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We Got Fired Up!

I continue to be amazed. Take ***New Horizons 2009: Access, Excellence, and Enlightenment***. Nearly 700 participants participated in two very full days of learning, networking and just plain fun. The amount of work involved was enormous and most of it was done by you! The passion, the commitment to student success, the generous spirit and camaraderie in such an endeavor amazes me.

You got fired up! The glow will reach the far areas of the Commonwealth and will last for a very long time. Thank you.

'best,
Nan Ottenritter, Director of Professional Development

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SCHEV 2009 Outstanding Faculty Award

Dr. Ralph P. Eckerlin of NVCC- Annandale has received the 2009 SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award. Twelve faculty members from Virginia's public and private colleges and universities received the award. It is the highest honor bestowed upon faculty in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The award recognizes excellence in teaching, research, knowledge integration and public service. For more information about the award, see the **SCHEV website.**

Ralph Eckerlin, Biology Professor

Peer Groups: These Times They Are A-Changin'

Kudos to all who are getting on board with our new peer group program. Twenty-three peer group applications were received by the February 1, 2009 deadline. Fourteen were approved outright. Others were advised to revise and reapply or partner with other groups. The following groups were accepted as the Class of Fall 2015. (Remember when your class was called the Class of _? Using the graduation date was a simple way to identify the group; likewise with our peer groups.)

Business, Developmental Education, Early Childhood Development, EMS programs, English and ESL, Foreign Languages, Learning Assistance Professionals, Mathematics and Computer Science, Nursing and Allied Health, Science, ASL and Interpreter Education, Communications Studies and Theatre, Information Systems Technology and Psychology.

For more information, go to http://www.vccs.edu/vcprodev. If you have questions, feel free to contact your college's Professional Development Committee member or the Office of Professional Development.

Future Dates

- August 1, 2009. Potential peer groups submit applications.
- October 1, 2009. Peer groups are notified.
- First possible meeting period. Feb. to Apr. 2010.

Future Dates

- May 30, 2009. Fall 2009 decision letters to be sent.
- August 15, 2009. Spring 2009 final reports due.

Paul Lee Professional Development and Workshop Mini-Grant Recipients for Summer 2009

The VCCS Office of Professional Development is pleased to award $63,469 in 24 professional development grants and 3 workshop mini-grants for summer 2009. See our grant recipients below. Congratulations, all!

College	Title	Name	Email
BRCC	Exploring Strategies for Using Distance Education in Veterinary Technology	Joseph Malcolm	malcolmj@brcc.edu
BRCC	The National Park and Mountaineer Heritage Website Project	Margaret Buse	busem@brcc.edu
BRCC	Lasting Legacies: Creating a 200-Level Humanities Course in Oral Tradition	Michael Doyle	doylem@brcc.edu
BRCC	Accounting through Technology: Using Video, Audio, and Software Applications in the Development of the "Accounting Tool Box"- Tools to Strengthen the Accounting Students' Performance Outcomes	Rebecca M Evans	Evansr@brcc.edu
BRCC	Speaking, Observing, and Investigating: Making Communication Meaningful for Administration of Justice Students	Stacey Effrig	effrigs@brcc.edu
DCC	Exploring the Future of Alternative Fuels in the Automotive Analysis and Repair Program	William Roche	wroche@dcc.vccs.edu
GCC	Online Course Peer Review Workshop	Delois McCormick	dmccormick@germanna.edu
JSRCC	A Summer Summit on Learning Communities	Miles McCrimmon	mmccrimmon@reynolds.edu
JTCC	Researching a 16th Century English Duke through Primary Source Documents	David Head	dhead@jtcc.edu
JTCC	Development of Improvisation Course	Kerrigan Sullivan	ksullivan@jtcc.edu
JTCC	Creating Homework and Assessment Instruments for the Successful Assignments Required (SAR) Program for Developmental Math Courses	Michael Gibson	mgibson@jtcc.edu
JTCC	Developing Simulation to Address Clinical Education Gaps in Nursing	Nancy Leahy	nleahy@jtcc.edu
JTCC	Integrating Authors' Voices into the Student's Writing Process	Victoria Brame	vbrame@jtcc.edu
NVCC	Family and Human Services Certificate Development	Christine Schull	cschull@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Environmental and Sustainable Engineering	Hassan Mohamed	mhassan@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Four part project to enhance diagnostic testing, and advancement of developmental English students	Karen Taylor	ktaylor@nvcc.edu
NVCC	The Academy for New Adjunct Faculty	Keith Wynn	ewynn@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Developing a College-Wide Faculty Mentoring Program	Lisa Smith	Lismith@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Increasing Participation in STEM Education with a Focus on Biology and Chemistry	Miriam St.Clair	mstclair@nvcc.edu
NVCC	The Kellogg Institute for the Training and Certification of Developmental Educators	Raymond Orkwis	rorkwis@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Using On-line Simulations for the Physics Laboratory	Tatiana Stantcheva	tstantcheva@nvcc.edu
PDCCC	Cluster Computing Curriculum Revision Project	Robert Tureman	rtureman@pc.vccs.edu
PVCC	Version 2.0: en-VISION-ing Online English 112	Andrew Smith	ansmith@pvcc.edu
PVCC	Virtual Slide Scanning project to improve microscopy education in Anatomy & Physiology and Biology courses in the VCCS	David Moyer	dmoyer@pvcc.edu
SVCC	Aspects of the Stigmatized Francis in Paintings of the Umbrian Mannerist Dono Doni	Michael Stinson	mike.stinson@southside.edu
SwVCC	Instructional Development Through Interviews with Master Musicians: A Self-Directed Project of Professional Growth	Joseph Trivette	Joseph.trivette@sw.edu
TNCC	Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning (POGIL) Workshop	Riham Mahfouz	mahfouzr@tncc.edu
TNCC	Developing Application Projects for 'MTH 292 Topics in Differential Equations' Using Maple Software	Tatiana Golub	golubt@tncc.edu
VWCC	New Features and Functions in Windows Server 2008	Calvin Scott Cassell	ccassell@virginiawestern.edu

Did you know that we have the final reports from the 2008 grants posted on our website?
Go to our grants page and check them out!

