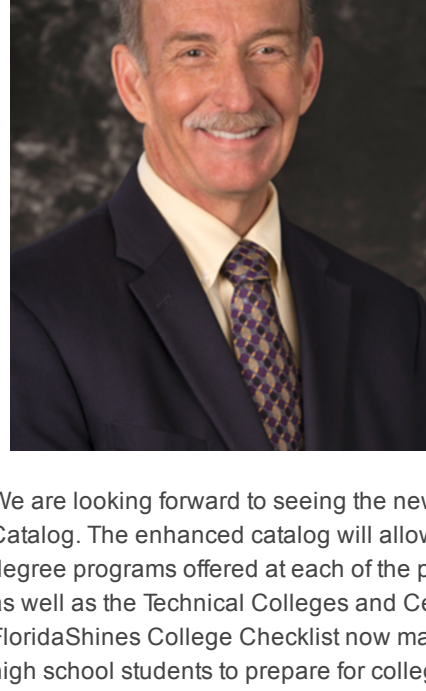


From the Desk of the Executive Director



Updates are done to prevent cyber threats, keep things up-to-date, and simply because we are looking to add new and improved features to make the end-user experience better. Lately we have been going through a series of updates and enhancements to many of our materials and services. These updates are meant to improve the services and materials we provide to students and faculty to help aid them in their education and career journey.

We are looking forward to seeing the new launch of the Degree Program Catalog. The enhanced catalog will allow students to easily explore all degree programs offered at each of the public colleges and universities, as well as the Technical Colleges and Centers throughout the state. The FloridaShines College Checklist now makes it easier than before for high school students to prepare for college with the best tools available. We are also very excited about the launch of the OER video library at FLVC.ORG. During the OER Summit in February, we had the opportunity to speak with state and national OER leaders about many different OER topics. I encourage you to visit the OER video library and listen to some of the conversations we had surrounding OERs.

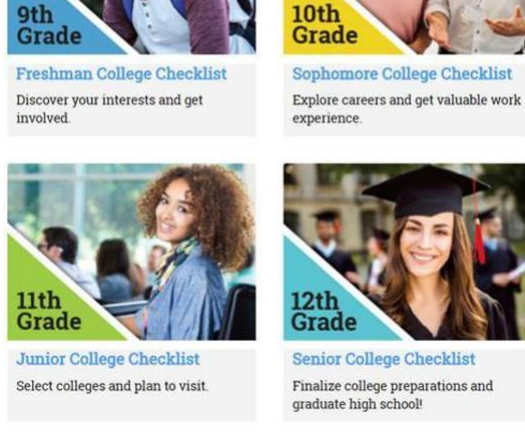
As another fiscal year comes to an end I would like to take this time to reflect on the things our team has done right, and look to the future for areas of improvement. The closing of this chapter and the opening of another is a time for DLSS to make sure we, as an organization, are providing the necessary tools and services to students and faculty across the state. This is also a time for all of us to check in with each other and see where we can improve. I look forward to what the 2018-2019 fiscal year has to offer!

Sincerely,
Dr. John Opper, Jr.
Executive Director, Distance Learning and Student Services
Florida Virtual Campus

Website Enhancements

FloridaShines College Checklist Updates

Each year of high school students should be working towards graduating with all the knowledge, resources, and tools they need to succeed in college. FloridaShines recently released a new version of the High School Checklist. Now students entering high school, have a grade-by-grade checklist giving them the right tools to plan their path to graduation. Make sure to visit the "Get Ready for College" page on FloridaShines to download them today!

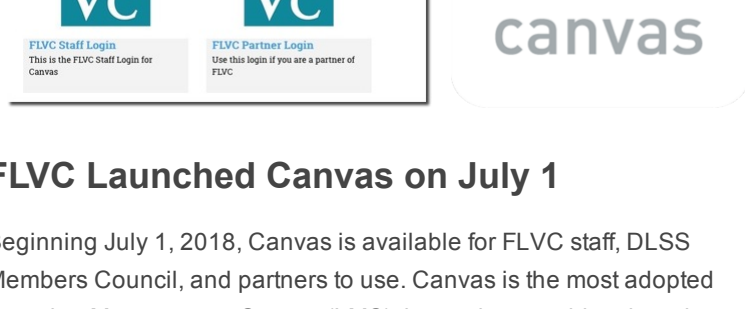


Catalog Enhancement Project

FLVC is finishing up work on the Catalog Enhancements Project this month and will begin assisting with the new upload in the next month with the updated fields. The updated catalog will support all college and university programs, including:

