Upcoming Faculty Development Events

What’s in a Name? Metacognition, Reflection, Integration and How to Use Them with Students
If part of our current Mercer tag line includes "where everyone majors in changing the world," how do we do that? By helping students to reflect and integrate and use metacognition to connect their actions and experiences to their growth. This workshop will include information of what our students wish their professors had asked them, along with concrete examples of prompts to stimulate student learning. (This workshop is highly recommended for those leading Mercer on Mission courses.) Two opportunities to attend:
- Friday, March 17 at 12pm in Connell Conference Room 1
- Tuesday, March 21 at 3:15pm in Penfield Hall
Please RSVP by March 15th.

If you missed the last faculty development event, Going Beyond the Traditional Research Paper, you can find slides, handouts, and example assignments here (Mercer login required).

BEAR DAY & Engineering Expo Abstracts DUE!
Make sure your students submit their abstracts by February 20th at midnight. This event provides a great opportunity for students to present the results of their work. All the information will be available here. Students integrating research and service are encouraged to use the QEP logo and PowerPoint and poster templates.

In the Works: Development Summit
The Global Development Affinity Group has been hard at work planning a Development Summit to take place in Fall 2017. This event is meant to educate the community on all the development initiatives happening on our campus. It will also provide opportunities for students and faculty to learn more about development and how it can fit into different disciplines. Are you interested in helping to plan this event or share your ideas? Contact Judy Wilbanks.

CONNECTING CAMPUS TO REAL-WORLD ISSUES:

Arbor Day Celebration
Feb 17, 3pm, CSC Breezeway, includes free trees!

Adulting 101: Financial Planning
Feb 24, 3:30-5:00pm, CSC I

North Korea through My Eyes
Feb 26, 7pm, PDR
An evening with Seong-Ho Ji

My People, My Calling
Feb 27, 10am, CSC I
Conversation with Seong-Ho Ji

Don Quijote & Economic Freedom
Mar 1, 10am, Med School Aud

For more information on these events, please see the calendar. You can also subscribe to the calendar on your phone or desktop using this iCal link, or contact Judy Wilbanks.

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” – Benjamin Franklin
Project Spotlight

MU Miracle is the newly established Mercer University chapter of Miracle Network Dance Marathon, dedicated to raising money and awareness for the local children’s hospital right here in Macon. Across the country, 62 children enter a Children’s Miracle Network Hospital every minute and in that same minute, Children's Miracle hospitals provide $6,500 to help save the lives of these children. Currently, there are over 170 Children’s Miracle hospitals across the country. Just last year, MU Miracle was established and raised over $24,000 for this cause. 100% of their proceeds go towards the Children's Hospital in downtown Macon. This student-run organization is reaching out through fundraising, programming, and advocacy for local children. They are currently working toward their fundraising goal of $30,000 for 2016-2017 as well as their goal to establish a long-term, city-wide movement around this cause in order to help reconnect Mercer students with the Macon population. Want to learn more? Check them out at BEAR Day, donate to the cause, or follow them on social media:

Instagram: @mu_miracle
Facebook: @merceruniversitymiracle

Project Funding

There are no more funding opportunities for the remainder of the 2016-2017 academic year. Due dates for applications requesting funding for 2017-2018 will be posted on our website this summer.

We would also like to try a new system of funding small, course-based projects. If you have a Research that Reaches Out project for student learning that will require funding in the amount of $300 or less, please email to Judy Wilbanks a description of your project and how funds will be used. As always, funding for projects will depend on alignment with the SLOs as well as funding availability.

Coming soon: Express

This year, the QEP office has been collecting information and student work products designed to meet the Expose and Explore levels of Research that Reaches Out. Next academic year, we enter year 3 and officially launch our Express level, with our QEP being fully operational through 2020. Now is the time to start thinking about designing opportunities for students to meet both the Explore and Express levels of student engagement with research and service.

“How do I go about designing an Explore or Express project?” you might ask. Here are some steps to follow:

1. Read the faculty-guide.
2. Check out some of the examples on our website.
3. Set aside time to talk to faculty within your department to brainstorm ideas (bonus points if you invite Bridget!).
4. Attend faculty development events or revisit materials from past events.
5. Make an appointment with Bridget to talk specifically about your course or project.