

A Focus on Student Learning!

Learning Outcomes Coordinating Council (LOCC) and Learning Outcomes Assessment Team (LOAT) focus on contributing to MDC's strategic priority of educational quality and strengthening our capacity to improve student learning.



During the 2018–19 Academic Year, the Learning Outcomes Coordinating Council (LOCC) and the Learning Outcomes Assessment Team (LOAT) engaged in the following initiatives:

- Refined the scoring processes of the College Student Learning Outcomes Assessment (CSLOA) so that both the norming and scoring processes are electronic.
- Implemented additional procedures to increase inter-rater reliability.
- Examined performance on CSLOA data, which led to collaborations with:
 - The School of Justice, Public Safety and Law Studies
 - The School of Education
 - The Honors College
 - The Psychology Discipline
- Advanced proposals for Learning Outcomes review processes and committee governance.



The College Student Learning Outcomes Assessment (CSLOA) will be administered at your campus testing centers from **November 1st - December 13th**.

Please encourage students who are graduating in Spring 2020 to take the CSLOA by visiting the Testing webpage at <http://www.mdc.edu/main/testing/assessments/csloa.aspx>.

Students who complete the assessment will receive a \$20 e-Gift Card.



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Learning Outcomes In the Spotlight

Dr. Deborah Robinson represented LOAT at the Community College Conference on Learning Assessment hosted by Valencia College in February, 2019. The conference focused on techniques designed to support large-scale assessments of campus-wide portfolios, as well as signature and summative assessment projects.

At the conference Dr. Robinson was introduced to a research-based model for strategically using data. As a result [Creating a Data-Informed Culture in Community Colleges](#) by Brad Philips and Jordan Horowitz will be the first book featured in the Learning Outcomes Book Club.

If you would like to join the Learning Outcomes Assessment Team and have the opportunity to participate in prestigious conferences across the nation, please visit <http://www.mdc.edu/learningoutcomes/faculty-leadership.aspx>



LOCC & LOAT will be hosting two Assessment Conversations!



Join us on **Thursday, October 29th**, from **1:30 PM to 3:30 PM** at **Medical Campus** and on **Thursday, November 14th**, from **1:30 PM to 3:30 PM** at **West Campus**.

These conversations will be related to data collected about **Learning Outcome 3: Solve problems using creative and critical thinking**.

For more information visit Employee Learning in MDConnect or email learningoutcomesassessment@mdc.edu

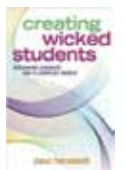
Opportunities to Get Involved!

This academic year you will have the opportunity to join the **Learning Outcomes Book Club** to discuss student learning improvement topics. To join our book club, please visit Employee Learning in MDConnect.

For the Fall 2019 term, we will read, **Creating a Data-Informed Culture in Community Colleges**, a book that focuses on building an effective community around data usage.



In the Spring 2020 term, we will read, **Creating Wicked Students: Designing Courses for a Complex World**, a book on course redesign.



Learning Outcomes in Practice



In December 2018, Jairo Ledesma, MDC-Homestead Campus, Professor of History along with Dr. Kenneth Lipartito, FIU, Professor of History, were awarded the Andrew W. Mellon Humanities Edge Faculty Collaboration Grant. The central objective of their project was to provide MDC and FIU history students with the opportunity to conduct primary research on digitized court records from the mid-1800's related to free people of color in Key West. The students transcribed records, conducted historical research, stored metadata, met with the Monroe County historian and presented their findings at college symposiums and regional conferences including the Florida Conference of Historians and the Society of Florida Archivists (SFA) Annual Meeting. Watch a short film made about the program and its findings here: <https://vimeo.com/333856007> or scan the QR Code.

