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Planning for a Possible Pandemic

We've got to come together to plan for ways to continue the teaching and learning process even if students are unable to come to classes. There are two approaches we'll use.

First, faculty members who are trained in the use of the ANGEL learning management system may request that shells be set up for their traditional classes. Just send in your course ID's, reference numbers, and setup requests to us by email at virtual.college@mccc.edu as soon as possible. We'll work as fast as we can to get you and your students set up. If you would, please let us know that this is part of your emergency planning (rather than a regular request for distance learning).

Secondly, the rest of us can maintain communication with our students via Mercer Mail.

Faculty members can email their students by accessing their employee portal and

their roster. You may email students individually or as a full class. If you are having problems, please contact the I.T.S. department at tech-help@mccc.edu.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! In order to make this work, we've got to make sure that the STUDENTS know how to use either ANGEL or their MercerMail accounts. Not all of our students are equally tech-savvy. They may need your guidance. Try to find opportunities to provide demonstrations. Let's find meaningful ways to integrate these technologies into our classroom processes so that the students are comfortable BEFORE the emergency is upon us.

We have also set up a MercerMail kiosk in the Student Center to help students log in to their Mercer Mail accounts.

I.T.S. has plenty of information cards that you may request for distribution to your students. Give them a holler at tech-help@mccc.edu and they'll send a supply to you. There are some very easy-to-follow access and password reset instructions at <http://www.mccc.edu/mercermail.shtml>.



MercerMail Help Kiosk

The Doctor is in! Do you have students who are having trouble accessing their MercerMail account? Direct them to our brand new information help desk for log-in assistance.

October 5-31

WWC - in the Student Center

Monday: 10/5 - 5:00-6:00 pm
Monday: 10/12, 10/19 & 10/26— noon—1:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm.

Tuesday: 10/6 & 10/20 - 1:00-2:00 pm
Tuesday: 10/13 & 10/27 - noon-1:00 pm

Wednesdays: noon—1:00pm
Thursdays - noon-1:00 pm and 5:00-6:00 pm

Friday, 10/9: noon-1:00pm

JKC - Room KC 311

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Friday 9—4.

Electronic Resources Brown Bag Sessions

Worried about keeping your classes running during snow, rain, fire, flood, tornado or H1N1? If so then you'll definitely want to come to these brown bag sessions provided by the MCCC Library and BAT-cave. During the sessions you'll learn how to:

- Navigate MCCC's offering of online databases

- Use MCCC's collection of electronic books
- Provide readings for students
- Create an online collection of e-books

And these sessions aren't just about providing content for students. You'll also learn some tips to help in your own research.

If any of these offerings interest you come on down to one of our sessions ...and don't forget to bring your lunch!

DATE: October 20, 22, 27 & 30

TIME: 12:00-1:00pm

ROOM : AD131

To register, email teach@mccc.edu with your name, date & time of session.

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SPOTLIGHT:

Professor Jody Person



Hear ye, hear ye! Jody Person is our spotlighted faculty member! Jody Person is a force on campus. His energy and enthusiasm are contagious.

Visit the Virtual BAT Cave to see and hear Jody talk about his love for dance, theatre and teaching coming together in his work at MCCC.

Find out how Jody's experience in Taiwan shaped his vision. Listen as Jody tells you a story that inspires and empowers.

We're thrilled to have Jody join us in hanging out at the BAT Cave. Check him out online and then let him know that you've seen his spotlight!

Congratulations, Jody!

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Online Teaching and Learning Conference

You're invited to attend an **Online Teaching and Learning (OTL) Conference** sponsored by Jossey-Bass (publisher) and LearningTimes Events. The event will be delivered "fully online - in real time" over 2 days - Wednesday, **10/7**, and Thursday, **10/8** - here on campus in our BAT Cave (CM126B). You are invited to attend one or more sessions with us, so please join us if you are available and interested! Feel free to bring a brown bag snack or lunch.

The Conference features key presenters who are authors, practitioners, and regarded as leaders in the field of education and online learning. The live online sessions are all relevant to teaching and learning in an online environment!

Wednesday, October 7th

11:30 am–12:20 pm	Using Wikis for Online Collaboration: Wiki Frames in 7 Easy Steps	James A. West and Margaret L. West
12:30 pm–1:20 pm	Assessing the Online Learner: Resources and Strategies for Faculty	Rena Palloff and Keith Pratt
1:30 pm–2:20 pm	KEYNOTE: Student Engagement Techniques	Elizabeth Barkley
2:30 pm–3:20 pm	How to Get Through the Content While Still Getting Through to Your Students	Robin Smith
3:30 pm–4:20 pm	Producing Great Podcasts	Jonathan Finkelstein

Thursday, October 8th

12:00 pm–12:50 pm	Adult Learning Theory	Sharan Merriam
1:00 pm–1:50 pm	KEYNOTE: The World is Open: Now, WE-ALL-LEARN with Web Technology	Curtis J. Bonk, Ph.D.
2:00 pm–2:50 pm	Transformative Learning Theory	Patricia Canton and Edward Taylor
3:00 pm–3:50 pm	Collaborating Online: Learning Together in Community Online	Rena Palloff and Keith Pratt
4:00 pm–4:50 pm	Learning Online with Games, Simulations and Virtual Worlds	Clark Aldrich
5:00 pm–5:50 pm	Blended Learning in Higher Education: Recent Developments and Implications for Practice	Randy Garrison and Norm Vaughan

For additional information on these sessions, please visit our website at <http://www.onlineteachingandlearning.com/learning/>

If you are interested in attending one or more of these sessions, please RSVP and indicate which session(s) you are planning to attend. To RSVP, call the BAT CAVE at X3551. Hope you can join us!