VCCS New Horizons 2009: We're still fired up!

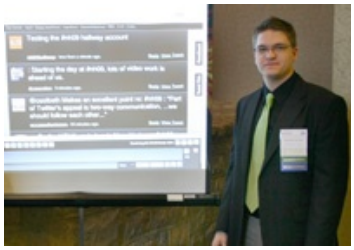
VCCS New Horizons 2009: Access, Excellence, Enlightenment was held April 1-3, 2009 at the Hotel Roanoke. Our keynotes were inspiring. We launched the first Educational Technology of the Year Program which featured Twitter and iTunesU.

Technology in Education (T.I.E) Awards

- First Place - C.J. Bracken, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, for TOP – Teaching Online Project with team members Ken Fairbanks, Ruth Smith and Joan Trabandt.
- Second Place – Debra Haines, Germanna Community College, for Blackboard as an Advising Tool with team members Bill Fiege and Maggie Breeden.
- Third Place – Dan Trent, New River Community College, for A Statewide Delivery System for Training the Building Trades: Teaching Joe the Plumber.
- People's Choice – Cynthia Horen, Tidewater Community College, for TCC-VB OWL with team members Ron Key, Dale DeSarro, Bill Harlow, Tina Lenhart, Gerry Lisette and Fred Valet.

Things to Know

- New Horizons 2010 – April 7-9, 2010, Hotel Roanoke
- We will tweet about New Horizons 2010.
- We recorded sessions for our VCCS iTunesU account. (You'll need iTunes installed on computer to view.)
- See the wordle on the home page of www.vccs.edu/NewHorizons



Michael Green of Rappahannock Community College instructed members of the EALC about Twitter. Do you tweet?

Education Technology of the Year

Known as the Ed Tech of the Year program, this program embedded technology into the New Horizons conference and invited participants to experience cutting edge and emerging technologies. Those attendees participated in Early Adopters and became members of the EALC (Early Adopter Learning Community). This year's technology was Twitter and iTunesU video. For more information, see Ed Tech of the Year.

VCCS Chancellor Glenn DuBois spoke with attendees about the Virginia Education Wizard. His informative session is on iTunesU. Check it out.

THANK YOU!

To all of our committee members, onsite registration team, onsite tech staff, presenters, vendors. Our conferences just keep getting better!

Keynote speaker Scott Christopher talking with conference attendees.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our entire faculty who celebrate their excellence. See awards luncheon brochure.

Inquiry: A VCCS Journal

Future Dates

- Deadline for 2010 is May 15, 2009.
- Contact MaryGrace Paden, managing editor, at mpaden@jtcc.edu.

Inquiry: The Journal of the Virginia Community Colleges is a refereed journal that encourages writing from faculty, staff and administrators on topics related to community college learning and teaching. The journal is published once a year by the Virginia Community College System.

Kreela Moore created "Running Fields", the oil pastel landscape on the front and back covers, while enrolled in "Drawing II" with Professor Rob Tarbell at Piedmont Virginia Community College.

Chancellor's Faculty Fellows and Professors

Congratulations to our fellows for 2009-2010:

- Kevin Hamed
  Assistant Professor of Biology
  Virginia Highlands Community College
  Ph.D. in Natural Resources
  University of Tennessee

- Cynthia Lofaso
  Assistant Professor of Psychology
  Central Virginia Community College
  Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
  Northcentral University

- Chad Patton
  Dean of Planning and institutional Effectiveness
  Southside Virginia Community College
  Ph.D. in Community College Leadership
  Old Dominion University

Congratulations to our professors for 2009-2011:

- Sharon Burnham
  Instructor of History
  John Tyler Community College
  Creating Alliances to Support Global Instruction in the VCCS

- Kevin Handley
  Professor of History
  Germanna Community College
  Development of a Program to Assist Students with Test Anxiety

- William Rodner
  Professor of History
  Tidewater Community College
  American Diplomacy, the Bolshevik Revolution and DeWitt Clinton Poole, 1928 – 1920

Regional Centers for Teaching Excellence

"You say good-bye and I say hello."

A 'thank you' goes out to Patrick Tompkins for serving as the mid-region's chair for the past 5 years. A 'hello' goes out to Ruth Greene of Rappahannock Community College as she assumes this position. For more information, click here.

Central Virginia Region
(BRCC, CVCC, DCC, DSLCC,PHCC, VWCC)
Juville Dario-Becker Chair

Mid-Central Virginia Region
(JSRCC, JTCC, PVCC, RCC, SSVCC)
Ruth Greene, Chair

Northern Virginia Region
(GCC, LFCC, NVCC)
Rosalyn M. King, Chair

Southwest Virginia Region
(MECC, NRCC, SWVCC, VHCC, WCC)
Melba Taylor, Chair

Tidewater Virginia Region
(ESCC, PDCCC, TCC, TNCC)
Rick Dollieslager, Chair

Other Programs

Classified Staff Leadership Academy will be held on May 27-29, 2009 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. For more information, click here.

The Faculty and Administrative Leadership Academy will be held in Spring 2010. Stay tuned for details.

The VaCIE-VCCS International Exchange program is a faculty exchange between the Virginia community colleges and the further education systems of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, and, beginning in the 2009-10 academic year, with Sunyani Polytechnic, a three-year polytechnic in Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa. For more information, click here.

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