

Drum Roll, Please!

This summer the University took two important steps in its desire to support faculty. First, it was decided that the Center for Academic Innovation be rebranded as the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL). The mission for SVSU's CETL is to promote a culture of educational excellence that enhances faculty success through supporting research-based teaching, learning, and scholarship with the vision to foster a culture of pedagogical excellence. Secondly, inherent to this mission and vision, the Center intends to support all faculty, whether full or part-time. As a result, it was decided that the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs would merge with CETL to partner in promoting this vision and mission.

These two steps have led to some changes in personnel. So, we thought it might be instructive to list the titles for those who work in the CETL and their contact information.

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Academic Calendar

Sept 7-8, 2021

Labor Day Recess

September 8-14, 2021

Late Course Adds

September 20-29, 2021

21/FA Title IV Student Attendance Reporting
(in my.svsu.edu)

Workshops

September 10, 2021

Echo 30: What's New | 10:00 a.m. | Virtual

September 15, 2021

Creating a Highly Engaged Classroom
12:00 PM | Virtual

September 16, 2021

Creating a Highly Engaged Classroom
5:00 PM | Virtual

September 17, 2021

Faculty Friday: Entrepreneurship and Experiential Learning
1:00 PM | Curtiss 100

Register for these and other workshops by visiting
www.svsu.edu/workshops

Blog - At the Center

We are proud to introduce At the Center, the blog for the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. The blog is intended to promote CETL's vision for fostering a culture of pedagogical excellence by supporting a faculty network dedicated to sharing ideas and innovations in teaching and learning. The premiere edition of the blog will be published on September 1st and will continue to be published bimonthly. The blog this year will focus on experiential learning and offer tips for its practical application. We invite members of the SVSU community to submit blog posts or ideas by emailing cetl@svsu.edu. You can find the blog by going to www.svsu.edu/cetl/blogpage/

Professional Development Opportunities

CETL is proud to announce that a fresh batch of professional development opportunities is available this academic year. Faculty Fridays will continue monthly and are themed around experiential learning. The first **Faculty Friday** titled **Entrepreneurship and Experiential Learning** will be held on **Friday, September 17th at 1:00 p.m.** and will feature Mohamed Adel as the presenter. Dr. Adel is responsible for the MakerSpace in the Carmona College of Business and Management.

This first Faculty Friday will be held in Curtiss 100 at 1:00 p.m. CETL is also offering monthly workshops aimed at helping your students succeed. The September workshop is titled, **Creating a Highly Engaged Classroom**. This will be offered virtually on **Wednesday, September 15th at Noon** and on **Thursday, September 16th at 5:00**. A link to the sessions will be sent to you via email the day before the workshop. You can register for these and other workshops by going to this website:

<https://appsc.svsu.edu/workshops/workshopsoffered> Once there, if you want to register for one of our workshops, you will need to go to the dropdown box and select "Tools for Teaching."

If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact us at cetl@svsu.edu or call us at **964-2622**.

ECHO360 in the Classroom

Faculty have been asking if it is mandatory to provide classroom access to students virtually. According to the Provost's Office, if a student signed up for face-to-face classes, then those classes should be held in a classroom on campus. There might be an instance where one or more of your students must be quarantined. In that case, should you want to help your students keep up with their course work, then you might want to record your class.

All classes have the capability to be recorded by using ECHO360. In order to understand how this tool works, you can register for ECHO360 training by going to the following website and scrolling to ECHO360 in the drop-down box: <https://appsc.svsu.edu/workshops/workshopsoffered/>

Inclusive Syllabus Language

In order to create a more inclusive syllabus this fall, the Office of Accessibility Resources and Accommodations (ARA) is offering some new syllabus language intended to help those who have visible and invisible disabilities find the support they might require in order to be successful in your classroom. This language is as follows:

Saginaw Valley State University views disability as an important aspect of diversity and is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students. Accessibility Resources and Accommodations (ARA) is the office that collaborates with students who have disabilities in order to provide and/or arrange for reasonable accommodations.

Inclusive Syllabus Language (continued)

- If you have or think you have a disability in any area please contact ARA to arrange for a confidential discussion regarding equitable access and reasonable accommodations.
- Students with short-term disabilities such as a broken arm or pregnancy should be able to work with their instructors to remove classroom barriers. In situations where further assistance is needed, students should contact ARA for temporary accommodations.
- If you are registered with ARA and you have a Faculty Notification Letter dated for this semester, please contact your instructor as soon as possible so that you can review your accommodations and plan how they will be employed in your class.
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- If you are registered with ARA and find that you have questions or concerns please contact their office.

ARA Contact Information:

Phone: (989) 964-7000

Email: accessibility@svsu.edu

In person: Wickes 260B

For further information please see www.svsu.edu/access

Mental health needs:

As a student, you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning. These issues can include strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating, and/or lack of motivation. These health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or they can reduce your ability to participate in daily activities. Saginaw Valley State University's services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can learn more about the Campus Mental Health and Wellness Center and its confidential mental health services by going to its website at svsu.edu/studentcounselingcenter.

What I can't do for you:

- The longer you wait to ask for help, the less I may be able to help you: I cannot accommodate disability-related needs retroactively.
- If you choose to stop attending class, I am unable to support your well-being and intellectual growth.