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Danville Area Community College

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As we dare to think we are at the end of this worldwide pandemic, there is a lot to unpack. Emotions, physical exhaustion, and words that will undoubtedly become a part of our lexicon—unprecedented, asynchronous, and synchronous are just a few that will forever remind us of COVID and its vast impact. We have also learned some remarkable things about ourselves—we are more resilient than we could have imagined and human connectiveness should never be taken for granted.

You, faculty, are DACC super stars! You have persevered and hopefully are having a refreshing summer and enjoying life afresh as we try to return to some semblance of normalcy while the beginning of a new academic year awaits.

So, what is this DACC Faculty Communique about? This is the Office of Academic Affairs' first edition, and it is our goal to share some noteworthy DACC faculty highlights. Happy reading and thanks for all you do!!

APPLAUSE APPLAUSE

Assessment
Leadership

**Dr. Abby
Hahne**

Dr. Hahne is stepping down from her role as Assessment Director and we would like to give her a huge round of applause for her leadership and hard work in guiding the college in its outcome assessment endeavors. She and the Assessment Champions have created a great path and foundation for continued assessment growth.

2021 Faculty of the Year

Kathy Hunter

Congratulations Kathy on being awarded 2021 Faculty of the Year! The following is what one of her colleagues said about her: I've never met a person with such a tireless work ethic! She is 100%, "How can I improve DACC?" mentality...24 hours per day, 7 days per week. She frequently emails me and my staff in the middle of the night!

She is always willing to help areas outside her classroom/division. From recruitment, to retention, to community relations, to alumni relations, to marketing, she loves to be part of the solution.

Kathy is extremely student oriented and sees the untapped potential in all of her students. With constant attention to improving and building her programs' content, she is also very flexible and helpful with the diverse student population that we serve and the challenges they face.

One of Kathy's best features is her need to ask, "Why?" or "What about this...?" She sets a pace that will take her programs, DACC, and our students to the level that is needed in today's society and workforce.

Kathy is a unique gem!

2021 Part-time Faculty of the Year

Emily Chappell

Congratulations Emily on being awarded the 2021 Part-time Faculty of the Year! The following is some information about Emily: Emily first partnered with DACC on the statewide Common Core initiative while she was teaching at that local high school. Emily teaches Developmental English, Communication Skills, Rhetoric & Composition I and Rhetoric and Composition II and assists in the Writing Center. Emily has been a freelance editor and writer with WhiteSmith Marketing since 2012. She is listed in Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities, is a Member of Sigma Tau Delta (the National English Honor Society), and is an active participant in DACC's Part-time Faculty Academy. All of these are important to her, but not nearly as important as her faith and her family.

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function error_handler($errno, $error, $file, $line) {
    global $log, $config;

    // error suppressed with @
    if (error_reporting() === 0)
        return false;
}

