



Date: February 13, 2003
To: All Faculty
From: Noni Threinen, Director
Subject: News

"Brown Bag" Presentations

Two presentations are scheduled for this term: Both will be given by experienced faculty members who know what you need to know to make this tool effective for classroom use.

Powerpoint Basics: Everything you want to know to get started. Everything you need to know to add new information and "pizzazz" to your presentations. No questions too "stupid" to ask. Demonstration and "hands-on" during class.

Thursday, March 20 noon – 1 PM Room 25 [IT open computer area]

Super Powerpoint: Go beyond the basics. Learn how to add even more interest and variety by using advanced organization and content. Import audio/video, use internet resources and more. Demonstration and "hands-on" in class.

Thursday, April 3 noon – 1 PM Room 25 [IT open computer area]

Limited number due to available space. Advance registration recommended. Please e-mail Noni Threinen with your request. [More information will be available at a later date.]

Faculty Excellence Awards

Faculty Excellence Award nomination forms will be available by March 1st. Specific criteria for each award will be included in the nomination procedures and be outlined on the CTLA web page.

Individual awards may be given in the areas of Teaching, University Patient Care and Research, Scholarship or Creative Activities. Each award will be \$400.00. No self nominations will be accepted. One group award will be available for Interdisciplinary/Interdepartmental Initiatives for two or more faculty. That award is for \$1200.00.

General information on each award is available on the web page. Nominations will be accepted by the CTLA Advisory Group until May 15, 2003. Final selections will be made by June 6, 2003 and an Honors Event will be scheduled in the summer term.

CTLA Web page

- The CTLA web page will include information regarding University Assessment activities with a separate and expanded section devoted to this initiative.
- Changes are in process to make the CTLA site more easily accessible from the home page without having to go through eNorthwestern with total password protection. Any necessary protection from external access will be added as needed for specific documents or areas.
- Additional references and links to educational and assessment resources will be made available soon.
- Regular news and updates will be accessible on the web page.

Assessment

- Two student members have joined the University Assessment Committee (UAC). Chiropractic student, Cody Hoefert, President of the Student Senate and MCAOM student, Bill Haugen will participate in committee work as their schedules allow.
- The curriculum mapping surveys have been returned (approx.. 90%) and have been summarized to show where and to what extent that our faculty have included the "Effective Communication" skills in their courses. The summary information will be reviewed by the UAC in the coming week. Information will also be forwarded to the program curriculum committees for their review and feedback. Information will be included on the CTLA web page.
- Baseline measurement for "Effective Communication" skills for the chiropractic program will be started during the T7 Developmental Assessment (DA) given at midterms this term. A section on the evaluation forms will include a rubric for evaluating verbal, non-verbal and complementary communication principles. We would like to determine the level of skill development that students have at this time.

New Ideas Welcome

Your feedback and ideas are welcome at any time. Please contact any member of the CTLA Advisory Group with your suggestions.

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