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"Online Education is not the future, it is the present!"

-Dr. Jodi Senk

Welcome to e-ducation

By Dr. Jodi Senk

Welcome to the newest addition to Online Education, our very first "e-ducation" newsletter! As your Coordinator for Online Education at Rio Hondo College, I wanted to provide an easy, accessible way to learn about the latest tools and best practices for online teaching (without cluttering your email in-boxes). This newsletter provides succinct information on new tools and ideas for your online classroom and teaching.

In this newsletter, you will find information regarding new tools for Canvas, ideas to integrate online meetings, learn about online counseling, discover new tips and tricks, and learn how social media is influencing education.

As we continue to grow our Online Education offering and integration of Canvas in on-ground classes, we will need to deliver the latest educational information to stay current and provide an optimal learning environment and afford our students the best possible educational experience.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter, and welcome you to be a future contributor by sharing your insider ideas and knowledge with your fellow colleagues. The more we work together, the better we can serve our students.

You may send your articles or questions to me at <u>jsenk@riohondo.edu</u>. I am here to help and support you in your online teaching journey.

Warmest e-gards,

Dr. J

New Tools for Canvas: Scheduler Workflow

By Gabriela Olmos

The Scheduler workflow in the Canvas calendar can be used to create a virtual sign-up sheet or an appointment group. Appointment groups create a block of time where students can meet with you. Students can sign up for appointment times in their own calendars.

Please follow the instructions below or on how you can add a Scheduler appointment group in a course calendar and on how students can reserve time slots in their own calendars.

<u>http://www.riohondo.edu/online-education/wp-</u> content/uploads/sites/12/2018/02/NewSchedulerWorkflow.pdf</u> "Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is most important." – Bill Gates

Resources and Links:

- Office of Online Education: <u>http://www.riohondo.edu/online-education/</u>
- Online Education Committee: http://www.riohondo.edu/academic-senate/distance-educationcommittee/
- Effective Instructor-Student Contact Form: <u>http://www.riohondo.edu/online-education/regular-effective-contact/</u>

Important Dates

- Online Teaching Conference, Anaheim, CA June 18-20, 2018: <u>http://onlineteachingconference.org/</u>
- Deadlines when a faculty member should be certified to teach online (same for every academic year):
 Fall: Certified by April 30th; Spring: Certified by September 30; Summer: Certified by February 28



Feature: Online Counseling

By David Tieu

Online Counseling provides students a convenient opportunity to meet and video chat with an Online Counselor. An Online Counselor can provide a variety of services and support that include, review of Certificate, Associate Degree and/or transfer requirements, student educational planning, and assisting students with general inquiries and questions. Please visit www.riohondo.edu/counselingcenter/online-counseling/ for more information and on how to make an appointment.

You may want to consider including the description below on your Online Course syllabus for your classes, both on-ground and online:

"Online Counseling provides online education students a convenient opportunity to meet and video chat with a Counselor in an online environment. An Online Counselor can provide a variety of services and support that include, review of Certificate, Associate Degree and/or transfer requirements, student educational planning, and assisting students with general inquiries and questions. For more information and on how to make an appointment, please visit : www.riohondo.edu/counseling-center/online-counseling/

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Students can go online and schedule and appointment to speak with a counselor "live" online.

Tips-n-Tricks: NetTutor

By Dr. Michelle Pilati

Are you are teaching any element of a course in Canvas - online, hybrid, or web-enhanced? Would you like to provide your students with a tutor to enhance their learning?

Well consider making online tutoring available to all your students! All you have to do is

1) Enter your course on Canvas

2) Go to "Settings"

3) Select the "Navigation" tab

- 4) Find "NetTutor" in the lower menu of options
- 5) Click on the 3 vertical dots to enable NetTutor.

Now the NetTutor tutors will be just one click away for your students!

The full "live tutoring schedule" is available at: https://www.nettutor.com/schedulePrint

"It is not about the technology; it's about sharing knowledge and information, communicating efficiently, building learning communities and creating a culture of professionalism in schools. These are the key responsibilities of all educational leaders".

- Marion Ginapolis

3C Media Solutions LTI

By Zulma Calderon

"3C Media Solutions offers system-wide digital storage of videos and files and provides ondemand video streaming and video conferencing services to the faculty, staff, and administrators of the 114 campuses in the California Community Colleges System.

The 3C Media LTI was created to provide an instructor the ability to access their 3C Media

Social Media: Is it the Future of Education?

By Dr. Jodi Senk

What is the number one search engine for information? Who is the largest age group using Twitter? Can we use social media to educate?

Recently, I attended a social media marketing seminar to learn the answers and get ideas to teach our students useful ways to include social media for learning.

A few things I learned:

- ✓ 50% of the world's population is under 30 years old, and 96% of them have joined a social network
- ✓ Google is the number one search engine (YouTube was a close second- this generation enjoys videos)
- ✓ 80% of companies are using social media to recruit employees
- ✓ If FaceBook was a country, it would rank third in population.
- \checkmark Senior citizens are now the largest users of Twitter

Social media has shifted the way people communicate, and may be the future of how we connect with students. If social media can provide a venue to learn from one another, access information, and connect globally, it would likely have a positive impact on learning. As educator Jennifer Flemming said, "Teaching in the Internet age means we must teach tomorrow's skills today." And if you aren't sure about social media learning, send a Tweet to a senior. #SocialMediaLearning #Communication #LearningEmpowerment #WeConnect Solutions' media library directly from within Canvas, and insert that media into their course/s. It's worth noting that the media in an instructors account can be accessed via two ways: 1) from within Canvas using the 3C Media LTI, as detailed in this document, or 2) from the 3C Media Solutions website. The media presented will be the same regardless of which way it is accessed."-3C Media

*LTI is an abbreviation for Learning Tools Interoperability. It allows easy integration of external tools into your Learning Management System (LMS) as single-sign-on tools.



Erik Qualman said, "We don't' have a choice on whether we do social media, the question is how well we do it."



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