switch ($errno) {
    case E_NOTICE:
    case E_USER_NOTICE:
        $error = 'Notice';
        break;
    case E_WARNING:
    case E_USER_WARNING:
        $error = 'Warning';
        break;
    case E_ERROR:
    case E_USER_ERROR:
        $error = 'Error';
        break;
}
```



Fall Semester

This fall, DACC will resemble fall of 2019. We will have a full array of course offerings-- face to face, hybrid and online. Campus clubs will also resume. We will follow all CDC fall safety guidelines. Check with our HR department if you have any questions or concerns.

2021 August In-Service

This year's fall semester in-service is August 18 and 19 and will be face to face in the Bremer Conference Center. The Office of Academic Affairs and the Teaching and Learning Committee led by interim Chairs—Dr. Stefanie Davis and Jen Slavic are busy working on creating an exciting and invigorating agenda for our time together. This semester's in-service will be face to face with lunch provided on the first day. It will be great to see each other and to celebrate how we made it through COVID.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NISOD

NISOD schedules a series of year-round, high-quality, and thought-provoking webinars.

Led by community and technical college leaders and other experts in the field, NISOD webinars enable faculty members to conveniently learn about best practices and cutting-edge research related to effective teaching. Each webinar is a FREE benefit to DACC as a NISOD-member. To utilize this free service use the following URL, user name and password:

- <https://www.nisod.org/virtual-events/webinars/>
- User Name: dacc.edu
- PW: nisod98

ION Professional eLearning Programs

The Office of Academic Affairs is pleased to offer interested faculty the opportunity to be a part of ION. ION provides development programs and support to advance the practice and innovation of online learning for faculty through the state of Illinois.

There are two basic certificate programs.

- Master Online Teacher (MOT) - focuses on helping faculty be better instructors (Feedback, communication, instructional design and assessment).
- Digital Accessibility (DAE) - provides the basics for instructors who want to make their courses accessible and meet compliance requirements in online courses.

The August ION Term starts August 23, 2021. The October term is October 18, 2021.

For more information visit <https://www.uis.edu/ion/>

The code for DACC faculty to get the discounted price is FU938 in all caps.

If you have any interest, please reach out to Becky at 217-443-8770 or rdoss@dacc.edu and we will help to get you registered.



INITIATIVE UPDATES

The office of Academic Affairs is working with the deans to accomplish some important institutional initiatives. I thought I would share with some updates.

HLC

Most of you attended our HLC Update Town meeting this past semester and know that HLC will be visiting DACC October 4 and 5 for our Focused Visit. I am happy to share that our final written response has been completed. We will submit our final response to the HLC committee at the beginning of August. A huge thanks to Dr. Hahne, the Assessment Champions, Maggie Hoover and the HLC Output Committee for all your hard work on our written response.

Hospitality/Gaming Certificate

Dean Cummings and Emily Crain are working on creating a hospitality restaurant and management curriculum. We are in the early planning stages, but we have already had a meeting with some of the local restaurant owners in Danville to ensure that our curriculum is relevant. We are also planning to send a survey to all restaurants and hotels to gain additional input. We are hoping to submit this new program at the newly formed Curriculum Committee in the fall.

The gaming certificate is waiting for the State of Illinois to give Golden Nugget and the Wilmorite Group a thumbs up on allowing casino to move forward. Stephanie Yates is waiting in the wings as we will be the training hub for the casino once it's approved.

Dual Credit

Karla Coon and Rebecca Doss have been busy working on revamping our dual credit and high school partnerships website. Take a look at our updated and streamlined website and some communication we've shared with our high school Superintendents, Principals, Instructors and Advisors.

In the fall, the Academic Affairs committee will be working through dual credit mentoring orientation.



Timeline



Academic Master Plan

Currently, I am working with Dean Kathy Sturgeon to develop a comprehensive Academic Master Plan. We have a steering committee that includes:

- Laura Williams
- Terri Cummings
- Dr. Penny McConnell
- Brian Fink
- Todd Flessner
- Dr. Dwight Lucas
- Rich Pate
- Dr. Nancy Duran
- Dr. Jonathan Wade
- Dr. Burcu Carlon
- Dr. Amy Nicely
- Dr. Quan Chen
- Thomas Carey
- Stacy Ehmen
- Tim Dudley

This summer, we have completed a comprehensive environmental plan. If you haven't already, please complete the Academic Master Plan survey using the link below. As faculty, your input is crucial to creating a comprehensive Academic Master Plan.

» [Academic Master Plan Survey](#)

Music Performance & Media Production

Under the leadership of Dr. Eric Simonson the Liberal Arts division is developing an Associate of Fine Arts in Music for students going on to a four-year college to pursue a BFA in Music, and an Associate of Fine Arts in Music Education for students planning to pursue an education degree majoring in music. Dr. Simonson is also working with Laura Hensgen and Guido Esteves to develop an AAS in Music Performance and Media Production geared towards students who want to focus on their careers in music performance and an AAS in Music Business and Media Production for students who want to work in the music/media field. Under both of these degrees are a series of stackable certificates ranging from 15 to 49 credit hours. The courses required for the Digital Marketing Certificate already offered by the Business and Technology Division are built into the Music Business and Media Production AAS degree and certificates.

