



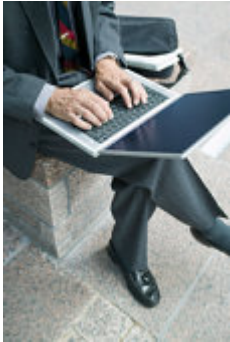
# LECROY CENTER

## DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# Distance Learning Update

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## eCampus Training Online



Can't seem to find the time to leave your office or classroom for training? We are now offering eCampus ONLINE Courses-- via Wimba Classroom. Instructors will now be able to attend eCampus training from the comfort of their own home or office. Most classes run for 2 ½ hours, and are very simple to operate and navigate. Wimba is the new virtual classroom that brings audio, video, application sharing and interaction to life. The live sessions will be conducted by a trainer and can be watched live or achieved for playback/review at a later time. If you are planning to take eCampus ONLINE Courses, you are expected to have a good grasp of Windows' principles and Internet concepts

Here is what you will need to get started:

A computer

A headset (with a microphone) --or even just speakers-- and

An Internet connection (preferably DSL, digital subscriber line, or better)

Interested instructors should register at least seven days before a scheduled session.

Register NOW at <http://www1.dcccd.edu/intranet/dcccd/dsc/training/register/register.cfm>

After registering for an eCampus ONLINE Course, instructors will receive Wimba Classroom set-up and log in instructions.

View the Training Schedule at <http://ecampus.support.dcccd.edu/Tutorials>

View the DCCCD Software Schedule/ Registration at: <http://helpdesk.dcccd.edu>

## New Look for eCampus Grade Center

### New Features Coming Fall 2008

Get ready for exciting new updates to eCampus with the launch of Blackboard 8, just in time for Fall 2008. But don't worry; there will be plenty of opportunities to learn the new features with training programs scheduled throughout the spring and summer. All faculty who use eCampus are encouraged to take the new eCampus Training for Grade Book, starting this summer. The new Grade Center offers more drop-down menus for compiling lists and sorting options and faculty ease. Bb 8 also has new peer-and-self-assessment revisions and an updated content system. Look for more details on training schedules at eCampus Training at <http://ecampus.support.dcccd.edu>.

### The Distance Learning Update

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## Dallas TeleCollege Offers iPod Courses and More to US Navy

The Dallas TeleCollege recently scored a coup with the U.S. Navy, after being awarded two new military contracts for distance education programs. That means sailors; on-base and in-submarines around the world will take various Dallas TeleCollege and DCCCD courses and degree programs.



The Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) - NCPACE gives Sailors the opportunity to complete their education programs and continue their personal and professional growth while on sea duty assignments-all tuition free. The TeleCollege will offer 7 courses in a CD-format and a new iPod-based pilot program will include 5 courses. The initial buzz about the iPod format seems to be quite popular with the NCPACE. The iPods come equipped with course videos and some even have a course syllabus, pre-loaded. All assignments and tests are provided in paper-form and sent to the military bases for the students. Based on feedback from the pilot, the TeleCollege plans to have more course offerings available to the Navy in the iPod format.

The second contract is for The Navy College Program - NCP which gives Sailors academic credit for Navy training, work experience, and off-duty education. The NCP mission is to enable Sailors to obtain a college degree while on active duty. Sailors in this program will have an opportunity to earn their Associate's Degree from more than 7 different DCCCD degree plans. The TeleCollege will be working with Eastfield College

to provide the educational programs for the sailors.

CD-Based Courses	iPod-Based Courses	Degree Programs for NavyCollege
HIST 1301	ENGL 1301 IPOD	AA General/Liberal Studies
HIST 1302	ENGL 1302 IPOD	AAS Business Administration
GOVT 2305	HIST 1301 IPOD	AAS Management
PHED 1304	HIST 1320 IPOD	AAS Criminal Justice
ECON 2301	SOCI 1301 IPOD	AAS Office Technology
ECON 2302		AS General/ Liberal Studies
SOCI 1301		AAS Child Development
ENGL 1302		

## Avatars Land at the DCCCD



### A Second Life Ground Breaking

Avatar -a virtual representation of a real person. A persona that you choose, you design, you name, you become-- virtually speaking.

Avatars hovered, teleported, and virtually flew around the DCCCD Second Life Island on April 3, for the district's groundbreaking of a new location-- a sandbox in a virtual world. Second Life is a virtual online world where people interact with others from around the world in a 3-D character format. It is built entirely by its residents. The DCCCD now owns one such island.

With names like Saraswati Serevi, Texanna, Ghost Dog and Sustainable Guy, avatars from around the world visited the DCCCD sandbox to hear about the future plans in the virtual world. The idea is that the island will be primarily used for instructional purposes. Students will be allowed to work and develop on the island under the supervision of instructors. In its initial development, the virtual

"island" will serve as bridge between DCCCD multimedia students and the School of Management, Art & Technology at the University of Texas at Dallas - but the island is open for public access. Second Life will allow us to deliver instruction to students in ways that keep them interested and motivated.

DCCCD and Second Life: <http://www.dcccd.edu/About+DCCCD/News+and+Events/News/SLGroundBreaking04-03-08.htm>

## People News and Quick-takes



-- Pam Quinn, LeCroy Center Provost, recently returned from a trip to the eastern European country of Estonia where she was a keynote speaker at a conference on eLearning in Estonia. Her topic was "From Texas to Tallinn: eLearning is Everywhere." eLearning in Estonia is coordinated through the government's centralized consortium that works with all 6 universities and 26 technical colleges. Earlier this spring, Pam was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Instructional Technology Consortium, an affiliate of AACC, for her work in distance learning. Pam has headed the LeCroy Center since 1985.

-- The LeCroy Center hosts the headquarters of NUTN, the National University Telecommunications Network. Patti Jennings, NUTN Administrator, is working with a national team on the upcoming distance learning conference to be held in Park City, Utah, June 9-11. The conference topic is "2020 Vision: A Look at Higher Education through Techno-Colored Glasses." Pam Quinn is the Board Chair for NUTN which is a national organization of colleges and universities working in distance education. For more information on the conference, contact Patti or Pam.

-- Several DCCCD faculty are working with the LeCroy Center (LCET) to help identify ways in which LCET can better meet faculty needs. If you would like to provide input into this process, please contact Ed Bowen at 972-669-6406.

-- The Distance Learning Strategic Planning Committee has been working hard throughout the spring. Reports from 11 sub-committees are due in May. Many hours from over 100 people have been dedicated to researching and planning for the future to develop a coordinated and comprehensive distance learning plan for the District. Vice Chancellor Andrew Jones chairs this committee.

We would love to hear from you and find out how you are using distance learning at your location. Please forward inquiries, comments or story ideas to: **The Distance Learning Update:** [auzenne@dcccd.edu](mailto:auzenne@dcccd.edu)

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