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2008 ACADEMIC & LEARNING SUPPORT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

MAY 8TH & 9^{TH,} 2008

Title, Date, Time, Location	Descriptions of Presentations:
Instruction Targeted for TABE Success, by Laura Hallford, McGraw-Hill Contemporary **Thursday, May 8th** **10:00 AM – 11:15 AM** **Bld G, Room 111**	ITTS uses scores from TABE Forms 9 & 10 to assign lessons in the software program. ITTS also provides customized prescriptions to Contemporary's TABE print materials. ITTS consist of 281 lessons and 716 assessments for TABE levels E, M, and D. The lessons focus on skills and sub-skills in reading, mathematics, and language. ALSC Laura ITTS PowerPoint Presentation.ppt
Technology: It's Not a Tool - It's an Environment, by Louis Molina, Professor of English, Kendall Campus, MDC **Thursday, May 8th** **10:00 AM – 11:15 AM** **Bld G, Room 122**	Today`s generation of students learns very differently than did previous generations. The 21st century student is a natural `multi-tasker' for whom technology is seamless and invisible. This presentation will focus on updating faculty teaching and learning styles to meet the needs of modern students. Participants will be able to learn about teaching and learning styles that will allow our 21st century digital native students to blossom and succeed in their technology-driven environment.
Your Students 24/7 *Now That's SMARTHINKING!,* by Danny Clark, SMARTHINKING and Iris Strunc, Okaloosa Walton College **Thursday, May 8th** **10:00 AM – 11:15 AM** **Bld G, Room 123**	Increasingly, college students are seeking flexible learning methods such as being enrolled in online and hybrid courses. As a result, the population of students enrolled in these courses is growing significantly. This presentation is intended demonstrate a well known service which provides 24/7 access to a qualified instructor along with expanded access to individualized instructional support, delivered at the teachable moment, for students served in any class. The 24/7 access is accomplished by implementing SMARTHINKING's online instructional support services. The implementation of these services has provided additional opportunities for more mathematics, science, business and writing students to achieve success, maintain persistence, and ultimately improve retention. Join us for an overview of SMARTHINKING's online instructional support services and learn about successful implementation models from around the country and specifically at Okaloosa Walton College in Florida. ALSC Danny Clark Miami Dade Conference.ppt

ACCUPLACER as a Value Added Educational Experience in a Compressing P-16 World , by Jonell Sanchez, Director of Academic Outreach & Program Development , The College Board **Thursday, May 8th** **1:45 PM – 3:00 PM** **Bld G, Room 111**	Testing, testing, and more testing...why and when do we do it? This presentation will provide best practice models and innovative strategies that emphasize the use of 'assessments' as value added versus 'testing' without a commonly shared understanding of its purpose. The College Board is answering the reality of a 'Compressing P-16 World" in the form of preparation for college, early intervention programs, outcomes assessment, dual enrollment programs, and others. This session highlights how using ACCUPLACER online has proven to be an effective tool in addressing the challenges of college readiness, access, remediation, persistence, retention, and graduation. College Readiness with ACCU details March 2008.ppt
Viva El Exito: Student Success Initiative (VESSI), by Dr. Linda Saumell Title V Grant Director, Homestead Campus, MDC **Thursday, May 8th** **1:45 PM – 3:00 PM** **Bld G, Room 122**	This program will present information about the Viva El Exito: Student Success Initiative, a five year Title V grant designed to improve student retention and success. VESSI team members will discuss the programs that have been developed and implemented on the Homestead Campus and the program outcomes to date. ALSC Saumell MDCHomesteadTitleV.ppt
Preparing Students for the Rigors of a Health Care Curriculum through Science Content / Study Skills, by Jim Lebuef,St. Petersburg College, Instructional Assistant **Thursday, May 8th** **1:45 PM – 3:00 PM** **Bld G, Room 123**	Many students are underprepared for college level science courses. In turn, The New Initiative Program (NIP) has developed a workshop series to assist students by strengthening science study skills and knowledge base. The ultimate goal is for the students to become more confident and competitive in their classroom work. ALSC James LeBoeuf PP2.ppt
The Road to Success in Implementing AccuTrack for Student and Administrative Tracking Purposes, by Mauricio Soto, Israel Sanchez, & Jorge Salinas, Managers, Academic Support Center, & Sean Hosang, CTS Manager, Homestead Campus, MDC **Thursday, May 8th** **3:15 PM –4:30 PM** **Bld G, Room 111**	This presentation will focus on the inter-departmental collaboration and teamwork involved in implementing AccuTrack at the Academic Support Center of MDC`s Homestead Campus. Participants will learn about a variety of AccuTrack functions and applications related to tracking student attendance and academic support services; reviewing feedback from online surveys; managing student appointments; and generating comprehensive reports for students and employees alike. ALSC Accutrack Presentation.ppt

