

Online Faculty Update

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Summer 2011
Newsletter

Summer Web Camp - June 2011 - Lynn Zayac



CIT is gearing up for another Summer Web Camp. Camp is currently full, our biggest one yet! What is Web Camp? Web Camp is step-by-step program that teaches faculty how to move their face to face courses online. It covers topics including: online pedagogy, best practices from Westfield faculty who are teaching online, the design of your course following the WSU Best Practices Course Template, general use of the course management system, an understanding of creating and using assessments online, the tools and tricks (not limited to Jing, Audacity, Elluminate-Class, Skype, VoiceThread), Quality Matters Course Rubrics, and much much more. Click here for the most recent Web Camp Invitation to see how you can be considered for the next Web Camp! - or stop and see me in Wilson 114 for more details! Thanks! -- Lynn

It's time for a Plato course tune-up!



Schedule a meeting with Lisa to tune-up your online or face to face enhanced course for the fall semester. Learn easy ways to streamline communications, and make it clear what you want your students to be doing. Discuss a PowerPoint, or learn how to demonstrate a problem in Excel with easy, free screen capture software - Jing. Learn how to set up a virtual office (Vroom, by Elluminate) to meet with students in real time, online from just about anywhere, or record a weekly lecture with Audacity. Whether you want to add an image to your course, or have your students submit a paper online, Lisa can get you up to speed in no time. Send an email to lclark@wsc.ma.edu to schedule an appointment now.



Plato Course Request Info!

All instructors using Plato for Summer 2011 courses must request Plato shells no later than May 18th for Summer 1 and July 6th for Summer 2 to ensure correct loading of students into the system. (The Fall Deadline is August 31st). In order to load students into Plato for the first day of classes, all courses must be created before the deadline. Requesting courses after the start of classes creates problems and conflicts in loading students into courses correctly. Go to www.wsc.ma.edu/plato and click on the **Online News and Resources** link on the right side bar, and then click on **Faculty News and Resources**, and then click on **Request your Plato Courses Here** to find the form and several tutorials on how to use the form. If you have questions regarding this deadline contact Salim at sibrahim@wsc.ma.edu or call 413-572-5664.



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Smarthinking - Free Online Tutoring



SMARTHINKING is a FREE online tutoring for a variety of subjects available to students attending Westfield (WSU). SMARTHINKING's fundamental objectives are to engage and encourage students in active learning, as well as to enhance their motivation. Our tutors strive to help students develop successful learning skills, rather than simply "giving answers" or "doing homework" for them. In a professional and supportive environment, we focus on the power of human interaction and the use of technology to assist a student-centered tutoring process. Go to www.wsc.ma.edu/plato to find the login button. Students use their WSU email address to create their accounts. Register NOW and you will be entered into a drawing to win a prize!

Clicker Update from Joe Axenroth.



"If you are one of the many faculty who made the switch from Office 2003 to Office 2010, it may be difficult to determine all the changes between the two versions. If you are a TurningPoint user, this may add to the stress. Schedule an appointment with me to learn about these differences. Or schedule an appointment to learn advanced TurningPoint features that make your presentations even more engaging." ~ Thanks, Joe



TurningPoint



Tell your students about 24/7 Plato Support: WSU offers 24/7 Plato support to all WSU students. You can access the help page by going to : platohelp.wsc.ma.edu/ or from the Plato login page, clicking 24/7 Plato Support Button.

Web 2.0 Trainings

Schedule a one on one or department training to learn more about the wonderful world of Web 2.0. Learn how to use great applications, such as Facebook, Twitter, Diigo, Google Apps, RSS Feeds and many more exciting new tools. Please contact Lisa at lclark@wsc.ma.edu for more information.



Important Web Links

Onsite Student Support: jaxenroth@wsc.ma.edu

Online Tutoring: cit.wsc.ma.edu/smarthinking/

Faculty Plato Support: lclark@wsc.ma.edu

Faculty After Hours Faculty Plato Support: cit.wsc.ma.edu/helpdesk

Online Learning Resources: you can find more Plato resources by following the links on the right side of the Plato page at www.wsc.ma.edu/plato. Faculty News and Resources is now under Online Learning resources also found on the right side of the plato page.

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