Time to Celebrate

Since November is a time for gratitude, what better way to say thanks than to nominate a colleague for a Faculty Excellence award! Nominations are now open – see below for award information and nomination instructions. Let’s celebrate each other!

As the semester progresses, the CTL is looking ahead to Spring. We’re planning workshops and discussions, as well as some new opportunities, like a Reflective Teaching group. Stay tuned! And there are still opportunities happening this Fall. We’ve got HyFlex training, a Watermark workshop, and more. Be sure to check out our events page on the CTL website.

I’ve been reading a ton lately, probably because of the shift to cooler weather. Is there anything better than a book, a blanket, and a cup of tea? That is cozy heaven for me! For those of you that like fast-paced thrillers, I recommend Drowning by T.J. Newman. Newman is a former flight attendant who writes nail-biting reads. Drowning starts with a plane crash in the Pacific Ocean. A handful of passengers survive by sealing themselves in the plane before it sinks. Luckily the plane lands on an underwater cliff instead of the ocean floor. But how will the survivors be rescued? It’s hard to put this one down.
Nominations Open for Faculty Excellence and Pippinger Awards

Each year, MSUB recognizes faculty for outstanding teaching, service, and scholarly/creative accomplishments. Award descriptions and nomination forms can be found on the Faculty Excellence website. Nominate a colleague today!

The nomination deadline for faculty excellence awards is November 27th by 5 pm.

The nomination deadline for the Pippinger award is December 8th by 5 pm.

If you plan on teaching a HyFlex course, you’ll first need to complete the CTL’s HyFlex training. The asynchronous training begins November 13th and includes one in-person meeting on December 15th from 12:30 to 4:00. Participants will receive a $1,000 stipend for the training.

HyFlex 1.0 Training Registration Now Open

If you would like to offer a course in the HyFlex modality in spring 2024, you can build your class as part of this training. Please work with your department chair to see if
there is a course that would be appropriate to convert to HyFlex and then sign up for the workshop.

Please register by November 10th. For more information, visit our website.

Supplemental Instruction Workshop

In this 60-minute introduction brought to you by the Academic Support Center, you’ll learn what sets Supplemental Instruction apart from other academic services like tutoring. You’ll also learn if SI could be a good fit for your course, and how best to implement it and encourage participation in it. Come curious and ready to engage; faculty with all levels of experience with SI are encouraged to attend.

Facilitated by the ASC

November 3rd, 12 pm, COE 328 and WebEx

Please RSVP!

Faculty Belonging and Wellbeing Discussion– Finding Support/Next Steps

This discussion will focus on opportunities for support and next steps in enhancing faculty wellbeing. What supports/policies would you like to see at MSUB? What supports are already helping? How can the CTL help? We’d love to hear from you! Lunch is provided!

November 7th, 12 pm in COE 328 and WebEx

Please RSVP!
Watermark/Annual Review Workshop

Join us for this two-part workshop on using Watermark and preparing for your annual evaluation. From 3:30 – 4:00, Brett Weisz will demonstrate how to use the tool, Watermark, and answer any questions. Please bring your laptop! From 4:00 – 5:00, Joy Honea and Vern Gagnon will provide guidance on what materials to include, what activities to emphasize, and how to best highlight your strengths in your annual evaluation.

November 13th, 3:30 pm, COE 328 and WebEx

Please RSVP!

Events on CTL Website

Are you looking for our full list of events? You can find them on our events page. You can RSVP, get WebEx links, and view recordings from past events. You can always email us at ctl@msubillings.edu if you can’t find what you’re looking for.