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"Award-winning Tools,
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NEW Distance Learning
Survey Results

* 11.3% increase in
enrollments

* More blended and
hybrids offered

* More student

Countdown To Success



Now that the Spring semester is coming to a close, it is time to prepare eCampus courses for Summer enrollments. In just a few steps, you will be on your way to student success. Check out these resources in eCampus to help you make an easy transition.

[What you need to know, to prepare for next semester...](#)

R U Tweeting?



By now you've probably read or heard about Twitter, the newest craze in the Web 2.0 landscape. If you haven't, allow me to briefly explain: Twitter is a real-time bulletin board for the web, although it is accessible via most cell phones. In 140 characters or less an infinity of informational tidbits are fed to the twitter user, who can tailor his or her own experience based on the people they follow. Updates, called "tweets," are

kept short so its users must be concise. The name of the game in Twitter is value. Ideally, you want to follow people who add value to the day-to-day dealing of your life.

[Read more about Twitter...](#)

The Case for Texting

Instant messaging (IM) has become such an important part of everyday lives-- as a result, it is deeply entrenched in our home, work, school and social lives.

Now you can use IM with WIMBA Pronto Instant Messaging in your eCampus course. Instant messaging is a type of real-time 'chatting' online using typed text. Wimba Pronto also allows users to actually talk to each other using a headset with an integrated microphone.

[Read more about using WIMBA Pronto for your courses...](#)

Survey Results

Instant messaging (IM) has gone mainstream. According to a recent survey, 'IM' is now a part of the fabric of everyday life:

Mainstream?

70% of Internet users use instant messaging

38% of IM users send as many, if not more, IMs as they do emails

33% of IM users send mobile IMs or SMS text messages from their cell phone or PDA

26% of employed IM users use IM at work

* America Online with Opticon Research Corporation

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services offered online

[See Full 2008 Distance Education Survey Results](#)

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FAST Team Off to a Speedy Start



They are quick, fast and in a hurry to assist you in expanding and exploring teaching and learning in an online-world. The Faculty Access

to Supportive Technology (FAST) Team is the brainchild of the LeCroy Center College Relations Department. The team is available to meet with faculty and staff who have a need to combine learning with creative technology. Faculty members who teach online and in hybrid classes can get one-on-one, or team assistance with instructional design, information technology, Universal Design, Quality Matters standards, web accessibility and video production.

[Read more about The FAST TEAM...](#)

Multimedia Made Easy

Tips to Look Like a Pro in Online Videos



1. Be Interesting and Engaging.

Watch grammatical errors. Look directly in the camera and speak fluently. You don't want your viewers to be bored while watching you. Make your points concise and interesting

2. Be relevant.

People respond to what's going on around them-- try to relate to current issues or specific dates as much as possible.

3. Be brief.

Try to get everything out in 2 - 7 minutes. Remember, less is best. The first 30 seconds is the most crucial.

4. Watch your background!

Watch your surroundings. What's behind you in the background? Use a plain colored or professional-looking background.

6 Light it up!

Make sure there is sufficient light around you. Regular household lighting or a lamp placed in front of you should be adequate.

7. Are YOU ready for your close-up?

Before you hit record, how do YOU look? Just because you can work at home in your pajamas doesn't mean everyone else wants to see them! Look like a pro.

[Watch more tips for creating a great video...](#)

[Request video services...](#)

News Bytes

Dr. Wright Lassiter, Chancellor of the Dallas County Community College District will serve as a speaker on the President's Panel, for the NUTN Conference this summer in

New York. Dr. Lassiter will share the panel along with Dr. Alan Davis, President Empire State College and Dr. Susan Aldridge, President University of Maryland University. The NUTN 2009 Conference is June 21-23, held in Saratoga Springs, New York.

[Read more about the NUTN 2009 Conference...](#)



Pamela Quinn, Provost of The LeCroy Center was recently elected to the board of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). The 32-member board guides AACC in its member services, policies, federal legislation and community college advocacy issues.

Congratulations to DCCCD Chancellor Emeritus Bill Wenrich who has been honored with the prestigious Leadership Award from the American Association of Community Colleges. Dr. Wenrich served our District as chancellor for 15 years and was always a strong advocate of distance learning. He also created the idea for the Virtual College of Texas.

Roger Poole was recently honored with The Texas Distance Learning Hall of Fame Award. The award recognizes long-term distance learning practitioners or advocates whose careers are characterized by exceptional commitment, outstanding achievements, and enduring impact in the field of distance learning.

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**: aauzenne@dcccd.edu

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