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**UT SYSTEM-WIDE DISTANCE EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

The UT TeleCampus is pleased to announce the first UT System-wide Innovations in Online Learning (IOL) conference. Mark your calendars now for May 31-June 2, 2005. The IOL conference will be held at the Stephen F. Austin Intercontinental Hotel in Austin. While the conference is hosted by the UT TeleCampus, we encourage any faculty and staff who are involved in online teaching and learning (including hybrid) to present and/or attend. The conference will include four tracks for presentations: Teaching and Learning, Course Development, Services, and Technology. The call for proposals will be released shortly. If you would like to be part of the planning committee, please contact Dr. Darcy Hardy, [dhardy@utsystem.edu](mailto:dhardy@utsystem.edu). More information to follow.

**New Student and Faculty Services Staff**

We are pleased to announce the hiring of two new Student and Faculty Services Representatives. Katrina Wells joined the TeleCampus as an Administrative Assistant in September 2004 from UT Austin's Bureau of Economic Geology Department. Katrina can be reached at [kwells@utsystem.edu](mailto:kwells@utsystem.edu). Kimberly Staten came to us from Austin Community College where she was the Coordinator of the Texas Success Initiative program. Kimberly can be reached at [kstaten@utsystem.edu](mailto:kstaten@utsystem.edu).

**Spring 2005 Faculty Training**

Mark your calendars for Spring Faculty Training. Course Development and Management Training will be held Thursday, February 3, 2005 and Friday, February 4, 2005. We are working on details and will announce them in a future Communiqué.

**New Online UTTC Evaluations/Surveys**

The project to upgrade the TeleCampus Online Evaluation System has been completed. The new system will be used this Fall to gain student feedback via the UT TeleCampus survey and end-of-semester course evaluation. Faculty will use the system to complete a faculty survey late each semester. Faculty and campus administrative users can access the new system using the same passwords used previously with the old system. The URL will be provided separately to users. Students will access the new system through the TIS by clicking on the "survey/evaluation" button on the left menu.

Several new features have been added to make the system more useful to institutional administrators, faculty and TeleCampus staff. A videoconference is planned for November 19

to demo the new system to the campus administrators responsible for extracting the evaluation information from the database.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Gonzalez at 512-499-4235 or [fgonzalez@utsystem.edu](mailto:fgonzalez@utsystem.edu).

### **Recent Academic Affairs Committee Meetings**

The Academic Affairs Committee for the Kinesiology Online program met in Austin on October 29, 2004. A representative from each participating institution attended. Items discussed included development of new courses, program review, online evaluation system, enrollments/completion rates, and an online graduated student survey. Committee members and minutes from previous meetings can be found at <http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/index.cfm/4,632,82,56,html>

The Academic Affairs and Executive Committees for the Criminology and Criminal Justice Online program met in Austin on November 9, 2004. Committee members can be found at <http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu/index.cfm/4,637,82,56,html>.

### **Advertising Update**

UTTC programs are advertised in the following locations during the month of November.

**Please note that some placements are booked year round and will appear each month. For example, we index once for the year with searchable databases.**

- Alamo Cinema Calendar Guide
- Alcalde Magazine
- AllStarDirectories (AllCriminalJusticeSchools, AllBusinessSchools, AllEducationSchools, AllNursingSchools)
- Ameriforce Military Relocation Guide
- ATPE (Association of Texas Professional Educators) News Magazine
- Austin American Statesman
- Austin Bergstrom International Airport
- AustinMama.com weekly e-newsletter
- Degree.net
- Distance-Educator.com
- GetEducated.com
- Gradschools.com
- Insight Magazine (Texas Association of School Administrators)
- JustColleges.com
- KTEP El Paso
- KUT 90.5 Austin
- Longhorn Sports Athletic Program
- NewsweekDistanceLearning.com
- NYTimes.com daily e-newsletter
- Online University Consortium
- Peterson's Distance Learning Guide
- Prep Illustrated Magazine
- Sloan-C.org
- TAHPERD.org
- Texas Classroom Teachers Magazine

- Texas Monthly
- Texas Nursing Magazine
- Texas Study Magazine (Texas Association of Secondary School Principals)
- TUMaster.com
- WorldWideLearn.com

### **New Baby for Communication Services**

On November 6th, Michelle Atkinson of the Communication Services department and her husband Greg welcomed a healthy baby girl, Alexandra (Ali for short) Paige Atkinson. Michelle will be on maternity leave until mid-January. Please forward all questions for her to Maggie Galbreath at [mgalbreath@utsystem.edu](mailto:mgalbreath@utsystem.edu) and Jennifer Rees at [jrees@utsystem.edu](mailto:jrees@utsystem.edu).

### **Education Programs Postcard**

In mid-November, over 2,500 postcards will be mailed out to principals and superintendents across the state of Texas highlighting all of our online programs for educators.

### **New Program Pages**

Draft webpages for two new (coming soon) programs -- Dental Hygiene Completion and Border Studies -- are being reviewed by the program advisors. Upon their completion, they will be posted to the UTTC website. Watch for updates about these exciting programs.

### **TRACK & TRACKPlus**

The second pilot of TRACKPlus – the extended version of TRACK that includes live online tutoring – ended on October 19, 2004. Nine districts from across the state of Texas took part in the fall pilot. Participating districts concluded the pilot with an online survey. High schools that were able to obtain optimal use of the live online tutors were those that had designated times for the use of TRACKPlus during school hours. The data collected from this survey will be used to improve TRACK & TrackPlus.

The TRACK website has also been updated: <http://www.track.uttelecampus.org>.

A TRACK presentation was made on Friday, November 5, 2004, at the Science Teachers Association and Texas: Sail into Science CAST 2004 conference in Corpus Christi, Texas. Teachers and administrators were in attendance and were given the opportunity to learn more about this free TAKS tutorial tool. To date there have been approximately 59,000 accounts established in TRACK.

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