

To: CPP Faculty

From: Victoria Bhavsar

Subject: a growth-focused activity, Technology Tuesday, & Wall of COOL!

Date: Tuesday, Sep 26, 2023

Dear faculty,

This is a super-good class activity: A [growth-focused icebreaker](#). Yes, it's most effective on the first day of class, but you could use it wonderfully well now, right around the first wave of midterms. If students are feeling anxious about either their actual achievement or their potential achievement, this is a reminder that they CAN and often DO do hard things! Also, it is fun to see the variety of things our students are involved in.

Three items to highlight this week:

- [Technology Tuesday](#) on Sept. 26 focuses on the CSU's Quality Learning & Teaching framework. We'll review it, show you where to find good samples from across the CSU, and tell you how to get our QLT template for your courses.
- [Wall of COOL nominations](#) are open! Don't be shy about nominating your course!
- Week 5 or 6 is the best time to do an early-mid-semester feedback survey. See my email from last week (Sept. 20) for how-to.

Take care,

Victoria

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In this email:

- [Registration now open](#): Nov. 3 Campus symposium on AI
- [Wall of COOL nominations open!](#)
- [CAFE's Canvas Tips & Tricks](#): Extending time on Canvas quizzes
- [Teacher-Scholar](#): Technology Tuesday; 20 free OneHE accounts; contribute to a research project
- [Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities](#): Webinar on large grant proposals, STEM Research Mixers

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[Registration open](#): Friday Nov. 3 -- Campus symposium and conversation on AI in the classroom

CAFE collaborates with Academic Innovations, the Library, and IT&IP for a day of engaging presentations and discussions on the influence of AI in higher education and practical strategies regarding AI in the classroom. [Please register](#).

[Nominate your class for the Wall of COOL!](#) We're inviting nominations for the [2024 Wall of COOL!](#) This light-hearted (but not light-weight!) award from CAFE recognizes excellent courses that effectively use technology to enhance student learning and success. [Nominations](#) are due **October 15**.

CAFE's [Canvas Tips & Tricks](#): This is a doozy: How to extend time for Canvas quizzes for individual students. Please read carefully and don't give up.

Teacher-Scholar:

- **[Technology Tuesdays](#)**: Every other Tuesday, Sept. 26 – Nov. 21. 12:00 – 12:50pm via Zoom ([see the schedule and register with the link](#)). Tuesday Sept. 26 will showcase CAFE's Quality Learning & Teaching Canvas template for you to use as you wish.
- **[OneHE Accounts](#)**: We have 20 free, fall semester accounts to [OneHE](#), a platform that offers "microlearning" for faculty – short, 20-minute courses from expert educators. You can also converse with faculty around the world through the discussion boards for each course. Contact [Victoria Bhavsar](#).
- ***Call for participation in research on culturally relevant content***: [Dr. Frank Harris III](#) (SDSU) and colleagues are conducting a study of the impact of culturally relevant content on diverse learners in postsecondary education. If you teach GE or gateway courses with historically high DFW rates, you may meet the criteria to participate. Please see the [Informed Consent Form](#) for full details and to participate.

Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities:

- **[Open access Hanover Research Webinar](#)**: Thursday Sept. 28, 9:00am Pacific. Large multi-institutional, multi-PI proposals support large-scale research agendas, but are quite challenging to pull off. Hanover shares key tips and strategies for moving these unwieldy projects forward.
- **[Research Mixers \(ReMixes\) for STEM Faculty](#)**: Hosted by [Matt Povich](#) -- Monthly informal gatherings (with snacks!) to discuss ideas, concerns, and plans involving your research. See the [short flyer](#) for dates, times, location, and more info.
- ***CAFE Creates Fall 2023***: Join other faculty via Zoom to get writing done in a low-pressure, high-productivity environment -- state your goals. Sit and write. Cheer each other on!
 - Email [Erica Morales](#) for calendar invites on Wednesdays 10:00am – 12:00pm.
 - Email [Amy Dao](#) for calendar invites on Thursdays 9:00 – 11:00am.

Faculty community & career:

- ***Finding Retirement Fulfillment Learning Community (FRFLC)***: Join a community to create strategies for contributing expertise, mentorship, and leadership in your last few years as faculty and after retirement! Contact [Lisa Kessler](#). Supported by the Kellogg Legacy grant *Optimizing the Lifecycle of the Professoriate: Thriving Faculty = Thriving Students*.

Individual consultations:

- CAFE provides individual, confidential* consultations on classroom questions, career path issues, grant proposals, how the university works, and all things Cal Poly Pomona. We have two certified Gallup strengths coaches ([April Dawn](#) & [Victoria Bhavsar](#)) and “Everybody’s Mentor” [Lisa Kessler](#). Please reach out directly! (*We are mandated reporters under Title IX.)

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Get Canvas help from CAFE: Submit a [Canvas ticket using this link](#). Call 909-869-3099 from 8am – 5pm. We ask patience if you call; we are very short-staffed as to student assistants.