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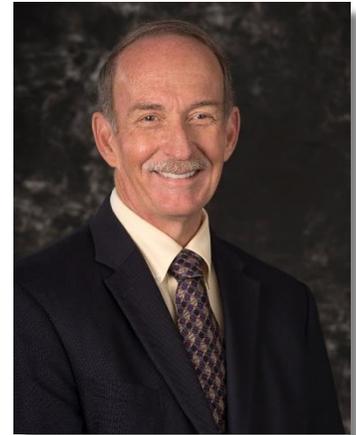
SUPPORTING THE LEARNING NEEDS OF FLORIDA STUDENTS

Falling Back and Looking Forward

Seems like so long ago when most of us met in Daytona Beach for the last FLVC Summit. As you may recall it was actually February of 2019 and our topic was The Future of Higher Education. There were great speakers and some very interesting follow-up discussions. I have since heard from many of our guests that our event was the last time they travelled to a major gathering. Things are loosening up a bit now yet and more meetings are beginning to at least consider face-to-face structures. However, the topics we discussed have perhaps, taken on greater significance with the pressures and changes accelerated on higher education by COVID-19.

All the things we covered in terms of changes in student demographics, higher education funding, changes in accreditation and the growing competition in the education and credentials market are still with us and in almost all cases pressing harder. I have seen at least three articles in education publications that have pronounced that higher education is at an inflection point. The September 3rd issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education has an article written by Arthur Levine and Scott Van Pelt titled "5 Ways Higher Ed Will Be Upended in the Decades to Come" which, for me, was a logical follow on to the topics we have discussed and a reminder that all of us as leaders must not forget that we are in a very dynamic period of change.

As you work through to end of fall semester and "fall back" in terms of the time change but also returning to some more familiar campus behaviors, I want to urge you to continue looking forward. As I look around now, many things have changed in campus operations, policies, our work structures, and instructional delivery modes to name a few. The arrival of that future we discussed in 2019 is underway. Continue to look for those opportunities and pitfalls present and help steer your institution forward. As Levine and Van Pelt suggest, the next five years will be disruptive. So, let's continue our conversations and collaborations while looking forward. Those things served us well during the height of the pandemic and they have been our secret weapon over many years. Happy Holidays to you all!

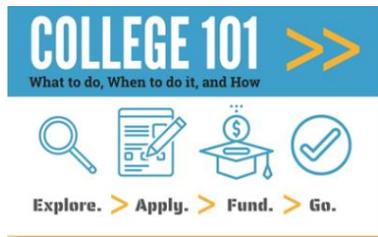


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College 101 Series Draws Thousands



Thousands attended five College 101 events held virtually in September and October that gave students all the information they need to apply, pay for, and go to college.

Almost 5,000 people registered to attend College 101: What to do, when to do it, and how, a free, four-night event held Sept. 20-23.

Videos for each College 101 session can be viewed at <https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/get-ready-for-college/college-101-event>.

The first night of the series, titled "Explore," featured Dr. Amanda Sterk, director of dual enrollment at Florida Southwestern State College and the author of College UnMazed, who detailed the multiple pathways to success for students including career and technical programs and certificates and two-year and four-year degrees.

Night two of College 101 was the "Apply" session featuring a presentation from Christine Sylvain, founder and executive director of the Path to College, who explained the various components of the college application, including letters of recommendation and essays and personal statements and how students can make theirs shine.

The third session, "Fund," detailed for students and their families the three main ways to pay for college.

Featured speaker Daniel Barkowitz, assistant vice president of financial aid and veterans' affairs at Valencia College, talked about the types and sources of financial aid, the formulas used to determine a student's eligibility and when and how to apply.

The final night of College 101 was titled "Go" and featured a presentation from Tron Lippett, assistant director of enrollment at Broward College, who told students the steps they need to take after they have been accepted to college to make sure they start the fall semester strong.

Each College 101 session also featured brief presentations from current Florida college students who discussed their experiences in exploring and applying to colleges, applying for financial aid and how they have been able to thrive while in college.

