

Professional Development Weekly Digest
Fall 2021
Week 2!

You came back!

Thank you! A few interesting items from our SUNY and other higher ed partners and some articles that speak to the conditions we are currently facing round out this installment of the weekly digest, plus some in-house opportunities that you can plan for. Need something else? Have an idea? Let us know at professionaldevelopment@sunybroome.edu!

The SUNY Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Forum presents:
“Higher Education for the Justice Involved”

Learn from a panel of students, faculty and staff about SUNY's college-in-prison programs, the challenges formerly incarcerated students face, and how to support justice involved students in your community.

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 12:00PM-1:00PM (Zoom)

Register here:

<https://sunycpd.eventsair.com/hejiforum/req/Site/Register>

A list of readings and other resources where you can learn about this topic are in the attached PDF. You can join the SUNY DEI Discussion Forum on Workplace at: <https://sunyedu.workplace.com/groups/discussDEI>. The discussion will be recorded and posted in this Workplace group for those who can't make it.

Normal Sucks-
Strategies for At Risk and Neurodiverse Learners

This is a free webinar hosted by Macmillan Learning; the speaker is Jonathan Mooney, who I have heard speak before (during the height of the pandemic, actually) and it was deeply interesting, timely, and relevant. His bio refers to him as a “learning activist who did not learn to read until he was 12 years old” and that he is “a social entrepreneur developing organizations, programs, and initiatives to improve the lives of marginalized groups.” Interested? Register [here](#); seats are limited but the event is virtual!

Authentic Assessments and Learning

One of the things that the pandemic taught me was that I did not enjoy administering in-class high stakes tests or quizzes, nor did I miss the looks of trepidation on students' faces on test day or the slumped, defeated walks of sad out of the classroom once they were over. While I was ripping off all the pedagogical Band Aids, I have decided to never give another high stakes test or quiz again in the manner I used to; instead, the

ones that I have decided to keep I am making available to students in the LMS, giving them two tries to complete to the best of their ability, and accepting the best score. My concern has shifted from “do they know this?” to “can they apply this?” and in that process, I have completely revamped my course’s qualitative project to be more encompassing and take place over the bulk of the semester instead of just the last few weeks, a design technique known as [authentic assessment](#). While it is a challenge to make such a significant change, my hope is that the work students produce will ultimately be of better quality, demonstrate what they know and, moreover, that they know how to apply the knowledge they have gained. Want to learn more about authentic assessment? I found [this](#) resource to be very helpful!

Upcoming workshops 9/8-9/17

Starfish Training:

When: Thursday, Sept 9th 2-3 pm

Where: [ZOOM](#)

Presented by: Erin Marulli

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Drop-in for a virtual training session on using Starfish to alert your students on their course progress. Available for questions or a full-training session.

Ally = Friend: Touring Online Course Accessibility Tools (Lunchshop)

When: Friday, September 10, 2021 12:00-12:30 pm

Where: TRC Lab (LI 101)

Presented by: TRC Instructional Designers

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Roadtrips with friends - remember how fun that used to be? Meet some new friends through this lunchshop tour of the SUNY Broome Accessibility Review and Blackboard Ally. These tools can be used to identify barriers for students needing accessible materials. This 30-minute lunchshop will help you map a path to making your course more accessible to more of your students. Bring a friend along for the ride!

Supporting Transfer through Articulation Agreements: Developing Meaningful Pipelines to the Baccalaureate Degree

When: Monday, September 13, 2021 11-12 Add This Date To Your Calendar

Where: Wales Conf room W203A

Presented by: Valerie Carnegie

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Please join Valerie Carnegie from our Career, Transfer, and Bachelor Partnerships Department to learn about the process for developing articulation agreements for your program. This professional development offering is open to department chairs and their designees.

Putting Your Ensemble on a Diet

When: Monday, September 13, 2021 2-3 pm

Where: TRC Lab (LI 101)

Presented by: TRC Instructional Designers

[Complete the registration form to reserve your seat](#) [Add to Calendar](#) Are you an Ensemble user? Did your video library gain the dreaded "Covid 20" during the pandemic? If your library of videos is looking bloated and you feel fatigued scrolling through pages of recordings, it's time to get rid of old, unused and unusable videos. Class recordings may not be useful after the semester in which they are recorded and the cost of storing videos has risen dramatically over the last year and continues to climb. We can help you get your Ensemble slim, trim and full of vim!

This workshop is for those faculty using Ensemble and will be an overview of where to find files in Ensemble and how to delete them as well as open lab time to get help for your personal courses from Instructional Designers

Microsoft Word: Awkward to Accessible, Part 1 (Lunchshop)

When: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 12-12:30 pm

Where: BB 132

Presented by: TRC Instructional Designers

[Complete the registration form to reserve your seat](#) [Add to Calendar](#) Microsoft Word makes it easy to create documents that are both visually appealing and accessible! This 30-minute lunchshop will introduce you to using Word's built-in Accessibility Checker to improve the overall accessibility of your documents. This lunchshop will be hands-on for 30 minutes. Don't be late!

Participants should have a basic working knowledge of Microsoft Word in order to participate in the hands-on activity.

Embedding Career Research and Readiness into your Program: How to Use hireHornets (faculty)

When: Thursday, September 16, 2021 1-2 pm

Where: Wales Conf room W203A

Presented by: Val Carnegie

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Please join Valerie Carnegie from our Career, Transfer, and Bachelor Partnership Dept to learn about hireHornets, the institution's online job board hub for current students and alumni of SUNY Broome Community College. In this session, you will learn the overall functionalities and navigational aspects of the platform, as well as what we can offer to students to make sure they are Career ready.