, dean of student and academic success, discussed the benefits of Starfish, HACC's new student success software.

Half of the day was spent in workshop sessions where Virtual Learning faculty and staff discussed three key areas that will shape our unit's 2015-2018 new strategic plan: the future classroom, online student success, and the future of Virtual Learning. These discussions will continue. Narrowing down our goals will be a key part of the spring 2015 Virtual Learning retreat.

Happy midterm to each and all of you, and thank you, as always, for all that you do! — Amy Withrow



Focus on Faculty

eVolution blend reboot your teaching

Another session of eVolution Blend began on September 26th and will run until October 31. This six-week course will be taught in a blended format by instructional technology analysts, Josh Rumpff and Cindy Schanke. The 14 members of the cohort will be learning about blended course instructional design, technology and pedagogy using the flipped classroom model. The course culminates with each faculty member developing one flipped lesson for their blended course.

College-Wide Camtasia License

We have a College wide site license for both Camtasia and Snagit. Faculty and staff can enter an IT Support Center workorder in MyHACC to request this software. Please include your user name and computer name so that OIST can distribute it properly..

The site license provides unlimited licenses for Camtasia Studio and Camtasia for Mac and SNAGIT across the institution. You can install the software on any institution-owned machine.

To learn more about what Camtasia can do for you, visit their website at <https://www.techsmith.com/camtasia.html>

Faculty/Staff Kudos

Congratulations to September eVolution graduates!

Karen Martin
Melany McNew

Kudos to Karen Woodring, Associate Professor of English, who was recently interviewed for the article "7 Ways to Support Developmental Online Learners" published in the October 2014 Magna Publications journal: *Online Cl@ssroom: Ideas for Effective Online Instruction*. We are proud you represent our students, online education, and HACC so well!

If you have a success story, please share it with Elaine Holland and Amy Withrow so we can celebrate with you.

Elevated Access Reminder

If you want to download software on your HACC computer but are receiving an administrative lockdown message, here is a quick reminder. OIST used to assign a #userID account to every single faculty member at HACC, but since a large percentage of these users were not using their elevated accounts, OIST started to create elevated accounts for faculty based upon request. The default password for faculty who were given an elevated account was [redacted for external publication]. When faculty login using this elevated account credential, they are asked, upon login, to reset their password to their own. Their elevated account only works once they have reset their password. If faculty do not have an elevated account but want one, please submit an IT Support Center workorder.

Laptop/Desktop Update

The new laptops and desktops have been ordered! HACC is expecting delivery sometime next week. For those who are due new devices, be on the lookout for an email about explaining the exchange. Details regarding old laptop/desktop buyout options will be provided soon afterwards.



Students in Associate Professor Ron Dowey's ASTR 103 - Introduction to Planetary Astronomy course use the Skyview App to explore the skies!



Focus on Students

Did you know...???

- Approximately 230 students participated with the Jump Start YOUR Success- Welcome Events prior to the Fall semester; 372 students have accessed the program recording, which is available via the YouTube platform.
- Over 20 students attended the face-2-face program at the Lancaster campus and over 45 students attended at the Harrisburg campus. More face-2-face events are being planned for the spring term.
- Registered attendees of the program were entered for a chance to win an iPad. This fall's winner was Amiee Brandt, pictured below.



Student Resource Center Gets a New Look

Prior to the semester beginning the **Student Resource Center and Lounge (SRCL)** was re-vamped in an effort to better en-gage students. It was apparent, after the first release, that new online students needed more sup-port. Now there is a much more prominent area for new students to ask questions and seek guidance and support. Since the beginning of the term, roughly 332 different interactions have occurred within the SRCL. Our Student Success and Engagement Committee (SSEC) faculty, Gina Bowers-Miller (counselor & CIS), Wendy Bratina (human services), Tamara Girardi (English), Maggie Major (health/public services), Richard Moss (history), Robert Wagner (physical science), and Paula Vaughan (humanities) have been engaging students on a variety of important topics to better foster student success. If you have not done so, be sure to share this great resource with your students! The link is located at the top right of the D2L home screen.

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Upcoming Events



Twitter Chats

- *Wed., Oct. 8, 1pm– Global Education with Nancy Hile
- *Wed., Oct. 22, 6pm - Workforce Development
- *Use #haccvirtual and follow @Emily_J_Fox

'Get to Know Virtual Learning' Webinars:

- * Tuesday, October 14, 6pm
<http://hacc.adobeconnect.com/knowvirtual/>
- * Tuesday, October 28, 12pm
<http://hacc.adobeconnect.com/knowvirtual/>

Symposium on Innovation and Teaching Excellence

Tuesday, October 14, 8:30am-2:30pm
<http://tinyurl.com/lqnwfs9>

Staff Meetings:

(Fridays, 1-2:30, W-226D or VoicePlus ext. 211305;
Conference ID 211011#)

October 24

December 5

You are welcome to attend any of our staff meetings to learn more about Virtual Learning or to share what is happening in your area.

Virtual Learning Facebook Page:

Stay update with events and news!
Facebook.com/HACCVirtual

Virtual Learning Team

Faculty Leadership:

Full-time:

Karen Woodring, VCFA Chair
Lise-Pauline Barnett, VCFA Vice-Chair
Xiaoqing Zhu, from Operations House

Shared:

Mary Jo Keiter

Adjunct:

Diane Edmond, from Operations House

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