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To: All Faculty  
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***Faculty Excellence Awards***

The CTLA Advisory group received many excellent nominations for the first Faculty Excellence Awards. The final selections have been completed and the official announcement of winners will be made on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1 PM in the auditorium. Dr. Traina will help present the awards and refreshments will be served in the foyer or courtyard, weather permitting. Please reserve this date NOW and look for further details soon.

***"Brown Bag" Presentations***

Lynne Hvidsten will present "*An Assessment Model for Clinical Internships*" on **Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1PM in Room L5**. This will be a preview of the presentation that Dr. Hvidsten will present at the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE) conference in Seattle on June 23.

Your suggestions are invited and welcome for either what you would like to have for presentations this term or even for something you would like to share. Please let me know before the end of June. We would have time for two or three topics this term. Thank you for your help in providing your ideas for opportunities for faculty.

***Follow-up to the April Faculty Seminar:  
"Illuminating Lessons" with Marla Amborn***

A video tape of the presentation is available in the library on reserve. Please feel free to check it out if you would like to see what you missed or want to refresh your memory on any part of the seminar. The handouts she used for the seminar will also be available in the library to be checked out. Please **DO NOT WRITE ON THE MATERIALS**. You are free to make a personal copy if you wish to do any of the exercises she directs.

Marla also gave us the templates for an "Engaged Learning Course Plan" and several examples from a variety of courses, using the principles of brain compatible learning. They are on the CTLA web site and she has given her express permission to use or modify any of these as applicable for our courses.

### ***Assessment***

The University Assessment Committee (UAC) met several times in May to prepare for and meet with our invited consultant on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Mary E. Huba, PhD. was the mentor assigned to Northwestern when the first assessment team attended a training workshop in March, 2002. Dr. Huba is a professor in the College of Education at Iowa State University and is also their Assessment Coordinator. Her time on our campus was divided between meetings with our administration and faculty serving on assessment and curriculum committees in each program.

After working on this initiative for the past year, the committee wanted to evaluate our progress in developing the NWHSU assessment program and get some expert advice on next steps. We asked for her recommendations and she provided a summary of her review with us. The summary will be available for your review on the CTLA web site within the next week. As always, your questions or responses may be directed to any member of the University Assessment Committee and we would appreciate any feedback you would like to give.

### ***NEW!!! Teaching-Learning Community***

From the feedback from the last two workshops, many faculty members expressed the desire to have more time to meet with each other and to be able to share their thoughts and experiences in developing and applying new approaches in their own classes. In response, the CTLA will introduce the Teaching-Learning Community (TLC). A TLC is a group of faculty who are interested in reflecting on their teaching and sharing ideas, examples and techniques for improving student learning on an informal basis

The CTLA will provide support to help interested faculty to form a TLC and coordinate a time and location for their meetings. Interested faculty members may contact Noni Threinen or any member of the CTLA Advisory Group before JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will follow-up to set a convenient time for an organizational meeting.

**Committee members' names, e-mail addresses and campus phone extensions are available on the assessment page of the CTLA web site.**