



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

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WELCOME to APRIL – COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH!

What Makes ICC a Community College?

- **Our Mission:** To enable students to reach their educational potential and serve as a resource for the educational and cultural needs of the community.
- Serves a specific geographic area
- Is supported by local taxes and state funding
- Is a public institution open to any college level student willing to learn
- Focuses on meeting the community's needs
- Offers both career education and transfer curricula
- Provides continuing education for adults, recreational learning and cultural events
- Places student learning first and foremost: faculty are hired for expertise in field and teaching, not specifically for research and publication
- Is chartered under state law as a community college

Adapted from the **Peoria Journal Star Sunday Special Feature Section: Your Community College---Great Education--- Great Value**, Sunday, April 1, 2007.

Upcoming Community College Events

- **Information Literacy Summit** – Working Together for Lifelong Learning - **Tuesday, April 3 - 212C/D** — Refer to detailed agenda sent previously in an e-mail or contact the Library at 694-8504.
- View a **Real Autopsy** through videoconferencing by COSI – **Wednesday, April 4 – 216A 12:30 PM – 2 PM** – See what opportunities may be available for your students.
- **Socrates Café** continues to be held on **Tuesdays from Noon – 1 PM** at the back right table in the **Tranquility Room**. Any faculty, staff or community member interested in 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.
- Social Science **Panel Discussion on the War in Iraq** - Tuesday, April 17 - 2 pm - Room 212D.
- **Gallery Art Reception** – Wednesday, April 18 - Noon – 2 PM – All Art Galleries on Campus
- **Lunch with VP John Avendano** – Bring your lunch and/or stop by and **chat with Dr. John Avendano** from **11:30 AM – 1:00 PM** on the following days/locations. No set agenda. Open for questions and conversation!
 - Wednesday, April 18 at Thomas 203**
 - Monday, April 23 at EP in 213A**
 - Tuesday, April 24 at EP in 213A**
 - Tuesday, May 1 at ICC North**
- **R25 iSpace Event Scheduling Training Sessions** – Contact Alaina Smith to register – asmith@icc.edu

Bookstore Survey

The ICC Bookstore staff is looking for customer feedback. Go online to www.icc.edu or stop by the East Peoria Campus Bookstore to complete the comprehensive customer satisfaction survey. Results will help the staff to identify key issues and improve product offerings and operations. All those who complete the survey will be eligible to sign up for a \$50 cash drawing as well as other great prizes.

The Blackboard Bulletin

Follow the link below to retrieve The Blackboard Bulletin, a new informational resource for faculty using Blackboard @ ICC: <http://www.icc.edu/innovation/PDFS/blackboard/Bulletin/BbBulletin01.pdf>
The Bulletin is in PDF format and can be easily printed, if desired, as a two-sided or two-page document from Adobe Acrobat Reader and any Web browser.

Upcoming Graphics Workshops

These graphic sessions will help you learn to create, edit and organize graphics and photos for your projects! Sign up with Brandy Thatcher at bthatcher@icc.edu or call 694-5306. All will be held in the **TLC – 240A**.

Fun Free Photo and Graphic Tools – Thursday, April 19 – 2 – 3 PM

Introduction to Paint.NET – Thursday, April 26 – 2 – 3 PM

Advanced Paint.NET – Thursday, April 26 – 3 – 4 PM

See the Instructional Innovation Website for details: <http://www.icc.edu/innovation>

Creating Significant Learning – Spring, 2007

Thirty faculty are participating in the **Creating Significant Learning** series offered during the Spring semester on either Wednesday or Friday afternoons. Faculty meet 6 times to discuss teaching in the community college using the book, **Creating Significant Learning Experiences**, by L. Dee Fink. Ask the faculty participating what they are learning: *Paula Ahles, Trisha Alexander, Michael Boyd, Trudee Bremer, Charlie Brown, Diane Brown, Kelly Crawford-Jones, Pamela Dewey, Gilbert Fah, Laurel Frautschi, Carol Holding, Jean Holmes, Cathy Korondi, Shirley McQuirter, Fred Meyer, Jean Pedersen, Terry Pender, Doug Peterson, Tom Pilat, Katherine Salch, Meral Savas, Sona Siegel, Evelyn Stephenson, Christine Strelecky, Kelly Thannum, Pamela Thomas, Sher'ri Turner, Judy White, and Lin Xiaoling.* Watch for the offering of a new series in May/June.

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