



## A newsletter of the ICC Teaching and Learning Center and Instructional Innovation and Learning Resources Department

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## Happy Holidays - Enjoy Break - Happy 2007!

### Upcoming Teaching and Learning Events

- The **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Learning** is not just for new adjunct faculty anymore! **All faculty and staff** are invited to attend and participate in the afternoon and/or evening sessions and meal! Please plan on attending and encourage your colleagues to participate. A selection of breakout sessions begin at 2 PM, 3:30 PM and 5 PM with the supper meal at 6:30 PM and Academic dept. meetings following at 7:30 PM. **RSVP** to [pschubert@icc.edu](mailto:pschubert@icc.edu) or to x8296, **if you plan to stay for the supper meal at 6:30 PM!** There are sessions designed for faculty, staff and new faculty. The complete schedule is found here: <http://www.icc.edu/iifd/pdfs/CelebOfLearnSP07.pdf>

- **Socrates Café** will again be offered during the Spring 2007 Semester. The day and time has changed to every **Monday from 2:30 – 3:30 PM (NEW TIME) beginning January 22, 2007**. Any faculty, staff or community member interested in this national project to inspire thoughtful and reflective philosophical sharing is welcome to attend. The weekly discussions have no intention of reaching specific answers, just thoughtful reflection. Everyone is asked to discover and articulate their own truths as they see them, thus inspiring deeper contemplation and broader views for all involved. The participants decide the topic for the next week's session.

- The **Endowed Teaching Chair** project applications from full-time tenure track faculty are due in Janice Kinsinger's office, **239G, March 1, 2007**. E-mail or call Janice with any questions you may have at 694-5758 or [jkinsinger@icc.edu](mailto:jkinsinger@icc.edu). The application and process is described here: <http://www.icc.edu/iifd/grantsAwards.asp#TKTEndowed>

- Plan now for your **Spring Break March 12 – 16, 2007!** If you have travel plans, have fun! We are going to be traveling here at ICC during the PeopleSoft 8.9 Upgrade week as well. Plan now to participate in the many fun and educational events. All departments should be thinking of training needs they may have for that week.

### Learning Resource Centers Update

- **My Media Mall** now contains **video to check out as well as audiobooks**. Go to [www.icc.edu/library](http://www.icc.edu/library) and choose ICC's Electronic Collection>MyMediaMall. Need assistance? Contact the ICC Library at 694-5461.

- **PlayAway audiobooks** will be available in early 2007 for check out at all three ICC Libraries. These are self-contained audiobooks that you can hear simply by attaching your headphones or earbuds. A few of the titles include: DaVinci Code, Edgar Allan Poe, Collection of the World's Shortest Stories, Great Explorers of the World, Tales from Greek Legends, Learn Anywhere! Mandarin and other languages, World War II and more. Stop by any of the ICC Libraries and experience the PlayAway Audiobooks as mentioned in the Parade Magazine Nov. 19, 2006 **Contact the ICC Library at 694-5461** with your questions.

### Classroom Student Assessments

All faculty should have completed the college classroom student assessments this semester. After grades are posted, you will receive the completed assessment instruments in their original packet (from your Associate Dean). How should you use these student assessment results? View the narrative comments, reflect on what they have to say, and determine if you should make changes based on the comments. Would you like to revise your teaching to better impact student learning? Talk with your colleagues, mentors, Teaching Chairs, Associate Deans and/or the Teaching and Learning Center staff to help you make some decisions.

### Distance Learning, Online Learning and Blackboard

-**Distance learning (closed circuit TV) instructors**, attend the special distance learning from 5 to 6:15 PM during January Celebration of Learning on Thursday, January 11, 2007. Register through [phess@icc.edu](mailto:phess@icc.edu) or call 694-5295.

-**Blackboard users:**

\***Archive and recycling** instructions: <http://www.icc.edu/iifd/BbDocs/BlackboardArchivingandRecycling.doc>

\*Online course **postcard template**: <http://www.icc.edu/iifd/postcards.htm>

\***Batch enroll** requests; email four-digit class numbers and Blackboard course ID's to [pdewey@icc.edu](mailto:pdewey@icc.edu) or [gayle.blodgett@icc.edu](mailto:gayle.blodgett@icc.edu).

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