- **All Distance Learning:** 100% of the direct instruction of the course is delivered using some form of technology when the student and instructor are separated by time, space, or both
- **Primarily Distance Learning:** 80-99% of the direct instruction of the course is delivered using some form of technology when the student and instructor are separated by time, space, or both
- **Hybrid Blend:** 50-79% of the direct instruction of the course is delivered using some form of technology when the student and instructor are separated by time, space, or both
- **Primarily Classroom:** Less than 50% of the direct instruction of the course is delivered using some of technology when the student and instructor are separated by time, space, or both

The new catalog will incorporate the addition of Technical Colleges and Centers throughout the state in the program listing, as well as the institution profile upload. Once uploaded, this will allow students to search for the Technical Colleges and Centers, as well as their programs in searches. Be on the lookout for training information coming soon!



FLVC Launched Canvas on July 1

Beginning July 1, 2018, Canvas is available for FLVC staff, DLSS Members Council, and partners to use. Canvas is the most adopted Learning Management System (LMS) that makes teaching, learning, professional development, and collaboration easier and more effective. The openness, customizability, pedagogical flexibility, and support Canvas offers can help FLVC to better provide statewide innovative educational services for DLSS Members Council, and partners.

Here are a few examples of how FLVC staff, Members Council, and partners can potentially use Canvas:

- Professional development and training services to members;
- Testing, proof-of-concept;
- Sharing best practices (e.g., holding "master courses" as templates);
- Enhancing communication and collaboration (e.g., helping to facilitate and support workgroups or committees).

We look forward to working with you and coming up with more creative ways to support your need and FLVC's mission. For more information about Canvas, please visit: www.canvaslms.com

OER Video Library



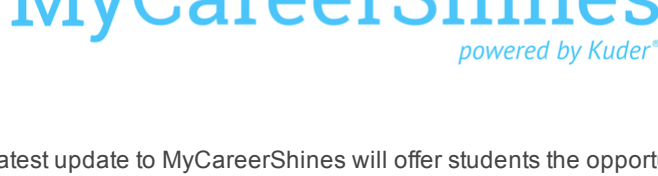
Open educational resources (OER) is a priority for Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC). While working to reduce the cost of education for students across Florida, FLVC has had the opportunity to speak with many thought leaders in open education on their perspectives and advice regarding OER.

During the FLVC OER Summit several of these OER leaders were interviewed, resulting in lots of valuable information. The Marketing and Communications team built an online repository where these videos can be viewed by faculty, administrators, and other stakeholders.

Take time to share the videos with your colleagues to begin OER conversations. To view or share these videos, visit FLVC.org.

Be sure to check back often as new videos are added each week.

MyCareerShines Updates



The latest update to MyCareerShines will offer students the opportunity to set goals to make sure they are on track to graduate high school, and prepare for college. The new *My Goals* feature informs students what a goal is and helps them outline the steps required of them to achieve that goal.

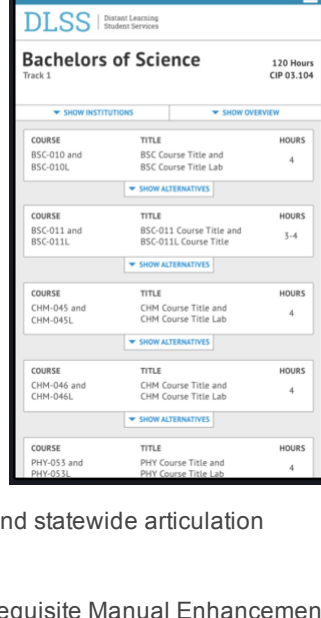
Once students are logged in their MyCareerShines portal, *My Goals* will appear above *My Ed Plans* and students can:

- Select a goal type
- Identify a goal category
- Define the steps needed to meet that goal
- Set a target date as to when that step should be completed

This new feature will help to encourage students to think through their education and career goals, make a plan for their future, and achieve their educational goals. Be on the lookout for *My Goals* coming to MyCareerShines later this summer.

