



## Volume 4 no.3



### Commit to Professional Development

As we step into the new year, setting aside time and resources to invest in honing skills, acquiring new knowledge, and staying abreast of industry trends can significantly enhance your professional journey.

Create a professional development plan and use the new year as an opportunity for self-reflection and goal-setting. Whether it's acquiring new technical skills, expanding leadership capabilities, or enhancing soft skills like communication and teamwork, establishing clear objectives provides a roadmap for targeted development.

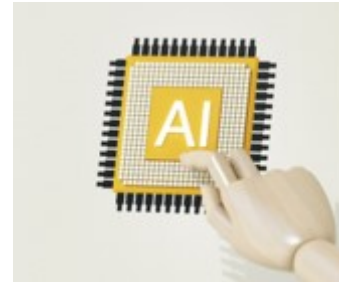
Explore the learning opportunities highlighted in this newsletter and make an investment in yourself. Sharing your knowledge and networking at conferences helps to build a strong professional network and allows for knowledge exchange and collaborative growth. Several conference "Calls for Proposals" are noted below.

At the SUNY CPD, we are committed to helping faculty and staff across SUNY pursue continuous learning and growth. In doing so, we can all navigate the changing landscape of higher education with greater confidence and resilience.

- Lisa Raposo, Director

## Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Higher Education Two NEW Courses Available

The SUNY CPD launches two new courses to address the emergence and role of artificial intelligence (AI) in higher education. In these courses, staff and faculty learn how AI impacts teaching, learning, enrollment, retention, and student success. Participants will develop the competencies necessary to address AI in their roles as instructors, administrators, or staff members.



There are two online, interactive, 6 week, asynchronous courses offered through BrightSpace.

**Course 1: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Higher Education** - March 19 - April 29, 2024

**Course 2: Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) Effectively in Teaching and Learning** - May 14 - June 24, 2024

[Learn More](#)



## 2024 SUNY Digital Learning Conference: Educating for Digital Citizenship

Students need distinctive skills to be effective, responsible, autonomous democratic citizens in a digitally mediated society: for example, the ability to distinguish information from misinformation and disinformation; to leverage online networks for purposes of advocacy and activism; to build public-facing websites that make data-informed arguments, preserve cultural heritage, or amplify marginalized voices; to be as secure as possible from governmental and commercial surveillance; to distinguish AI hype from AI reality.

We invite faculty, technologists, librarians, teaching and learning support specialists, and students to a conversation about how we teach the arts of digital citizenship.

Submit a proposal to present at this open, two-day, online conference. Submission **deadline is January 28, 2024.**

[Learn More](#)

## New! Faculty Peer Mentoring Program

Designed to support the work of new tenure track colleagues in their first two years across SUNY. This Peer Mentoring Program offers new faculty an opportunity to talk about vital issues as teachers, scholars and advisors.

No-cost to tenure track faculty on all 64 SUNY campuses.

Virtual meetings start **January 29th** and run every other **Monday from 2-3pm until May 6th**.

[Learn More](#)

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## Empowering Every Voice: Webinar Series

Join us for this **FREE** webinar series identifying strategies to serve the unique needs of our diverse student populations, including: First-Generation Students, Veterans and Military Affiliated Students, Adult Learners, Re-entry and Justice-Impacted Students, and LGBTQ+.



The series will run every other Friday from Noon-1:00 pm, beginning on February 9th and ending April 19th.

We kick-off the series with:

### Navigate the Higher Ed Journey for First-Generation Students

*February 9, 2024 12:00pm-1:00pm*

This session will help understand and address the unique needs of first-generation students in higher education, explore the challenges these students often face, and delve into the effective strategies for providing the support and resources necessary for their academic and personal success.

Register for one or all of the webinars by clicking [Learn More](#) below. Sessions will be recorded and sent out to series registrants.

[Learn More](#)



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## Learning Theories and Effective Teaching Practice for Diverse Students

Part of the *Inclusive Teaching and Learning Certificate Program*, this 5-week, **online** course is designed to help those involved in teaching and learning in higher education develop new mindsets and strategies for more inclusive and equitable practices.

This course considers key questions in theories on learning, with a focus on as constructivist theories. Participants will be introduced to some of the most current knowledge about teaching and learning, with an eye toward ongoing reflection on and revision of our teaching practice.

**When:** February 13 – March 18, 2024

[Learn More](#)

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## Leading Change in Higher Education

Join colleagues from across the system for this 12-week virtual workshop supporting leaders with identifying and applying the key elements of change leadership. This workshop will highlight strategies for research, reflection, and action to ensure both the success and sustainability of change projects.



