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Teaching Faculty Online Resources

Checkout the website <http://www.developfaculty.com/online/index.html> for a plethora of over 200 resources listed alphabetically by topic, where you can readily find information on teaching, learning and course management sites. The site is free and you do not need to establish an account or remember a password to be able to use it!



One constant is that there will always be change...

During the fall trimester, NYCC will be upgrading all computers to use the latest version of Microsoft Office which is called Office 2007. Currently NYCC is using Office XP (aka Office 2002). The most major change between the two versions is the navigation of the toolbars and icons. When first seen, Office 2007 looks very different than Office XP. Once you play with it, the differences do not seem so great. There will be somewhat of a learning curve as you start to use it but it becomes more intuitive as you get comfortable with the menus and toolbars. There will be training offered at various times during the trimester. NYCC will **not** be upgrading the operating system to VISTA at this time.



PowerPoint Quick Hint

Have you ever been in a situation where you wanted to draw the audience attention from the PowerPoint to you, the speaker? There is a simple one click solution. While in the PowerPoint slide show press the letter "b" (for black) or "w" (for white). The slide will no longer display until you press the "b" or "w" again to resume the slideshow.

When asked the following, this is how entering students in the AOM and DC programs replied:

Have you ever taken an online course? 50 % of AOM and 32 % of DC students answered YES.

Have ever used a clicker before? 20 % of AOM and 32 % of DC students answered YES.

New Director in CELT

Kara Kreinheder is the new director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT). Most recently she was an elementary school counselor for the Greece Central School District. Kara says that some students may need to “learn how to learn”. She wants students to know that she is available for help with learning styles, study and test-taking skills, as well as stress and time management. She looks forward to collaborating with faculty and staff in any way that will benefit students.



Kreinheder says, “Students may feel isolated from family and friends.” She feels confident that she can provide help with these and other issues they may encounter. In addition she will determine ideal learning environments tailored to students’ individual needs and will develop individualized programs designed to focus on the many demands they face.

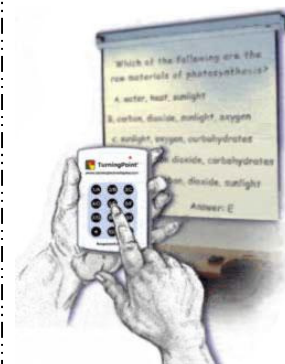
Kara Kreinheder’s office is located on the lower level of the Library/Anatomy Building. She can be reached by phone at extension 3123 or by e-mail at kkreinheder@nycc.edu. She encourages everyone to visit the department’s Web page, www.nycc.edu/why_celt.htm, and continue to check for updates.

Clickers: Instant anonymous formative feedback

Would you like instant formative feedback as to whether or not your students are “getting it” when you are teaching? Want to give an anonymous instant quiz while you are holding a review class? If so, you may be interested in using clickers (student response systems) in your class. Clickers easily integrate with PowerPoint so that you can create questions in advance or on the fly.

People who have successfully used them in their classes are Jason Wright, Mary Balliett, Chris Cunningham, Dennis Homack, Marnae Ergil, Keith Wells and Liz Larzelere. Feel free to ask them about their experience using clickers in their courses.

If you are interested in finding out more about the clickers, please contact Liz Larzelere at llarzelere@nycc.edu or by phone at 315-568-3129.



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