Coming Soon to the Teaching Center

In the coming weeks, the Teaching Center will host a series of new opportunities for faculty engagement and professional development:

- **Provost's Diversity Institute for Faculty Development**: This annual summer institute offers Pitt faculty the opportunity to increase awareness about diversity, equity, and inclusion, and develop skills needed to teach in a multicultural environment. Workshops will begin in May and span a wide array of DEI topics.
• **ID Partners:** Our ID (Instructional Design) Partners group will soon be reconvening! Those involved in instructional design activities at Pitt are invited to participate in this community intended to facilitate communication, interaction, collaborative support, and professional development opportunities across the University.

• **Spotlight on Teaching and Learning:** This new series of short talks, open to all, will focus on important trends in teaching, learning, and educational technology.

We will keep you informed as details are confirmed.

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**Provost's Award for Excellence in Doctoral Mentoring**

On **Wednesday, March 31**, seven faculty will be honored with the [Provost's Award for Excellence in Doctoral Mentoring](#), which recognizes outstanding mentoring of graduate students seeking a research doctorate degree. Join Provost Ann Cudd to recognize both the 2020 and 2021 recipients and to hear from all seven faculty on their expertise in mentoring.
2020 Winners

- Diane Litman, School of Computing and Information, Computer Science
- Chandralekha Singh, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, Physics & Astronomy
- Randall Walsh, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, Economics

2021 Winners

- Tia-Lynn Ashman, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, Biological Sciences
- Robert Batterman, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, Philosophy
- Yvette Conley, School of Nursing, Health Promotion and Development
- Martin Weiss, School of Computing and Information, Informatics and Networked Systems

All faculty, staff, and students are invited and you can register to attend on the University Events page.

Making a Canvas Front Page

Have you ever wanted to create a custom home page for your Canvas course(s)? Now you can using a tool called Front Page. Our interactive tutorial
can help you customize your home page with your preferred images, buttons, text, documents, videos, and more. Start customizing today!

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**Teaching Surveys: Preparing for April**

As we progress toward April, please note the following key dates for the end-of-term surveys:

- **Right Now**: The teaching survey webpages are available with resources and information to help you prepare for the student opinion of teaching surveys.

- **Today through April 4**: Faculty can visit the Teaching Survey Dashboard and add custom questions to their teaching survey to help gather critical feedback on specific aspects of your course. You can find samples in our question library or you can create your own.

- **April 5 - April 25**: Surveys are open.

- **May 6**: Email notifications will be sent when your report is ready to view.

You can find strategies for making students active participants in the teaching survey process on our faculty resources page.
2021-2022 Academic Calendar Now Available

The 2021-2022 academic calendar is now available on the University Registrar's website. An important change to the 2021-2022 calendar is the addition of a one-day Fall Break for students on Friday, October 15, 2021.

Upcoming Workshops

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