Important Dates

- Jan 5th: Winter Break ends
- Jan 12th, 8:00 am: Spring Convocation Breakfast
- Jan 12th, 9:00 am: Spring Convocation Session
- Jan 13th: Freshman Convocation
- Jan 13th – Jan 16th: Spring Convocation Workshops
- Jan 16th: Faculty members submit applications for promotion
- Jan 17th: First day of class
- Jan 19th: Martin Luther King Holiday

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Spring 2015 Convocation

Share holiday stories with one another during the 8:00 am continental breakfast. Following breakfast, listen to Chancellor Joan Davis’ address; a QEP update from Patrick Conroy, Chair of Business Studies and QEP Director; and an update about our new learning management system will be presented by Missy LaCour, Executive Director, LCTCS Online. Yes, we are moving to a new system. Come to congratulate your cohorts’ accomplishments and welcome our new faculty. This year we will have several whole group information sessions during the morning assembly: Michelle Greco will talk about Just-in-Time Student Support Services; Scott Borne will share information about Student Referral Support, Assistant Vice Chancellor/Chief information Officer Thomas Lovince will tell us about New Information Technology Services: Email, Office 365, Creative Cloud, & Voicemail; and Executive Dean, West Bank Campus, Kristine Strickland speak about Financial Aid. The Spring Convocation morning session will begin at 9:00 am in the Student Life Center (SLC), on the City Park campus. Workshop registration will be available via http://goo.gl/3ZZMLh late Monday, January 12th.

January Webinars

SOFTCHALK

Softchalk is an eLearning content creation application. One of the most exciting features is the ability to create eBooks. The DLIT division has licensed Softchalk for one more year. There are limited licenses available on a first come, first serve basis. A trial version of Softchalk is available from the SoftChalk website.
Throughout the semester, there will be several hands-on clinics to assist you with module development using Softchalk.

Complete SoftChalk Webinar schedule: http://goo.gl/1UDGTt. The session descriptions are available online with the schedule.

- January 12th & Jan 14th, Softchalk overview
- January 16th, TextPoppers, Images and Hyperlinks in SoftChalk Create
- January 20th, Navigation Features and Sidebars
- January 22nd, Create, Manage and Share Content with SoftChalk Cloud
- January 22nd, Embedded Media
- January 27th, Quizzes and Quiz Groups and SoftChalk Score Center
- January 29th, Create Interactive eBooks with SoftChalk eBook Builder

NISOD

Delgado Community College is a member of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). A membership organization is one that is committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges. The NISOD website houses many archived webinars, publications, and conference information. Please make time to explore the website and take advantage of the many benefits of our membership. You may register for this month’s webinar here: http://goo.gl/enTeYn.

January Webinar topic: Engaging Higher Education Students Using Differentiated Instruction

Differentiated Instruction is an instructional theory that allows faculty members to take diverse student factors into account when planning and delivering instruction. Based on this theory, faculty members can structure engage higher education learning environments that address the variety of learning styles, interests, and abilities found within their classrooms, regardless of the subject area. The webinar facilitator discusses a variety of Differentiated Instruction techniques that can be used to better engage students with the materials being presented in face-to-face classrooms, as well as in online and hybrid environments. Ronda Blevins, Adjunct Faculty, Criminal Justice, Roane State Community College. Thursday, January 22, Central: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Media Service Requests

The Media Services group is striving to improve the quality of service provided in support of classroom equipment. To better enable us to track and follow-up on requests, please use the forms available in the DCC website. The URL is http://goo.gl/LByj31. Please use the Equipment Request link to request classroom and event equipment. Note that requests require a minimum 24 hours. Please use the Equipment Repair or Services link to report equipment problems. Report classroom infrastructure and student computer issues to OIT. Note that we only have one service tech for all DCC campuses and sites excepting the School of Nursing.

Support Calls

Direct non password-related Blackboard LMS issues and questions to dccdlit@dcc.edu. Please make your course sites available on the first day of classes, January 17, 2015.
NISOD members-only section is http://www.nisod.org/password. Username and password available in the Blackboard Faculty User Group Forum

All webinars will be archived for later on-demand viewing.

S.T.A.R. Program

Three STAR (Success through Accelerated Remediation) courses are available in Blackboard. Any registered Delgado student may self-enroll in these courses. The course names are: English STAR Course, Math STAR Course, and Reading STAR Course. Instructions for self-enrollment are located on the Blackboard Support Services tab. Anyone who is not a Delgado student and is interested in enrolling in a STAR course may contact the program administrator at dccstar@dcc.edu. STAR courses are non-credit, online, and self-contained. Please spread the word about S.T.A.R. Other literacy resources are notes in the sidebar of this newsletter this page.

Adobe CC for Delgado Faculty & Staff

In early December, you received two emails about new software available from the Delgado Information Technology Office. One amazing value is the ability to purchase annual licenses of Adobe Creative Cloud software. Delgado faculty and staff have access to purchase and install Adobe Creative Cloud applications for only $9.75 per one year subscription. To access this suite of products simply go to the Delgado Software Webstore, http://goo.gl/7yxAe5 and follow the directions.

This plan allows faculty and staff access to Adobe Creative Cloud suite of desktop applications and services which includes the most current professional applications available from Adobe. The software may be downloaded onto multiple computers, regardless of operating system. However, activation is limited to two computers per individual associated with the membership. This application suite includes popular titles for graphic design, video editing and web design. For more details regarding this suite of desktop applications refer to https://helpx.adobe.com/support.html. Just like previous versions of Adobe's applications, the current Creative Cloud applications are installed directly on your computer and do not require an internet connection for use.

Should you have any questions, concerns and/or comments, please contact the Delgado Information Technology Office Helpdesk at (504) 671-5500, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Learning about the Adobe Creative Cloud

Adobe Creative Cloud offers both for credit and non-credit Adobe product courses. In addition, you may learn about the Adobe CC from Lynda.com ($ but worth it), by perusing YouTube, or from Adobe TV and other resources. A basic introduction can be found here, http://goo.gl/DS9QT3. Adobe TV for the CC starts here, http://goo.gl/mFchXO.

Student Response Systems (Clickers)

Clickers are referred to by many names; for example, student response system (SRS) and automatic response systems (ARS). Delgado supports several systems currently. The two major vendors are Turning Technologies and iClicker. There will be a general clicker session and iClicker session during Convocation week. In addition, at least one TurningPoint Clicker session will be held in January. Each vendor also provides on-demand webinars and tutorials. Both vendors integrate with major learning management system (LMS) products. TurningPoint training can be found at http://goo.gl/wd6mux. TurningPoint 5 is the current version of TurningTechnologies’ polling software. You may go to http://goo.gl/TFxBLf for iClicker tutorials and videos.

Delgado Alert

If you are new to Delgado or if you have not recently signed up for the Delgado Alert system, you may enroll at http://goo.gl/wluYcn. Delgado Alert is a state-of-the-art emergency alert system for Delgado Community College students, faculty and staff. Subscribers to Delgado Alert will receive timely notifications on mobile phones, Blackberries, PDA’s, pagers, and email accounts in the event of an emergency. Emergency messages and updates will also continue to be posted to www.dcc.edu.

Students, faculty members, or staff members can receive emergency notifications on their mobile devices when they sign up for Delgado Alert. Text messaging charges may apply, depending upon subscriber’s carrier.