Web 2.0: Where Are Our Students Connecting? by Rolando Garcia, Computer Courtyard Director, Wolfson Campus, MDC & Carmen Bucher, Interim CCIO, North Campus, MDC **Thursday, May 8th** **3:15 PM –4:30 PM** **Bld G, Room 122**	Social networking, Wiki, and blog sites have become popular with the current student population and constitute a second generation of Internet communities that have been dubbed Web 2.0. Information, culture, photos and videos can be shared worldwide through these virtual communities. Is this a new way to connect with and instruct students? This discussion will present these popular web sites and their pedagogical implications. ALSC Rolando Carmen Web 2.0.ppt
An A+ Effort at Miami Dade College, by John Vassiliou, Computer Courtyard Director,, Kendall Campus, MDC **Thursday, May 8th** **3:15 PM –4:30 PM** **Bld G, Room 123**	Process and results of a series of A+dvancer Pilots performed at MDC. Furthermore, statistical data from the implementation of A+dvancer to students seeking test preparation through SAIL Lab at MDC, Kendall Campus during 2006-3 & 2007-1. *A+dvancer* Online Courseware is a web-based educational software application specifically designed as a supplemental prescriptive and instructional program aligned to college-readiness proficiencies of Accuplacer (CPT), as well as for selected college prep student groups. ALSC John Vassiliou A+Effort at MDC mods.ppt
Tools and Practices that Make a Difference, by Iris Strunc, Coordinator of Educational Support Services, Okaloosa-Walton College **Friday, May 9th** **9:15 AM – 10:30 AM** **Bld G, Room 111**	This interactive presentation will demonstrate techniques, strategies, and various uses of educational technologies to address particular concerns of ESL writers, including assignment analysis, process modeling, and elaboration on patterns in the sentence, paragraph, and essay levels. It will include a Power Point presentation, informational handouts, and practical suggestions. ALSC Iris Strunc finalMIAMI2008Tutoring the ESL Writer.ppt
Tutor Training and Certification, by Dr. David McGuirk, CTD Coordinator, Kendall Campus, MDC **Friday, May 9th** **9:15 AM – 10:30 AM** **Bld G, Room 122**	Academic tutors from all disciplines at Miami Dade College need a solid foundation that will help them define their roles, the action steps to accomplish their goals, and methods and strategies to use with a diverse student population. A formalized tutor training program will provide proven techniques, guidelines and models on options for communicating, alternatives for interaction, and understanding the inter-cultural dimension. Find out more about nation-wide tutor training and certification programs and how Miami Dade College can develop its own custom program that fits the needs of its unique student population. ALSC David Mcguirk Tutoring Presentation.ppt
Neuroscience Applied! Creating a Brain Compatible Learning Environment, by Amanda Evans, Director, The Metamorphosis Coaching, Lynn University **Friday, May 9th** **9:15 AM – 10:30 AM** **Bld G, Room 123**	Join us for this innovative, interactive training that translates what is known about brain function into specific, applicable brain-based learning strategies, stress management techniques and wellness education that educators can implement to create a learning environment that fosters academic success at the collegiate level! ALSC Amanda Evans ALRC PP.ppt