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September/October Newsletter

Welcome to the CTL Newsletter! This newsletter provides updates on SCTCC's CTL programming, professional learning system events, and timely reading and resources. Please contact the CTL if there is something specific you would like to see in the next edition of the Newsletter. Thank you for reading!

Upcoming Events at SCTCC



[Know Your Union Contract](#)

2pm
1-155 or Zoom



[CTL Book Clubs Kick Off](#)

1pm
1-155



[CTL New Faculty Series: Advising for Student Success](#)

1pm
1-341C



[Hy-Flex Teaching Using a Zoom Room](#)

4pm
1-157 or Zoom

Recent Blog Posts

1. [Podcasts on Teaching by Mary Wilkins-Jordan](#)
Listening to podcasts can be an easy way to learn new ideas from other people. It's a low-stress way to pick up ideas, and can bring ideas you had not considered yet!
2. [Faculty Support for Struggling Students by Catherine Paro](#)
With the return to more in-person classes this fall, we're all seeing more students face-to-face, observing behaviors and listening to their challenges. The Cyclones CARE team exists to intervene with students who are struggling but also to provide support to faculty and staff on the front line of seeing or hearing about their struggles.
3. [Universal Design for Learning by Susan Engel](#)
Universal Design for Learning – or UDL, as it's often called – is a framework (or a teaching approach) that helps minimize barriers and maximize student learning. UDL applies brain-based research to education and learning. Three brain networks tied to learning align to the UDL principles of engagement, representation, and action and expression. These are essentially the why, the what, and the how of learning.

New Resources in the CTL D2L Shell

- ✓ Catch up with past CTL events on the [Event Recordings Page](#)
- ✓ See [the list of all professional learning resources available at the SCTCC library](#). The list includes physical books (with call numbers included) and e-books (with links).

- ✓ A link to all of the [SCTCC library's instructional videos](#). Save yourself the time and use one of these premade videos in your classes!
 - ✓ [New Faculty Series](#) videos and resources
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Across the Internet

1. [Active Learning During a Pandemic: Yes, It Can Be Done from the Scholarly Teacher](#)
Bringing students together with social distancing presents limits to the instructional strategies that engage students with their peers. This article shows us we can do more than lecture, even in our socially distanced and masked classrooms.
 2. [How Can We Improve Online Learning at Community Colleges: Voices from Online Instructors and Students from Online Learning Consortium](#)
With an increase in online classes, there is more need to identify effective ways to address challenges to teaching and learning in the online setting. The authors of this study interviewed teachers and students to learn their perspectives on best practices for online classes.
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System-Wide News & Events

- ✓ [Free Global Conference at South Central College](#)
October 14-15 8:30am-12:50pm - Virtual
The conference is free, and will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about global topics and a wide variety of cultures from around the world. This year's focus is on Asian culture, which will be highlighted in events throughout the conference.
- ✓ [Conversations with Colleagues: Guiding Difficult Conversations](#)
October 19th @ 12pm - Virtual
Teaching controversial topics and concepts is part of many courses and disciplines. Topics like race, culture, gender, and/or sexual orientation are inherent discussions in many fields, and any course dealing with current events presents an opportunity for socially-challenging topics to arise purposely and spontaneously in class discussions. Guiding those discussions can impact the usefulness these conversations to learning. This session of Conversations with Colleagues will allow us to review and practice a process for guiding difficult conversations.

- ✓ [2021 Career and Technical Education Summit](#)
November 2-3 - Virtual
The theme for this year is “The New Normal: Different Ways of Working and Learning in Career and Technical and Education.” The annual CTE Works! Summit is an energizing professional development event featuring national leaders and local innovators sharing their data-informed research and practices in Career and Technical Education, career readiness, and learner supports that help every youth and adult meet academic and workforce needs.
 - ✓ [Read September’s Educational Development Digest](#)
Includes articles on resources for effective learning strategies, how to level up your speed reading, and how campuses use educational technology tools.
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