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Upcoming Events

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30	Understanding Mental Health Issues & Their Impact on Our Students
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1	Teaching Effectiveness Team – Faculty Discussion
2	Research Sine Wave Series
6	PowerPoint Tips and Tricks
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12	Lunch & Learn: how Do I Convert a F2F Course to a Hybrid Course
14	Video Creation with Screencast-O-Matic
December	
5	Excel Tips and Tricks
7	Research Sine Wave Series

Register for all workshops through the Marian Events Page or by clicking the title above

Tried and True Practices

Call for Proposals

January Cracker Barrel Discussion

If you've been to a Cracker Barrel Discussion before, it's likely to be one of your favorite formats for learning. If not, it's something you should not miss - lively, interesting, and fun, all while you learn. OK, but what is it exactly? Picture 8-12 round tables, each with a presenter and several participants. The presenters each delivers a 20-minute presentation which includes discussion. After the presentation, the presenters remain at their tables and the attendees select a different presentation/presenter. This format is repeated for four rounds. Between each round is food, drink, networking, and more fun than you can imagine having at a professional development event!

While we will supply the food . . . we need you to provide the presentations. If you have developed ways to better engage with your students, improve your teaching or found ways to manage your job more effectively your colleagues are eager to hear. Please consider sharing what you do at the First Annual MU Cracker Barrel on Friday, January 11th after the Faculty Assembly.

You can submit your presentation proposal at https://tinyurl.com/MU-Crackerbarrel

Use Scantrons? Your Input Please

The Center for Teaching and Learning is trying to assess the usage of Scantron or similar tools used by faculty to grade exams and assignments. This information will help inform how we address this need in the future. If you use Scantron or similar systems, please let us know by answering this four question survey - https://marian.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cTFFv7OlWNTBBZP

Understanding the Impact of Students' Mental Health - Tuesday

Did you know 85% of college students report feeling overwhelmed by everything they had to do this past year and almost a quarter of college students report taking psychotropic medication? Tomorrow, Tuesday, take your lunch break in Norman Center 222 and learn how stress and mental health impacts students' learning and how you can best approach and support your students from your colleagues Michelle Meer and Marla Smith. Come . . . learn how to be part of the answer.

Teaching Excellence Team: The Conversation Continues

The Teaching Effectiveness Team (TET) will have its next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 1st 9:30 am – 10:30 am in the private dining room of the Dining Commons. The TET will continue its discussion of

effective classroom strategies.

Our theme for the Nov. 1st meeting is "**Student Choice**". Current research tells us that student choice increases motivation by given students a sense of ownership of the course. We will be discussing specific ways that we have implemented student choice as a part of our classroom policies, assessments, and activities. If you cannot attend, we will be posting materials from the meeting on the TET Canvas page.

New Software for Student Engagement

In partnership with Information Technology, we are now able to provide two new software packages to increase engagement with students. Both integrate directly into Canvas.

Screencast-O-Matic is an easy to use product to create, edit, and share podcasts and instructional videos. This is ideal for recording informational sessions for your online students, providing quick feedback for assignments, and engaging announcements. The video workshop on November 14 will highlights its use.

We are especially excited about H5P which allows you to create, share, and reuse interactive content in Canvas to engage students and allow for practice with content. H5P provides almost 40 different activities for you to use in your class. If you are interested in learning more, contact Tom Harrington.

Spots Still Available for the FALCON Teaching Conference

The Center for Teaching and Learning is offering to pay the registration fee for up to 15 instructors to attend the FALCON Conference hosted by IU on Friday 11/9 and Saturday 11/10. This is a great opportunity to interact with faculty from across the state while learning more about effective teaching. Take a moment to review the program.

If you are interested in attending, please email ctl@marian.edu for registration information.

Upcoming Conferences and Events

Marian University's Wellness Conference – Wednesday, January 9 from 10 to 3

At the request of many groups on campus, a university wellness committee was formed to provide information and education to the faculty and staff at Marian regarding healthy living. Save the date and make to join your colleagues to learn how to find balance in your life.

Tried and True Practices – A Cracker Barrel Discussion – Friday, January 11 from 11:30 to 2:30

The Spring Faculty Development Event will be a lively one. Make sure to save the date and join us after the January Faculty Assembly.

IU South Bend's Annual Midwest Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Call for Proposals – Due February 1

You are invited to submit a proposal for the 20th Midwest SoTL Conference, which will be held in South Bend, Indiana on April 5, 2019. The conference theme is Educating for our Students' Future and the keynote speaker will be José Antonio Bowen, author of Teaching Naked and Teaching Naked Techniques. Proposals are being accepted that describe empirical studies of SoTL, theoretical discussions of SoTL, descriptions of best practice of teaching, and interactive workshops on implementing best practice. See their website (http://bit.ly/SoTLConference) for details.