ITS: National Cyber Security Month Seminars

Laptop M.D.— The Doctor is In!

Date: Fridays, October 9, 16, 23 and 30 **Time:** 9 am – 4:00 pm **Room:** AD 208 **Instructor:** User Services Technical Staff

For those of you who don't regularly bring your laptop on campus, this session is for you. Chances are that your virus software and Microsoft Windows updates are out of date. Make an appointment to give your laptop a physical exam....the Doctor is in!

Using the Mercer Web Based Password Tool

Date: Friday, October 9 **Time:** 12:15pm – 1:00 pm **Room:** WWC—AD213 **Instructor:** Rich Bianco

Date: Wednesday, October 14 **Time:** 12:15pm – 1:00 pm **Room:** JKC—KC248 **Instructor:** Rich Bianco

In an effort to use secure passwords and change them frequently, a web-based password reset tool has been implemented for your use. Learn how to configure the tool for your use to make changing your network password easy!

Does Your Computer have “Swine Flu”?

Date: Wednesday, October 14 **Time:** 12:00pm – 1:00 pm **Room:** WWC—AD130 **Instructor:** Chris Pecci

Date: Wednesday, October 21 **Time:** 12:00pm – 1:00 pm **Room:** JKC—KC213 **Instructor:** Chris Pecci

Learn how to avoid spyware viruses and malware this computer flu season! This session will focus on what spyware and malware is; how to protect your office and home computer from becoming infected; and what to do if your computer becomes infected.

All Wireless and No Security!

Date: Monday, October 19 **Time:** 12:00pm – 1:00 pm **Room:** WWC—AD130 **Instructor:** Rafael Cortes

Date: Tuesday, October 27 **Time:** 12:00pm – 1:00 pm **Room:** JKC—KC223 **Instructor:** Rafael Cortes

Are wireless LAN's really safe? This session will focus on things to consider when setting up a home wireless network and how to make your wireless LAN secure. We will also introduce and demonstrate the newly implemented wireless security on the MCCC campus. Please bring your laptops for hands-on training.

Look at All This Groovy Stuff!!!

Date: Monday, October 26 **Time:** 12:15pm – 1:00 pm **Room:** WWC—AD130 **Instructor:** Ken Hunt

Date: Wednesday, October 28 **Time:** 12:15pm – 1:00 pm **Room:** JKC—KC223 **Instructor:** Ken Hunt

CD's, Flash Drives, Grade Books, Oh My!! While we personally can't catch the identity thieves, we might be able to stop one by learning some guidelines/best practices for your college workstation security and data management. Also, learn how easy it may be for someone to steal your identity and some basic steps you can take to protect your identity. You will also get information on what to do if you suspect you have been a victim of identity theft.

To sign up for any of these seminars, please email tech-help@mccc.edu.

Starlink Streaming Videos



Pursuing Your Passion at All Costs

Streaming online ONLY

October 5–19

Password: email teach@mccc.edu to request

Alexis Jones, 25, already a famous reality TV star, teen model and founder of iamthatgirl.com shares her passions and drive in this presentation. The presentation will focus on:

- Dreaming big and making it real
- Creating an unwavering work ethic
- Rescuing yourself through resilience

Also discussed in the presentation is how individuals can make a difference through social change. Learn how that at any age you can empower yourself to take a wider view of the world.

More Details: <http://www.starlinktraining.org/Flyers2010/Flyer1005.pdf>



Funding Sources for Your Courses

Streaming online ONLY

September 28–October 12

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With the current economic situation, tight budgets, and budget cuts, how can you find a way to fund courses? Start with this helpful video! The presenters provide ideas on finding new sources of funding for course, research, and other projects. This presentation offers advice on receiving grants, gifts, and creating strategic partnerships. Using these previously untapped and creative sources of funding, faculty and staff will be able to fund courses, projects, and provide students with a quality education.

More Details: <http://www.starlinktraining.org/flyers2010/Flyer0928.pdf>



I Taught it, But They Didn't Learn It

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Feel like you're having trouble reaching your students? Does it seem like they are missing parts of your lectures or presentations? Then check out this helpful presentation on how making small changes in your teaching style can lead to improved student performance. This presentation discusses how:

- Make use of knowledge of intellectual development, learning styles and critical thinking to help students and faculty succeed
- Assumptions of what students bring to the classroom can hinder learning
- Faculty morale will improve with increased student success

If you're looking to improve student success and classroom morale then this presentation is definitely worth checking out.

Resource Packet: <http://www.starlinktraining.org/Packet/Packet0598.pdf>

All of these streaming broadcasts can be accessed by visiting the Virtual BAT Cave at <http://teach.mccc.edu> . Click on the link to streaming video.

The live satellite broadcasts and the streaming videos that we have been enjoying are a result of our subscription to the Starlink Network. Initially established in 1989 with a Perkins State Leadership Grant, Starlink has grown into a network of 108 colleges in 27 states and Canada, providing cost-effective, dynamic, interactive professional development opportunities to higher education.

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