

To: CPP Faculty

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Subject: COOL Classes, Canvas News, and Mentoring

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Dear faculty,

Do you teach a COOL class? Consider nominating your course for CAFE's Wall of COOL (Celebrating Outstanding Opportunities for Learning) award. The Wall of COOL recognizes excellent courses and other learning opportunities where faculty effectively use technology to enhance student learning and success. All CPP faculty are eligible to submit a nomination. [Nominations](#) are due by **October 24, 2025**.

All the best,

Marisela

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Teaching and Learning

- CAFE Accessibility News
 - Fix-it Fridays are ongoing! On select Fridays through November, CAFE staff will visit your college and/or department to help you make your instructional materials more accessible. For these drop-in hours, bring your laptop and get direct support. Information on dates CAFE will be visiting your college and/or department will be sent via email.
- [Fall OCS Professional Development Courses](#) – Registration is Open
Fall Session 2: November 3-23, 2025

Courses Offered Include:

- [Introduction to Teaching Online Using QLT](#)
- [Advanced QLT Course in Teaching Online](#)
- [AI Tools For Teaching & Learning \(For Faculty/Lecturers\)](#)

- [AI Tools for Higher-Ed Professionals/Staff](#)
- [Improving Your Online Course](#)

Canvas News

- Alternate Formats is an automated Canvas feature that allows students to convert course documents into different file types to improve accessibility. Once a file is converted, it is saved in the course **Files** area, making it available for other students to download without the system needing to recreate the alternate version. Students have been able to download alternate format files for several years; however, the process of storing these converted files within the course is a newer enhancement.

For more information, please visit: [Student Access for UDOIT Advantage](#)

Faculty Career Growth

- Join the **Parenting Faculty Lunch** on Thursday, 10/16/25, 11:30 am – 1 pm at CentrepoinTE to talk about getting back into the school swing and provide feedback to CAFE on how it can support parenting faculty.
 - The group is open to all lecturers and tenure-line faculty who are parents or parents-to-be; “parenting” is defined expansively.
 - Space is limited to 30 participants.
 - [Register as soon as possible](#)
- “Everybody’s Mentor” – Professor Emerita Lisa Kessler, CAFE Faculty Associate and retired Interim Dean of Agriculture, provides individual, confidential consultation and coaching on career, RTP, grant applications, pedagogy, and navigating CPP.
 - [Email Lisa directly](#) to set up an appointment