Leaders in a wide range of roles across functional areas (administration, faculty and staff) of higher education are welcome.

**When:** February 20 – May 13, 2024

[Learn More](#)



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## SUNY Online Summit

Interested in online teaching and learning? The SUNY Online Summit is for online faculty, instructional designers, student support professionals, and administration/leadership. Anyone, including Friends of SUNY, are welcome! 2024 will be the 25th Anniversary of the SUNY Online Summit and the 30th Anniversary of Online Learning at SUNY! Join us for Summit celebrations and networking in person and virtually. Connect, share, and grow.

**When:** February 28th & February 29th

**Location:** SUNY Global Center, NYC *or virtual*

[Learn More](#)



## Enterprise Skills Initiative

### NEW - AI Learning Pathways

Microsoft has put together **Learning Pathways** on their new OpenAI/Generative AI capabilities to help you get up to speed on their latest AI technology. These pathways leverage Microsoft Learn content and are predecessor to taking more advanced AI courses such as AI-102, Azure AI Engineer.

Once you have built this foundational knowledge, you can find all our AI-related advanced courses and offerings in the ESI LxP by clicking here: [Enterprise Skills Initiative \(microsoft.com\)](https://microsoft.com). Login with your SUNY federated email to access all the new content. Issues or questions, please Kris Lynch, Technical Program Manager at [kris.lynch@suny.edu](mailto:kris.lynch@suny.edu) or 315-214-2428

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### Lumen Circles

***Are you looking for new ways to enhance your teaching toolkit and improve student success?***

We are excited to offer you the opportunity to explore evidence-based teaching practices and earn a certificate in Effective Teaching Practice – all at no cost through a partnership between Lumen Learning and SUNY.

Lumen Circles virtual learning community is designed to support your growth as an educator and provide you with the tools you need to create engaging and effective learning experiences for your students.

To sign up, click here and register with your SUNY email address

[Learn More](#)

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### SUNY GradCon 2024

The SUNY Graduate Research Conference (GradCon) is a virtual multidisciplinary spring semester event. It brings together graduate student researchers and faculty mentors from across the SUNY system by providing a forum to disseminate research and scholarly activities in the form of oral and poster presentations in ALL academic disciplines to demonstrate Research for the Common Good in Public Higher Education. By bringing together students and faculty from across the state, GradCon provides a venue for

networking and helps realize the synergistic power of the SUNY system.  
The SUNY GradCon will take place virtually via Zoom on April 26, 2024.

Reminder that the deadline to submit proposals is **March 17th**.

[More Info](#)

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## From Data to Decision: Transforming Education With Evidence-Based Strategies

June 11-12, 2024



In an era defined by information, our conference theme delves into the intersection of data and decision-making, emphasizing the pivotal role evidence-based strategies play in shaping the future of institutional research.

The theme of this years **AIRPO Conference** invites participants to explore the transformative journey from raw data to informed decisions, providing a platform for sharing insights, best practices, and innovative approaches. This year's conference aims to showcase the impact of data-based strategies on student success, institutional effectiveness, and overall educational quality.

The call for Conference Proposals is now open! Due **March 22nd**.

[Learn More](#)



[Universal Design for Learning Workshops](#) - Spring Schedule Posted

[Project Management Fundamentals](#) - Mar. 29 - April 5th

[Advanced Project Management](#)- Mar. 6, 2024 - Mar, 13th

[Microsoft Intune Workshop](#) - Virtual - Feb.22nd

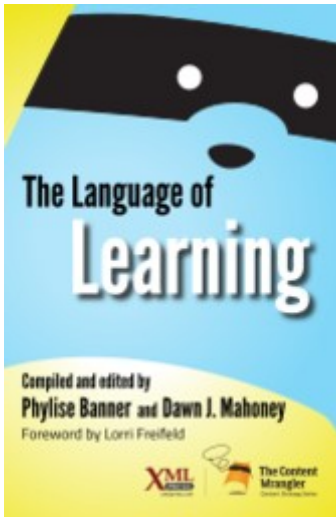
[SUNY Business Intelligence Finance Data](#) - Feb.7th

[SUNY Business Intelligence Advanced](#) - Feb. 14th

[Coaching Strategies in Higher Education](#) - May 17th

[Conference on Instruction and Technology \(CIT\)](#) - May 20-24th, University at Buffalo

[SUNY Technology Conference \(STC\) Submit a Proposal to Present](#) - June 4-6, 2024, Lake Placid, NY



### Check it out!

CPD Academic Programs Manager Chris Price contributed an entry on "Digital Badges" to The Language of Learning - a 2023 book edited by Phylise Banner and Dawn J. Mahoney.

[Click here to get a copy of the book!](#)

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