I. iLearn is Upgraded, Now What?

On July 24, 2013, Academic Technology & eLearning and Research Computing completed a high level upgrade of our learning management system, iLearn. The upgrade was successful and you will notice a whole new look when you now log in. If you have not visited iLearn yet, we invite you to take a look and assimilate yourself with the new interface. Currently in your iLearn workspace, you will find our Upgrade Briefing Document, in this document you will find information regarding new tools, iLearn enhancements and iLearn fixes.

One of the tools we are most excited to share with you is the new tool called “Meetings”, this is a web conferencing system that will provide you with the opportunity to share slides, video, audio, and your desktop directly with your students. An option to utilize this new feature is to have online office hours where all students can join your meeting or you can choose to have a private meeting to assist a student one-on-one. Further information regarding this tool and all others are available within our Best Practices Manual available at: http://academic2.marist.edu/elearning/bestPractices.html

Overview of August Institute Workshops
The office of Academic Technology & eLearning is pleased to announce our August 2013 Academic Technology Institute. This year’s Institute features programs for those new to using technology in the classroom (Introduction to iLearn, Microsoft Jump Start) and for advanced users looking to use technology in new and innovative ways (iPad in the classroom, Prezi, and our a la Carte program). Find the program that is right for you!

Introduction to iLearn
This hands-on workshop will provide an in-depth overview of the iLearn system. Best practices on using iLearn, which have been developed based on years of working with the system, will be shared along with a range of support materials for you to provide to your students to prepare them to use iLearn. Lunch will be provided for the full-day sessions.

8/12: 10am-4pm; 8/17: 10am-4pm or 8/19 & 8/21: 6pm-9pm

Attention: All Adjunct Faculty are invited to a special edition of Educational Technology training featuring iLearn training and Library Resources.

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Mark Your Calendar!
8/12/13-8/27/13
August Institute is back!!!(see next page for details)
**II. August Institute Workshops**

**August Institute** is a full two weeks of workshops and trainings to prepare all Faculty & Staff for fall 2013. Please continue reading to find out about all that will be offered and how to register!

What’s New in iLearn 2.9?
These 90-minute workshop sessions are designed to demonstrate some of the new features available in iLearn, including Meetings, Gradebook 2, and the new look of iLearn tools. The workshop will review the changes and offer best practices for implementing new functionality. These workshops are not intended to replace or substitute for the Introduction to iLearn workshop.

- **8/13:** 8:30am-10am; **8/14:** 12pm-1:30pm
- **8/15:** 6pm-7:30pm; **8/19:** 12pm-1:30pm
- **8/21:** 12pm-1:30pm; **8/22:** 2pm-3:30pm
- **8/26:** 12pm-1:30pm; **8/28:** 6pm-7:30pm

The Art of Teaching Online
Have you taught an online or hybrid course and found it challenging? Were you frustrated by the amount of time it required? Have colleagues made you concerned about teaching online? These sessions are open to all who are interested but are most appropriate for those faculty who will be teaching "fully online or hybrid/blended courses. The two-week online workshop covers both pedagogical and practical teaching strategies in the online environment.

**Opening:** 8/13: 12pm-1pm
**Closing:** 8/22: 12pm-1pm

iLearn A la Carte
Based on feedback obtained from faculty during Introduction to iLearn training sessions, Academic Technology & eLearning has created the “a la carte” series, designed to allow advanced users greater depth of understanding about particular tools in iLearn.

**Assessment:**
- **8/14:** 10am-12pm or **8/20:** 2pm-4pm
**Rich Media:**
- **8/15:** 10am-12pm or **8/19:** 2pm-4pm
**Communication:**
- **8/16:** 10am-12pm or **8/21:** 2pm-4pm

Meetings in iLearn (Big Blue Button)
Meetings is the iLearn solution for virtual collaboration. In this session you will learn how to use the Meetings tool and discuss ways in which it can enhance your online classroom. The workshop will be conducted remotely by using the Meetings tool. **Note:** You will need to have a headset with a microphone to attend this workshop.

- **8/15:** 12pm-1pm; **8/22:** 6pm-7pm

Assistive Technologies
10% of Marist students use the assistance offered by the office of Special Services. Come learn about some of the assistive technologies that the students may be using in the Fall and find out more about how they can be used. This session will feature LiveScribe and Read & Write Gold.

- **8/13:** 10am-12pm

PowerPoint vs. Prezi
Are you looking for new ways to engage your students? Are you ready to spice up your class lectures? Microsoft PowerPoint offers many features to add pizazz to your teaching. If PowerPoint isn’t cutting it anymore, try Prezi! Prezi is an innovative way to present information. Come join us for a fun workshop session comparing PowerPoint and Prezi, and see who comes out on top!