Barbering



Laura Hensgen is working with Dr. McConnell in creating a Barbering program with certificates.



Academic Standards and Curriculum Committees

The Office of Academic Affairs has made two important committees that stem from the former Academic Affairs Committee. The Academic Standards and Curriculum Committees are committees consisting of faculty, administration and other representatives from academic and student service centers and venues at Danville Area Community College. The purpose of the Academic Standards Committee is to maintain the academic standards at DACC through the appropriate review, creation, and application of academic policies as they apply to students. This committee is chaired by Dr. Burcu Carlon. The Curriculum Committee's purpose is to review and make recommendations on all academic additions, expansions, deletions and modifications of programs and courses offered at DACC. The Curriculum Committee is chaired by Kathy Hunter.

OFFICE / DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foundation

The Foundation Office is excited to announce that ALL students who applied for scholarships and are attending DACC received scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year.

The Foundation Honors Program is scheduled for September 17, 2021.

Scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 academic year open on January 3, 2022 online at <https://www.dacc.edu/foundation>.

If you have any questions, contact Gina Davis, Foundation Scholarship Coordinator at gdavis@dacc.edu or 217-443-8893.



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Online Learning Services

The Online Learning Services Office will be providing two sessions of training on SharePoint during the August 2021 In-service.

- SharePoint Training (Basic) - This breakout session is designed to be an overview of the new DACC employee portal built on SharePoint Online. Topics will include: accessing SharePoint; searching for a site; icons and their meanings, navigating the hub site and its spoke sites, discussing the differences between a team site and a communication site, accessing Employee Resources, and collaborating and co-authoring within Office documents.
- SharePoint Training (Advanced) - This breakout session is designed to be a brief overview for editing SharePoint sites. Topics will include: customizing a site by adding web parts; locating content; setting user permissions; creating alerts; and adding apps such as custom lists, calendars, and document libraries.

Admissions & Records

Winter Term 2021-22 and Spring 22
Registration begins Monday, November 1st!



Advisement & Counseling

- The computer lab in LH 104 - Advisement Office is open for students to complete the New Student Orientation, FAFSA, homework assignments, to log in to their BlackBoard, or for Zoom meetings.
- Crisis counseling is available in the Advisement Office. Please contact Stephane Potts at ext. 8749/spotts@dacc.edu or Jeff Primmer at ext.8594/jprimmer@dacc.edu
- Mental Health information is available online: <http://dacc.edu/aac/mental-health>
- SCHEDULE NOW! Students can schedule their appointment with an advisor online: <http://dacc.edu/aac>

Child Development Center

CDC is desperately in need of student workers/work study students! It is a great way for students to earn money. CDC student workers receive a premium wage of \$13.00/hour! Kellie McBride in Career Services is happy to help students complete the application process.

Student Services (General)

Don't forget to report retention/student care and conduct incidents through our Alerts/Electronic Reports on the Employee Resources tab of the Employee Portal.

Testing & Academic Services

Testing & Academic Services:

- Please refer students to Disability Services if they indicate any need for accommodations. They are also connected with community resources for additional support beyond the classroom.
- The Testing Center is excited to once again offer our proctor services to our instructors and students. Students testing MUST have a photo ID and an appointment or they will not be allowed to test.





TRIO

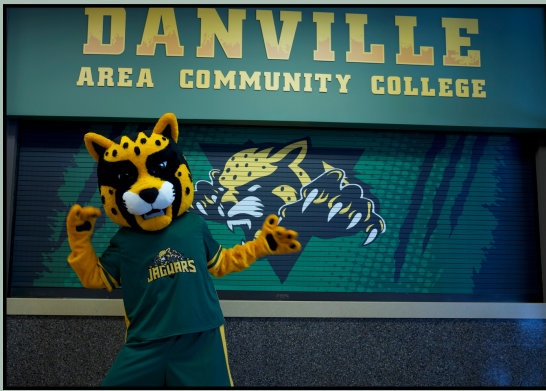
TRIO is always looking for new students, please check out the following information on how to refer a student, and to request a TRIO classroom presentation.

Please take a minute to complete the [TRIO Interest Form](#) with any student enrolled in your fall course(s) that meets at least one of the following:

- is a first-generation college student
- is Pell-eligible
- has a documented learning and/or physical disability
- has earned a D or F in one or more course exams and/or assignments
- is repeating your course
- needs academic support to raise his/her/their grades
- has poor attendance
- needs to improve their study and/or test-taking skills

TRIO also has a new [TRIO video](#) that you can upload to Blackboard to share with students!

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LAST WORDS

Wrapped in this first edition of this Faculty Communique is my last edition as DACC's Vice President of Academic Affairs. It has been a privilege to work here at DACC while implementing and completing some critical projects as your Chief Academic Officer. In August I will assume the role of interim Assessment Director to continue the HLC work that was begun in the office of Academic Affairs.

The faculty here at DACC are incredibly talented and I have been blessed to work along side you all.

Enjoy the rest of your summer break!

