

Spring Announcement #2

Phoenix College will be the premier provider of student-centered learning opportunities for our community to go far close to home.

Greetings,

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well. As we launch into the spring semester it's critical to engage our students early with an ethic of care. Be sure to reach out to students regularly letting them know PC is ready to [support](#) their academic and non-academic needs. This edition will cover Black History Month, PC's sabbatical winners, STD Awareness, Future of Work Summit, Learning Commons Support, and OER opportunities.



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

Phoenix College has numerous events for faculty, staff, and students to participate in this month. As a learning-centered institution, please take this time to engage with our students in and out of the classroom (and virtually) as partners in learning. Consider inviting students to develop topics, homework assignments, or other peer learning opportunities to connect with African-American culture.



Please congratulate the following faculty members on their 2021-2022 sabbatical awards!

Jay Hardin (*Incorporating Mindfulness in the Study and Practice of Art*)

Dr. Dianne Miller (*Success of Learning Communities: Research and Publication*)

Michelle Monahan (*ASL/English Interpreting Field Experience in an Every-Changing Profession*)

STDs & U



February is here and that means it is time for the annual "STDs and U" awareness seminars. This 22 year + tradition at PC is going virtual this year and we need your help getting the word out. Will you please share this information with your students? At the end of each seminar, students will be given a survey link upon completion, they will receive a certificate that can be used to verify their attendance for extra credit.

[Tuesday, Feb 9, 12-1 pm](#)

[Wednesday, Feb 10, 6-7 pm](#)

[Thursday, Feb 11, 1-2 pm](#)

Join The Future of Work Summit (VIRTUAL)

March 4, 2021

To register:
phoenixcollege.edu/summit



Find out how business and the community college can partner to leverage resources to become a workforce machine and economic driver for Phoenix!

You'll walk away with insight into the following important trends:

- Current workforce
- Future growth for the City of Phoenix
- Partnership and collaboration opportunities

Join us. It's FREE! Register [here](http://www.phoenixcollege.edu/summit).

Date: March 4, 2021

Time: 8:30 - 11:00 am (virtual)

The Summit will highlight four industry sectors with breakout sessions:

- IT/Cybersecurity
- Allied Health or Healthcare
- Business Services
- Construction

More information is available at www.phoenixcollege.edu/summit

DID YOU KNOW...



You can load your entire class into the Learning Commons Student Canvas course! This provides free, online live tutoring, writing lab, and math/science question boards. Writing tutors assist students with writing assignments in any course. Download your course rosters and email them to learningcommons@phoenixcollege.edu



The Phoenix College OER Committee would like to invite residential faculty to participate in our first OER fellowship project. Whether you are brand new to the world of OER or an expert, we encourage you to join us. Our goal is to empower our faculty to discover, revise, remix, enhance, or expand upon existing open content.

[APPLY HERE](#)

“For to be free is not merely to cast off one’s chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”

~Nelson Mandela

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