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# Faculty Resource Bulletin

## Faculty,

The Faculty Resource Bulletin is one of many steps I'm taking to improve communication about local and statewide faculty professional development opportunities. Please visit <https://www.dctc.edu/online-dctc/faculty-resources> for more information as well as past Bulletins.

Highlights of this week's Bulletin include:

- Campus Course Prep Resources
  - Setting Course Start and End Dates
  - Course Navigation: Adding and Removing Tools
  - D2L Tip Sheet for Students
- IHCC/DCTC D2L Summer Training Camp
- Minnesota Summit on Learning and Technology
- ePortfolio Community of Practice Summer Showcase
- WeTeach Summer Course

## Campus Course Prep Resources

### Setting Course Start and End Dates

Did you know you can now set the start and end dates in D2L Brightspace course shells? You can – and it's easy! Just follow instructions on the Faculty Resources site: <https://www.dctc.edu/DCTC/assets/File/pdf/faculty-resources/Changing-Start-and-End-Dates.pdf>.

### Course Navigation: Adding and Removing Tools

If you don't need all of the tools D2L Brightspace has to offer, you might consider adjusting the navigation in your online courses by adding or removing tools from the course "navbar". See the illustrated guide on the Faculty Resources site: <https://www.dctc.edu/DCTC/assets/File/pdf/faculty-resources/turning-on-off-tools.pdf>.

### D2L Tip Sheet for Students

We developed a Getting Started with D2L Brightspace document (see attached) for students new to online learning. Please feel free to distribute this to your students via email or post in your online courses. Student Services staff will also be distributing this guide.

## IHCC/DCTC D2L Summer Training Camp

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for faculty who are either new to teaching online or would like to learn some of D2L's more advanced tools. On August 7, we will be leading a full-day [D2L Training Camp](#) for IHCC and DCTC faculty on the IHCC campus. **Faculty stipends for this training** have been made available from the Title III: Adult Learner Success grant. Please contact [Monica Ibara](#), Title III Project Coordinator, for registration instructions or [click here to register now](#). See the attached flyer for more information.

## ePortfolio Community of Practice Summer Showcase

## **Online**

**June 10 – 11**

Join Minnesota State colleagues for a virtual, two-day event showcasing how 12 faculty members from across the state incorporated D2L's ePortfolio into their spring semester courses. These faculty participated in a year-long Community of Practice whose members engaged in research, shared learning, and discourse about how using electronic portfolios can be used as a high-impact practice for a variety of reasons. Use cases vary widely and there is certain to be something of interest to all. Staff supporting faculty with technology especially invited. These sessions will be recorded.

Join all or select sessions via Adobe Connect (no cost)

<https://webmeeting.minnstate.edu/showcase>

Learn more and view the draft agenda at:

[www.tinyurl.com/MinnStateEPortfolio](http://www.tinyurl.com/MinnStateEPortfolio) (Log in using your [StarID@minnstate.edu](mailto:StarID@minnstate.edu))

Contact Lesley Blicker at [lesley.blicker@minnstate.edu](mailto:lesley.blicker@minnstate.edu) for more information.

## **WeTeach Summer Course**

**Winona State University**

**Online**

**June 3 – August 1**

WeTeach is an interactive, collaborative course intended for instructors who teach online or blended courses. Instructors will become an online student in the course to develop their own online teaching and design skills. This course also allows instructors to share online teaching experiences and best practices. This course is for instructors who are new to online teaching. It is also for instructors looking to expand their skills, explore new ways to engage students, and use technology more effectively to save time. Quality Matters standards, technology tools, D2L training, best practices, and research will be woven throughout all modules. Cost: \$400.00

Funding for WeTeach can be requested via the [faculty development funds process](#). For more information on this opportunity, visit [https://learn.winona.edu/WeTeach\\_System](https://learn.winona.edu/WeTeach_System).

## Minnesota Summit on Learning & Technology

University of Minnesota

July 31 - August 1

**[FREE REGISTRATION!](#)**

As technology in education has become an integral part of the learning landscape, more questions arise. This year, the Summit is encouraging exploration and conversation of complex questions, and a deeper look into the future role that technology will play in the teaching and learning landscape. This conference, formerly known as the Minnesota eLearning Summit, is back in 2019 with a new emphasis on pedagogy and teaching and new technologies and will feature presentation styles that inspire innovation and curiosity. For more information on this event: <https://ccaps.umn.edu/minnesota-summit-learning-and-technology>. **See attached flyer for more information.**

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## Event Calendar

May/June

Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31
Monday 03	Tuesday 04	Wednesday 05	Thursday 06	Friday 07
<a href="#"><u>WeTeach Summer Course Begins</u></a> Online				

Descriptions for events are presented here as they appear on organizations' websites. Please contact me if you have any questions about these opportunities, or if you have information about an opportunity you'd like to share with your faculty colleagues.

All best,  
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