Another College 101 session, "Filling out the FAFSA" was held Oct. 19, that showed students how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Dr. Karemah Manselle, associate director in the Office of Student Financial Assistance at the University of Central Florida, reviewed the FAFSA form screen by screen and detailed the common mistakes to avoid when filling it out. A team of financial aid experts was on hand to answer questions during and after the presentation. A recording of the session is available at <https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/get-ready-for-college/college-101-finishing-the-fafsa>.

The College 101 series was made possible through a collaboration of 17 statewide partners including: AVID, Broward County Public Schools, Broward College, College UnMazed, FASFAA, Florida College Access Network, Florida Department of Education, Florida PTA, Florida School Counselor Association, FL TRIO, FloridaShines, Osceola County School District, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Path to College Fellowship, Polk County Public Schools, Take Stock in Children and Valencia College.

News from the Florida Instructional Designer Network

Florida IDN webinar scheduled for Dec. 6.

The Florida Instructional Designer Network will hold a webinar “Cultivating Active Learning Opportunities in Online Courses to Improve Student Learning Outcomes” on Dec. 6 from 2:00-2:50 p.m. (ET). Guest speakers will be Alyssa Albrecht and Ashley Salter with the University of Central Florida.



Visit the IDN website at <https://dlss.flvc.org/idn> for resources and webinar recordings. Subscribe to the listserv and receive newsletters and announcements on professional development, career opportunities as well as rich resources shared by the IDN community members.

The IDN Digital Badges Pilot Project

The IDN has implemented a digital badge system. Starting from this fall, qualified IDN event and webinar participants will be awarded digital badges, which they can include in their annual performance review with their employers and proudly share on their social media accounts. Participating in at least two IDN webinars/events in Fall 2021, you will earn an IDN Professional Development Award badge. Digital badges and awards are also available for the IDN guest speakers and partners.

FLVC Presents at Open Ed Conference



FLVC staff gave a presentation on Oct. 18 at the virtual Open Education Conference with members of the Textbook Cost Indicators Working Group about the work that has been completed to include textbook cost indicators in the State Online Course Catalog. There are currently 777 zero textbook cost course sections viewable in the Catalog to students for spring 2022.

The FLVC wants to thank Josh Hill of Hillsborough Community College and Dr. Ujjwal Chakraborty with Florida State College at Jacksonville for participating in the presentation and sharing their institutions' experiences and best practices.

Congratulations!

Please join us in congratulating the following Florida institutions for having one or more courses recently Quality Matters-Certified:

- College of the Florida Keys
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida International University
- University of North Florida

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Newsorthy

We wanted to share this wonderful story about a Florida A&M University student who has started a nonprofit called Igniting Scholars, which is designed to help other students be successful in their college and professional careers. Read the full article at <https://www.wtxl.com/news/local-news/famu-student-creates-nonprofit-to-help-students-be-college-career-ready>.

Mark Your Calendars

FloridaShines Catalog Upload Dates

The upload period for summer term online courses in the FloridaShines Catalog begins Feb. 1, 2022, and ends Feb. 28, 2022. If you need assistance contact help@flvc.org.

Future of Education Technology Conference

The Future of Education Technology Conference will be held on Jan 25-28, 2022, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. Go to <https://bit.ly/3FmKTce>.

Honorlock Renewal

Honorlock Renewal for December 2021-December 2022 is now final and has been added to the Current Contracts Folder in Teams.

Florida Online Innovation Summit

The Florida Online Innovation Summit, a live virtual event, will be held Feb. 23-24, 2022.

The Florida Online Innovation Summit is an opportunity to share and discuss projects that are being implemented across the state to advance the state-of-the-art in online learning.

Registration is free for all State University System of Florida and Florida College System participants. See more information on the Summit's website at <https://digitallearning.ucf.edu/ilab/innovation-summit/>.

TOPkit Workshop

The TOPkit Workshop, another live virtual event, is scheduled for March 1-3, 2022.

The TOPkit Workshop 2022 empowers those who manage faculty development or prepare faculty to teach online with practical tools and strategies to enhance their vocation.

Registration is free for all State University System of Florida and Florida College System participants. See more information on [TOPkit Workshop website](#).

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