

VCCS Professional Development e-News

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Good Things Happening

Cash for clunkers, lemons to lemonade, silver linings – you get the picture. In these difficult economic times there are opportunities to be seized and, yes, even good things happening. This has always been the case with the VCCS professional development program as people from across the state serve passionately and effectively on the Professional Development Committee (PDC), as chairs for the Regional Centers for Teaching Excellence, and as a whole host of recipients of our programs.

We are "out there" supporting our faculty and staff and, ultimately, our students and communities. As we embark upon another year, I would like to thank the State Board, our Chancellor, system office staff, and our colleagues in the field for their generous support of all we do. Thank you!

'best,
Nan Ottenritter, Director of Professional Development

Chancellor's Faculty Fellowship 2009 – 2010 Awardees

These faculty fellows received monetary support and a one-year leave of absence to complete their doctorates. For more information, visit [our website](#). Awardees are pictured with Gary Hancock, Chairman, State Board (left) and Glenn DuBois, Chancellor, VCCS (right).



Cynthia Lafaso, CVCC

Kevin Hamed, VHCC

Chad Patton, SsVCC

Chancellor's Faculty Professorship 2009 – 2011 Awardees

These faculty professors received reassigned time, summer stipends, and expenses to carry out a 2-year project. For more information, visit [our website](#). Awardees are pictured with Gary Hancock, Chairman, State Board (left) and Glenn DuBois, Chancellor, VCCS (right).



Sharon Burnham, JTCC

Kevin Handley, GCC

William Rodner, TCC

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Future Dates

- Look for our new online application – coming soon!
- February 1, 2010. Start thinking and working with your collaborators now.

Peer Groups: Keep Those Cards and Letters Coming

In addition to the 14 peer groups that were approved in February 2009, the Office of Professional Development received 10 additional applications for new peer groups by the August 1, 2009 deadline. The conference committee of the VCCS Professional Development Committee (PDC) reviews these applications and makes recommendations to the overall PDC at their September 24-25, 2009 meeting. Applicants are notified shortly thereafter of the committee's decisions.

Help us out – each peer group will be sending its constituents a pre-event survey to determine what you would like to learn about, discuss, and do at your peer group meeting. Please complete that! Then submit a session in the call for proposals. It's your meeting, so carpe diem! You will be asked to register for each peer group meeting. Online registration forms and all info you need to know can be found in [the Peer Group section](#) of our website.

The following Class of 2015 peer groups will be meeting this year:

October 22-23	Early Childhood and Psychology
October 27-28	Developmental Education/VADE
November 12-13	Communications Studies and Theatre
February 18-19	Learning Assistance Professionals
March 18-19	ASL and Interpreter Education
April 2-4	Mathematics and Computer Science/VMATYC

Things to Know

- Register for Early Childhood peer group meeting on [website](#).
- Register for Psychology peer group meeting on [website](#).
- Register for Developmental Education/VADE peer group meeting on [website](#).
- February 1, 2010. Application deadline for additional potential peer groups on [website](#).

New Faculty Seminar: Hold onto Your Hats!

Hold onto your hats, wear your helmets – protect your brain. The VCCS New Faculty Seminar will take place October 26-27 in Richmond and feature Rita Smilkstein on “How the Brain Learns and Brain-Compatible Teaching.” The New Faculty Seminar is open to faculty (full-time and adjunct) hired within the last year and is known throughout Virginia as a wonderful time of professional development, networking, and learning about the VCCS.

There is no cost to the faculty member or their college for the program. One night's lodging and all meals are included, (opening luncheon on Monday, reception with the Chancellor, dinner, and breakfast). Attendees simply need to get themselves there and back. Many colleges use college vans or attendees carpool. Attendees simply need to register through our online registration [on our website](#).

Faculty and Administrative Leadership Academy

The OPD is pleased to announce the next Faculty and Administrative Leadership Academy will take place April 12-15, 2010 in Richmond. The change from fall to spring was made at the request of ASAC. They thought that spring might be a better time in the yearly calendar. One person from each campus, usually selected by the president or VP, is invited to attend. This academy will again feature leadership projects, case histories, a personal leadership assessment, and guest speakers, and will be facilitated by Desna Wallin, Associate Professor Department of Lifelong Education, Administration, and Policy Adult Education Program, University of Georgia. Desna is author of numerous books and publications on community colleges and leadership. It's going to be great!

Future Dates

- October 1, 2009. Spring applications deadline.
- November 15, 2009. Summer 2009 final reports due.

