MyDLSSNews

From the Desk of the Florida Virtual Campus Executive Director, Distance Learning and Student Services

Dear DLSS Members,

As another fiscal year comes to an end I would like to take this time to acknowledge the hard work that has been done over the past year. The past year has been marked by progress and innovation, and we have made significant strides in advancing the mission of the Florida Virtual Campus.

One of the key initiatives this year has been the development of a mobile-friendly design for our website. This project was finalizing a design that ensures that our website is accessible and user-friendly on all devices. The new design will make it easier for students and educators to access the information they need, no matter where they are.

We are also working on enhancing our OER offerings. Open educational resources (OER) is a priority for Florida Virtual, and we are making significant strides in expanding our OER offerings. We are looking forward to seeing the new launch of the Degree Program section of our website.

In addition, we are partnering with the State University System, the Florida College System, and the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education (FACTE) to provide higher education enhancements to many of our state’s technical colleges and centers. This partnership will help to ensure that students have access to the resources they need to succeed.

We are also looking to join the TSAA process; this request is currently under consideration. This process will allow us to expand our service to their graduate students. We are also working on improving our functionality by extending the reach of the Transient Application to serve foreign language admissions information for transferring students, making it easier for them to take courses at another institution.

The FloridaShines College Checklist is a major project that will assist students in taking courses at another institution. The new catalog will incorporate the addition of Technical Colleges and Centers throughout the state. The FloridaShines College Checklist now makes it easier than before for students to set goals to make sure they are on track to graduate high school, and to plan their path to the university.

The latest update to MyCareerShines will offer students the opportunity to prepare for college. The new project addresses the requested enhancements of a legislative mandate, for FLVC to "serve as the official statewide repository for the Common Prerequisite Manual. This system, the Florida College System partnering with the State University System, the Florida Virtual Campus, and the State University System, is working to create the layout and design of the actual Manual website.

Take time to share the videos with your colleagues to begin OER efforts. 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, please contact me at 850.922.6044 or via email at info@floridavirtual.com.

Sincerely,
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