Common Prerequisite Manual Enhancement Project

The Florida Virtual Campus is partnering with the State University System, the Florida College System and the Office of Articulation in the Department of Education, to implement user-centered enhancements to the Common Prerequisite Manual. This project addresses the requested enhancements of a legislative mandate, for FLVC to "serve as the official statewide repository for the common prerequisite manual, admissions information for transferring programs, foreign language requirements, residency requirements, and statewide articulation agreements." (s. 1006.735 (4) (b) (5)).



A recent milestone for the Common Prerequisite Manual Enhancement Project was finalizing a "mobile-friendly" design for its new display (see right). Creating a new design for the Manual was one of the enhancements for the project, as described in the previous DLSS Quarterly Newsletter. This display will be used as the foundation to create the layout and design of the actual Manual website

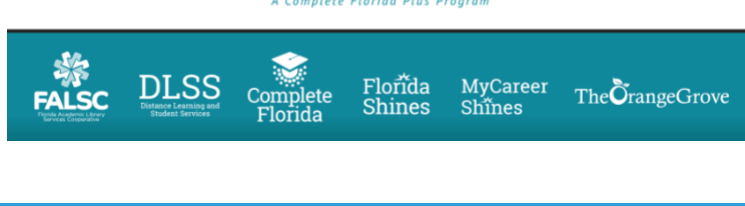
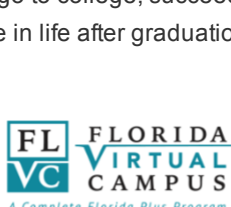
Transient Student Admissions Application Updates

March and April continue to be the most active months for Transient Student Admissions Applications (TSAA) year after year. The TSAA assists students in taking courses at another institution, to make progress towards their degree while they are home during summer. In March, April and May there were 35,935 total applications, which account for 56 percent of the total applications created during this academic year.

While the TSAA is typically for undergraduate studies, FAMU and FAU testing to expand this service to their graduate students. This functionality extends the reach of the Transient Application to serve more students, in fact, other institutions are considering expanding and allowing their graduate students to use the TSAA. With the expansion of the TSAA, Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) are also looking to join the TSAA process; this request is currently under review at FLVC. As well, the TSAA Steering committee is considering future enhancements.

Distance Learning and Student Services A service of the Florida Virtual Campus

The Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC), a Complete Florida Plus program, is made up of several units which provide statewide innovative educational services for Florida's K-adult students. Working collaboratively with Florida's 12 public universities, 28 public colleges, K-12 school districts, and other partners, FLVC provides state-funded services to help students go to college, succeed in school, prepare for career success, and thrive in life after graduation.



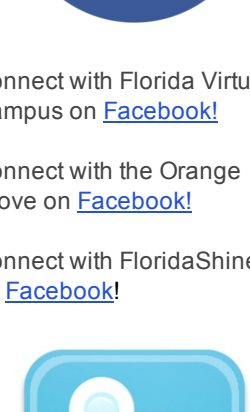
Important Dates

July 11-12: DLSS Members Council Meeting at Florida State University

July 12-15: [Florida PTA Conference](http://FloridaPTAConference); FloridaShines will be an exhibitor at the 2018 Florida PTA Leadership Convention

July 16-18: [FACTE Conference](http://FACTE); FloridaShines will present and exhibit at the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education's (FACTE) 52nd Annual Conference

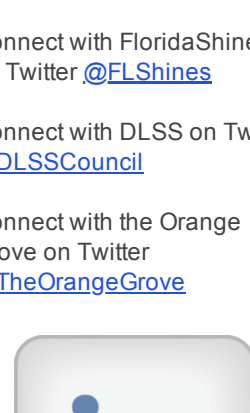
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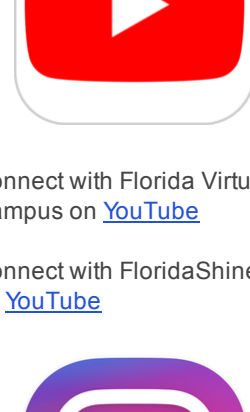


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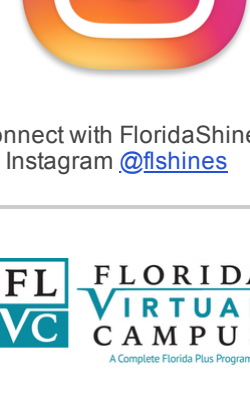
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