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

The VCCS Office of Professional Development is pleased to award \$30,593 in 10 professional development grants and 5 workshop mini-grants for fall 2009. See our grant recipients below. Congratulations, all!

College	Title	Name	Email
BRCC	A New You: Making a Lifestyle Change through Diet, Exercise and Chiropractic Advice	Susan Simmers	simmerss@brcc.edu
JTCC	Visual Rhetoric: A Research Proposal for Studying Non-linear, Visual Text Composition	Justin Cary	jcary@jtcc.edu
LFCC	Instructional Technology Summit: Using Web 2.0 Technologies & Looking Ahead to Blackboard 9	Joan Osborne	josborne@lfcc.edu
LFCC	A Discovery of Best Practices in Community College Enrollment Management	Karen Bucher	kbucher@lfcc.edu
NVCC	Development of iTunes Technology to Create IT Course Material	Afsaneh Chamlou	achamlou@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Global Connections - Local Impact: Best Practices, Models & Policies for Sustainable Cross-Border Higher Education	Carol Sinwell	csinwell@nvcc.edu
NVCC	The Constitution: A Conversation with George Mason and James Madison	Charles Errico	cerrico@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Supporting Faculty in Integrating Information Literacy into Their Teaching and Learning	Dana Roggenbaum	droggenbaum@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Developing a Faculty Learning Community for Faculty in the STEM Disciplines	Karen Walters	kwalters@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Contributing to Academic Journals: Understanding the Publication Process	Michele Woodford	mwoodford@nvcc.edu
NVCC	New Course Development for Non-Western Literature in Global Context	Rima Gulshan	rgulshan@nvcc.edu
PVCC	"See You at Office Hours": Skyping with Online Students in English Composition	Andrew Smith	ansmith@pvcc.edu
TCC	Teaching Critical Thinking to First-Year Students Workshop	David Loope	dloope@tcc.edu
VWCC	Keeping Current with Biotechnology: A Professional Development Seminar Series for Biological and Health Sciences VCCS Faculty	Jeffrey Gillette	jpgillette@virginiawestern.edu
VWCC	Introducing Informatics in the Clinical Setting: Meeting the New Standards	Teresa Fox	tfox@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!

Inquiry: A VCCS Journal

Inquiry: The Journal of the Virginia Community Colleges is now accepting submissions for the 2011 issue. So write up your latest innovation in the college lab, success with a new approach to teaching foreign languages, rationale for teaching global studies, program for at-risk students, or any topic related to community college learning and administration.

Why publish in *Inquiry*? Our VCCS journal is peer refereed and indexed by Education Resources Information Center (ERIC), an online digital library of education research and information. ERIC is sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education, and it provides ready access to education literature to support and improve practice in learning, teaching, educational decision-making, and research.

Future Dates

- Deadline for 2011 is May 15, 2010.
- Contact MaryGrace Paden, managing editor, at mpaden@jtcc.edu.

Regional Centers for Teaching Excellence

"A whole new look"

Check out the [Regional Centers for Teaching Excellence](#) on the VCCS website.

Have you checked out the [Teaching Resources Link](#) page?

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

New Horizons 2010: Save the Date

We're still fired up from New Horizons 2009 and we'll DISCOVER WHAT'S NEXT IN 2010.

Teaching and learning lie at the core of our mission: we're all about student success. We also live in a time of rapidly evolving technology that creates new tools and contexts for our work. Come learn about best practices in our time-honored traditions of teaching and learning *and* in the new frontier of rapidly evolving tools and technologies.

Save the date. New Horizons 2010 will be April 7-9, 2010 at the Hotel Roanoke. The planning committee is going great guns with ideas for new awards, technologies, and a host of other innovations. Check our website frequently for updates at [VCCS New Horizons 2010](#).

Future Dates

- April 7 – 9, 2010. New Horizons 2010.
- In early September, look on our website for call of proposals, participant registration and vendor registration.

VaCIE-VCCS International Exchange

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 VaCIE-VCCS delegates/partners.

Visiting Sunyani Polytechnic in Ghana will be:

- Geraldine W. Wright, Tidewater Community College.
- Megan Doney, New River Community College.
- Samuel Olorounto, New River Community College.
- Sharon Burnham, John Tyler Community College.

Visiting ROC Eindhoven and ROC de Leijgraaf in the Netherlands will be:

- Judi Bartlett, Germanna Community College.
- Rebecca Evans, Blue Ridge Community College.

Note: Deadline for the 2010-2011 exchange application is March 19, 2010.



Sunyani Polytechnic Campus, Ghana

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