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VCCS New Horizons 2010: Discover What's Next

The field of teaching, learning, and technology is rapidly evolving. Come think along with our two well-known keynote speakers to discover what's next.



Ten Emerging Insights on Learning and the Road Ahead

Mark David Milliron

Our luncheon presentation on Wednesday, April 7 will feature Mark Milliron, former President and CEO of the League for Innovation, Director of the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development, and currently, founder and CEO of the Catalyze Learning International (CLI). His presentation will be immediately followed by an hour-long "town hall" follow-up meeting for a richer discussion of technology, teaching, and learning.



New Rules for Advancing Community Colleges in Virginia: Today & Tomorrow

John W. Martin

Our banquet on Thursday, April 8 will feature a lively media-based presentation featuring a glimpse into what our future students will look like and what they will want from us as educators and administrators.

It will be presented by John W. Martin, President & CEO of the Southeastern Institute of Research (SIR). In 2003, John lead SIR's efforts in launching the Boomer Project, helping clients effectively market to each generation – Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, Gen X, and the Millennials (Gen Y). In 2007 John co-authored *Boomer Consumer*.



Announcing the Excellence in Education Awards Program

Aligning with our mission of enhancing teaching and learning, we proudly announce a new awards program.

Here are the five ways to celebrate the excellence of our faculty and staff.

- The Excellence in Education Award features three categories: 1) Best practices in teaching face-to face, 2) Innovative use of technology in the face-to-face and online classroom, and 3) improving student success through institutional means.
- The Recognition of Excellence acknowledges major accomplishments of our faculty.
- The Early Implementer Award acknowledges past New Horizons attendees who implemented a strategy learned at a previous conference.

Come celebrate our awardees at the awards luncheon on Thursday, April 8, 2010!

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You are cordially invited to attend...

The Excellence in Education Reception will be held Wednesday, April 7 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom.

All EIE finalists will have a tabletop display and will be on hand to discuss their projects.

Hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar will be available.

Won't you join us?

New Horizons 2010: Discover What's Next, continued

Early Adopter Learning Community (EALC)

Teaching and learning is our main focus, but no one can deny the impact of rapidly evolving technology on what we do. In addition to exciting concurrent and Blackboard sessions featuring technology in the classroom, check out these exciting Early Adopter Learning Community (EALC) features:

- **Technology Discovery Room** – For the first time ever we will offer a special room where attendees can experience new technologies like the ePaper revolution, new robots used to train nurses, mapping and visualization, computer animation...and just have fun!
- **Live Blogging** – Several sessions will be live blogged. Real-time text summaries of the presentations and conversation, slide, and video will be provided. Individuals wishing to experience this live blog need only direct their web browser to a special address before the session begins. Questions from the “virtual audience” will be posed to the presenters.
- **Video Summaries** – Selected presenters will record a brief video summary of their presentation. These condensed presentations will then be placed on the New Horizons 2010 iTunes University site so others may use them to learn, network, or as learning objects in your educational endeavors. In addition, presenters’ slides or handouts will be placed alongside their videos.
- **Twitter** and the use of iPod Touches – We continue to offer those not already using these technologies a chance to experiment!

I am always excited about New Horizons. But this year feels different. To be able to create a learning community in which we can stop, reflect, and think together about this amazing time is pure icing on the cake. Forget about your diet – come indulge with us!

— Nan Ottenritter, Director of Professional Development

Start planning your schedule for New Horizons

- The conference opens at noon with lunch and keynote speaker Mark Milliron on Wednesday, April 7.
- The Excellence in Education reception is Wednesday, April 7, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- The Awards Luncheon will be Thursday, April 8, at noon.
- The Technology Discovery Room will be open from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.
- The pre-banquet reception will be held on Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- The Banquet with keynote speaker John Martin will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.
- Be sure to visit our Vendors! Table exhibits will be on display on the Ballroom Level from noon to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Peer Groups

Congratulations to the Class of Spring 2016 Peer Groups! They include:

- Distance Education
- Economics
- Industrial and Engineering Technologies, Building and Career and Technical Trades Learning Resources
- Learning Resources
- Music
- Sociology
- Teacher Education

The following Fall Class of 2015 and Spring Class of 2016 peer groups will be meeting this semester:

February 18-19	Business and Learning Assistance Professionals Peer Groups
February 25	Teacher Education Peer Group
March 19-20	ASL and Interpreter Education Peer Group
April 2-3	Math (VMATYC) and Computer Science Peer Group

For a listing of all peer groups visit [the Peer Group section](#) of our website.