- **8/14:** 2pm-4pm or **8/19:** 10am-12pm

Microsoft Office Boot Camp
Do you feel like you are the last person on campus who doesn’t know PowerPoint? Have you seen people use features in Word you never knew existed? Then this is the session for you. In Microsoft Office Boot Camp, you will learn the basic—and even many advanced—features of Word, PowerPoint and Excel.

**Excel Jump Start:** 8/15: 2pm-4pm
**PowerPoint Step Up:** 8/20: 10am-12pm
**Word Step Up:** 8/22: 10am-12pm
iPad in the Classroom
This workshop explores the mobility, versatility, and creativity of the iPad for classroom teaching. Participants will try out select apps and engage in critical discussion of their potential uses in the classroom such as communication, collaboration, creation, and coolness. This workshop is open to current iPad users.
Please bring your iPad to this session.
8/21: 10am-12pm

iLearn Open Lab
“Open lab” sessions are designed to provide instructors, who have completed iLearn training, with time to get one-on-one assistance. Instructors are free to come to these sessions with specific questions or to simply work on their courses and get help as the need arises.
8/16: 10am-12pm; 8/23: 10am-12pm
8/26: 10am-12pm; 8/27: 10am-12pm

To register for workshops, please visit: http://www.marist.edu/facultystaff/cte/workshops.html or contact Luisa Li, Instructional Designer at ext. 3303

III. Awards & Recognition

Dr. Lee appointed VP of National ABWHE Organization
As the result of recent elections, Dr. Reba-Anna Lee has been appointed as the new Vice President of the National Association of Black Women in Higher Education Organization. Dr. Lee has served on the NY Chapter Executive Board since 2011. She will begin her two year appointment at the end of August. The Association of Black Women in Higher Education has been an advocate for and celebrant of the accomplishments of Black women in higher education for more than two decades. Dr. Lee is excited at this opportunity and hopes to bring many new ideas and resources to the organization. Marist College will be hosting the 35th annual National Conference for the Association of Black Women in Higher Education in October 2013.

Campus Technology recognizes Open Academic Analytics Initiative
POUGHKEEPSIE (Aug. 1, 2013) – Marist College has received the 2013 Campus Technology Innovators Award for its development of the Open Academic Analytics Initiative (OAAI), an open-source system that uses predictive analytics to help instructors identify at-risk students and deploy intervention strategies to help them succeed. The award was presented recently at Campus Technology’s Education Technology Conference in Boston, Mass. The OAAI project was initially funded by an Educause Next Generation Learning Challenges grant, which was, in turn, funded in part by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This is the second Innovators Award for Marist, which was recognized in 2006 for a student-centered podcasting project. “Receiving this award is a great honor given the selectivity of the program,” said Marist Senior Academic Technology Officer Josh Baron, who leads the OAAI team. “It speaks to the dedication and expertise of the OAAI team which included faculty, students, and staff from both Marist and several other partner institutions and companies. Without this team we would never have achieved the success we have seen nor become a recognized leader in the emerging field of learning analytics.” Other team members were, Dr. Eitel Lauria, associate professor of information systems; Dr. Erik Moody, assistant professor of psychology; and Sandeep Markondiah Jayaprakash, learning analytics specialist. The project’s academic partners were Cerritos College, College of the Redwoods, North Carolina A&T State University, and Savannah State University. Its technology partners were ASAHI Net International, IBM, Pentaho, rSmart, and Sakai. The award is just the latest evidence of Marist’s leadership in the field of analytics. In December, the College was awarded $3 million by New York State to establish the New York State Center for Cloud Computing and Analytics.

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# August Institute 2013 Calendar

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- **Monday, February 18th, 2013**:
  - PPT vs. Prezi 10-12
  - What’s new in 2.9 12-1:30pm
  - iLearn a-la-carte: Rich Media 2-4pm
  - Intro to iLearn I 6-9pm

- **Wednesday, February 20th, 2013**:
  - PowerPoint Step Up 10-12
  - iPad 10-12
  - What’s new in 2.9 12-1:30pm
  - Intro to iLearn II 6-9pm

- **Thursday, February 21st, 2013**:
  - WORD Step Up 10-12
  - Art of Teaching Online – Closing 12-1pm
  - What’s new in 2.9 2-3:30pm
  - iLearn Meetings 6-7pm

- **Sunday, February 25th, 2013**:
  - Open Lab 10am-4pm

- **Monday, February 26th, 2013**:
  - Open Lab 1-4pm

- **Tuesday, February 27th, 2013**:
  - What’s new in 2.9 12-1:30pm

- **Wednesday, February 28th, 2013**:
  - What’s new in 2.9 6-7:30pm

- **Saturday, February 23rd, 2013**:
  - Adjunct Faculty Training with iLearn & Library, 9am to 4pm; Refreshments & Lunch will be provided: Hancock Center– 0005

  *Full details & Information are online*