

Online Faculty Update

From the Center for Instructional Technology

Spring 2018

Hello from Lynn Zayac!



I hope your Spring semester is going well. As usual, we are very busy here in the CIT and we have some great news to share with you.

~ Lynn Zayac, Dir., Center for Instructional Technology -lzayac@westfield.ma.edu

Join us for the 5th Annual Online Faculty Showcase!

The 5th Annual Online Faculty Showcase will be held March 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2018.

The Center for Instructional Technology will hold the 5th Annual Online Faculty Showcase and would like to invite instructors to showcase and share their exemplary online, hybrid and blended courses and best practices with their peers. Instructors will prepare a 15 - 20 minute presentation of their online, hybrid or blended courses highlighting course presentation, interaction, use of tools, and ease of navigation. Participating in this showcase can serve as a self nomination to be considered for the 2018 COD award.

~ Please look for an email from Lynn Zayac with more information coming soon!

Congratulations again to the 2017 Mass Colleges Online Course of Distinction "COD" winners!



Professor David Christensen's Biology Today course received the 2017 Online Award.

Professor Ziblim Abukari's Human Behavior & Social Environment course received the 2017 Blended Course Award.



MCO's 13th Annual Conference on eLearning

13th Annual Conference on eLearning
Sharing Best Practices

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Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Save the Date! - June 5, 2018 at Framingham State University.

Consider attending the 2018 Mass Colleges Online (MCO) Conference on eLearning and Best Practices on June 5, 2018 at Framingham State University.

- **Learn:** Mass Colleges Online Conference on eLearning allows attendees to explore, discuss, and understand how colleges and universities in Massachusetts are using online education to improve teaching, learning, interacting, and communicating with our students.
- **Present:** CIT would like to encourage online faculty to submit a presentation proposal in one of the following areas: Teaching & Learning, Technology, and Academic and Administrative Support in online learning.

Interested in attending or presenting? Email Lynn Zayac, MCO Co-Conference Chair, and MCO Liason at lzayac@westfield.ma.edu.

Interested in putting your course online? Apply for Web Camp!

There is still space in Summer Web Camp! Faculty who would like to teach online should apply no later than noon on May 25th!

Our award winning Web Camp will teach faculty how to migrate face-to-face classes to an online format using the Plato Learning Management System. Virtual Web Camp is also an option! The upcoming dates are as follows:

Summer 2018 Web Camp

June 7, 8, 11, 12, & 14

from 9 am -1 pm

Application Deadline: May 25, by noon

[Click here for details and instructions on how to apply!](#)

For any questions about the application process, please contact
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Online Program and Web Camp Awards

- U.S. News & World Report - "Best Online Bachelor's Programs" (6 yrs in a row)
- Affordable Colleges Online - "Best Online Psychology Degree"
- Board of Higher Education - "Program of Distinction" (Web Camp)
- The Best Schools - "The 20 Best Online Bachelor in History Degree Programs"
- University Continuing Education Association Award (UCEAA) - "Innovative & Creative Programing" (Web Camp)
- The 30 Most Technologically Saavy Online Schools (2018)

Schedule a Plato Quick Start Session or Tune Up with Lisa Clark

Haven't used PLATO? Schedule a PLATO Quick Start session with Lisa! Learn how to upload your syllabus and readings, hold threaded discussions, create assignment dropboxes, and much more. Lisa will show you how to supplement your face-to-face courses with these great tools!

Current PLATO Users! Schedule a Course Tune-Up with Lisa. Learn how to enhance your courses with great tools like VoiceThread, SafeAssign and hoonuit! Learn how to voice over PowerPoints or give a tour of your online course with various screen capture options or add sound file lectures to your class using Audacity. Get more familiar with the Grade Center and learn how to use the new Box tool when grading assignments. You can even set up a virtual office using Blackboard Collaborate Ultra to meet with students in real time, online from just about anywhere.

For more information or to set up an appointment contact:

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