

Online Faculty Update

From the Center for Instructional Technology

Spring 2019

Hello from Lynn Zayac!



It has been a very busy spring here in the CIT! Need assistance with the development of hybrid or online courses, minors, degrees and programs? Contact Lynn Zayac, Director, Center for Instructional Technology, Wilson 114, at 413-572-8142 or lzayac@westfield.ma.edu.

WSU Online Courses of Distinction

Once again, two of WSU's awesome online instructors received the 2018 Massachusetts Colleges Online (MCO) Course of Distinction (COD) Award. The award is given to state faculty who develop and teach innovative online and blended courses that represent the best uses of eLearning instructional tools to enhance student success.

The awards were presented during MCO's 13th Annual Conference on eLearning "Sharing Best Practices" at Framingham State University, held on June 5th. MCO is a consortium of the 15 community colleges and 9 state colleges of Massachusetts. The institutions have joined to share their convenient and flexible online courses and programs with students throughout the state and beyond.

WSU's 2018 MCO Course of Distinction winner for an online course is Dr. Melissa Goldsmith of the Music Department. She was awarded the Online COD Award for her "Music Appreciation" course. Congratulations to Dr. Goldsmith for creating this award winning online course!



WSU's 2018 MCO Course of Distinction winner for a hybrid course is Professor Rose Sullivan of the Social Work Department. She was awarded the Hybrid COD Award for her "Human Behavior and the Social Environment" course. Congratulations to Professor Sullivan for creating this award winning hybrid course!

2019 MCO Conference - Save the Date & Call for Proposals

14th Annual Conference on eLearning
Sharing Best Practices

Massachusetts Colleges Online
one click. zero commute.

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
Friday, June 7th, 2019

Friday June 7th, 2019 @ Fitchburg State University
Call for Proposals "Share Your Best Practices"
Deadline for Proposals: January 15, 2019

For more information about Mass Colleges Online, 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)



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Interested in putting your Program or Course Online?

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!

SPRING 2019 will be held Tuesdays from 3:30-6:30 pm
February 26, March 5, 19, 26, April 2 and 9
Application Deadline: February 15, by noon

SUMMER 2019 will be held June 7, 10, 12, 14, and 17 from 9 am-1 pm
Application Deadline: May 23, 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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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 online, in real time.

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