

Snow Days Encourage the Formation of a Virtual Community of Practice

Olena Zhadko, Director of Online Education, did a masterful job of introducing several instructional technologies that can help faculty to support students' learning even when the weather disrupts the schedule. Thirty-five instructors participated in lively, 60-minute sessions on February 9th and March 14th. The February virtual in-service workshop focused on VoiceThread, a technology tool that works well for asynchronous conversations. The March workshop covered VoiceThread but also showcased two synchronous options: Blackboard Collaborate Ultra and Zoom.

Synchronous and asynchronous discussions are important ways to engage students. To recruit more faculty members into our growing Virtual Community of Practice, Olena has scheduled additional sessions (online and face-to-face) and curated as well as created clear, user-friendly web resources.

<http://www.lehman.edu/office-academic-programs/OnlineEducation/catch-up-on-missed-classes.php>



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