Things to Know

- Register for New Horizons by March 1 for Early Bird rate on [website](#).
- Register for Business and Learning Assistance Professionals peer group meetings on [website](#).
- Register for Teacher Education peer group meeting on [website](#).
- Register for ASL and Interpreters peer group meeting on [website](#).
- February 19, 2010 Application deadline for Summer 2010 Professional Development Paul Lee and Workshop Mini-grants on [website](#).

Faculty and Administrative Leadership Academy

The next Faculty and Administrative Leadership Academy will take place April 12-15, 2010 at the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center in Glen Allen. One person selected by the president or VP from each campus 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.

Let your supervisor/VP/provost or president know if you're interested in being considered for this year's academy. It's going to be great!

Future Dates

- February 19, 2010. Summer applications deadline.
- March 15, 2010. Fall 2009 final reports due.

Paul Lee Professional Development and Workshop Mini-Grant Recipients for Spring 2010

The VCCS Office of Professional Development is pleased to award \$18,119 in 6 professional development grants and 5 workshop mini-grants for spring 2010. See our grant recipients below. Congratulations, all!

College	Title	Name	Email
NVCC	Ships of Shame - An Unwelcome Journey that Changed Virginia History	William Rhatican	wrhatican@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Promoting Scientific Teaching and Learning through a Faculty Learning Community	Johanna Weiss	jweiss@nvcc.edu
JSRCC	Creativity, Criticism, Collaboration –A Proposal to Establish a Literary Magazine	Glenda Potts	gpotts@reynolds.edu
NVCC	Supporting Information Literacy through an Embedded Librarian Program	Carol Sinwell	csinwell@nvcc.edu
NVCC	Supporting Retiring Faculty in Developing their Legacy	Nan Peck	npeck@nvcc.edu
BRCC	The Magic of Calculus	Thomas Johnson	johnsont@brcc.edu
LFCC	Instructional Technology Summit - Innovations in Teaching and Learning	Joan Osborne	josborne@lfcc.edu
GCC	BYOC: Improving YOUR Online Course	Cheryl Huff	chuff@germanna.edu
BRCC	Keeping Cool Under Pressure: Ways to Deescalate Difficult Situations in the Workplace	Bridget Baylor	baylorb@brcc.edu
CVCC	Spring 2010 Technology Summit	Kristen Machac	robertsonk@cvcc.vccs.edu
TNCC	Guy Fi: The Fictions that Rule Men's Lives	Chad Smith	smithcha@tncc.edu

Inquiry: A VCCS Journal

Future Dates

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

Inquiry: The Journal of the Virginia Community Colleges is now accepting submissions for the 2011 issue. The deadline is May 15, 2010, so there's still time to write up your latest innovation in the teaching of anatomy, results of a study on grade inflation, success with using clickers in the classroom, or rationale for a new program on your campus.

Why publish in *Inquiry*? Our journal is peer refereed and made available to readers around the globe through Education Resources Information Center (ERIC), an online digital library of education research and information.

Questions? Please email MaryGrace Paden 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

Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence

The Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence recognizes excellence in teaching in Virginia's community colleges. This annual award goes to one teaching faculty member in the VCCS who distinctly represents the teaching excellence found at VCCS colleges. The recipient is given a VCCS stole and \$5,000.00. One nomination per campus will be accepted.

Eligible applicants must be full-time teaching faculty with unrestricted rank and salary proposals, possessing a minimum of five years of full-time VCCS service during which at least 75% of the workload was devoted to teaching. They must be recommended by the president of the employing institution.

The criteria on which the recipient is selected are instructional effectiveness, student focus, discipline competence, and personal attributes. It is expected that the preparation of materials for the Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence will position a college and its nominee(s) to address related criteria for the [SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award](#).



Chancellor Glenn Dubois, CATE winner Kim Hoosier, and State Board Chair Gary Hancock

The completed application packet must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 26 from the Chief Academic Officer of the college. Complete instructions may be found on the VCCS website under Professional Development, Awards, [Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence](#).

Winner of the 2009 Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence:

Kim Hoosier, Associate Professor of Sociology, Piedmont Virginia

"Kim has received wide student acclaim for her intellectually demanding and stimulating classes. She has the ability to make sociology relevant, practical, entertaining, absorbing, and eye-opening. Her classes have become favorites among PVCC students due to the rapport she has with them."

— Frank Friedman, PVCC president

VaCIE-VCCS International Exchange

Note: The application packets went to the campus contact people on Tuesday, January 26. Applications for the 2010-11 exchange program must be returned to the campus contacts by March 19, 2010. [Click here](#) for more information.

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