The SUNY Online Digest: March 2022

DLE Update

SUNY Digital Learning Environment (DLE)

Cohort 1 is underway! Each cohort undergoes a three-phase process expected to take between 11-13 months.

The first cohort will run from January/February of 2022 through December 2022; the second from May 2022 to April 2023; the third from September 2022 through August of 2023; and the fourth from January 2023 to December 2023.

Training opportunities have recently been announced. Fireside chats provide an overview of the training plans, introduce participants to the training team, showcase Brightspace tools and features, and provide an opportunity for participants to submit questions and suggestions to be addressed at subsequent fireside chats. Learn more about these upcoming sessions, open to all: https://dle.suny.edu/fireside-chats/.

We continue to develop the DLE website to share important information and expand our FAQ section. Please continue to check the DLE.suny.edu website and send your questions to DLE@suny.edu*.*

Growth continues for Degrees at Scale

For the spring 2022 semester, recruitment and marketing for SUNY Online Signature Programs (Degrees at Scale) generated over 9,000 inquiries and 2,500 applications. We are happy to welcome over 600 newly enrolled students, bringing the current number of students served through this initiative to just over 2,000!

SUNY Online Staff Changes

As we continue to grow our staff and fill vacancies, the SUNY Online Team maintains the highest level of support for campuses, faculty, and students.

There are currently openings for Help Desk Analysts. Please spread the word and encourage those that live in the Capital Region to apply.

The search for an Impact Analyst has concluded. We are in the final stages and hope to announce our newest team member soon!

SUNY Online Summit

Over 400 participants came together for a week of learning, sharing, and networking!

The SUNY Online Summit, an annual SUNY-wide conference specifically for online teaching and learning practitioners, was held virtually February 28-March 4, 2022.

This year's program featured a variety of diverse presentations and dynamic speakers over the week-long event, including opening remarks by Provost-in-Charge Shadi Shahedipour-Sandvik, an update on the first cohort migration to the new SUNY DLE, and the always celebrated online student panel.

Session recordings and materials are being posted to the event website: https://sunyonlinesummit2022.edublogs.org/live-recordings/.

Search the Summit hashtag (#SUNYonlinesummit) on Twitter for coverage from the live event!

Campus Engagement

Contribute your ideas for SUNY CPD Women in Technology (SUNY WIT) series!

The SUNY CPD, together with SUNY WIT (Women in Technology), will be hosting a webinar series to provide space for women and their allies in traditional IT (Information Technology) to learn from one another and share personal narratives, challenges, and successes. The SUNY WIT mission is to empower, support, and retain a more gender diverse IT related workforce and student population for SUNY.

SUNY WIT is an inclusive and diverse organization working to connect people identifying as women and their allies in libraries and other SUNY functional offices with strong technology roles (such as libraries, admissions, institutional research, impact analysts, student success functions, instructional design, and campus facilities). The goal of the series is to unite this community and identify professional development needs that will launch future activity.

Your responses in this brief survey will help us identify areas of immediate relevance to women serving in a campus IT role.

Join us in celebrating the 2022 SUNY Online Teaching Ambassadors!

SUNY Online Teaching Ambassadors are exemplary online educators who are enthusiastic and effective in online teaching, and who can be positive and strong advocates for online teaching in our SUNY community. SUNY Online Teaching accepts nominations from each SUNY institution annually to recognize outstanding SUNY online instructors as SUNY Online Teaching Ambassadors.

The 2022 cohort was announced at the SUNY Online Summit and recognized with a certificate and commemorative digital badge. Ambassador profiles were also created to showcase each individual's bio and testimonial about online teaching.

Congratulations to the 2022 SUNY Effective Online Practice Award winners!

SUNY Online annually collects, shares and showcases the online best practices, strategies, and innovative online teaching and learning activities or programs of exemplary SUNY online practitioners from across the SUNY system in this unique program. Awards are conferred annually at the SUNY Online Summit, based on peer voting. All entrants have the opportunity to showcase their work during the Summit session, and entries are added to the SUNY Effective Online Practices Repository.

Congratulations to the 2022 Award Winners!

1st Place: Using Adaptive Release to Foster Flexibility or Online Students While Maintaining Rigor – Submitted by Kerry Carlson with Joshua Wolfson, SUNY Suffolk

2nd Place: ELN Project Portal and Global NGO Projects – Submitted by Mara Huber with Christina Heath, University at Buffalo

3rd Place: Universal Design for Trauma – Submitted by Andrea Nikischer, Buffalo State College

Honorable Mention: Using Distance Learning Faculty Mentors to Help Promote Success in Online Classes – Submitted by Davinder Kaur, Farmingdale State College

Did you know?

Did you know the newest SUNY Online dashboard data visualization is all about the SUNY DLE?

It's true. There are three dashboard tabs with all kinds of important metrics about the DLE project, from which campuses are in which cohort to how many students are using each of the current LMSs. Check it out here: https://dle.suny.edu/progress/.

SUNY Online Dashboards are interactive data visualizations representing a wealth of information about campuses, programs, faculty, students, and SUNY Online services. Your regular SUNY federated login is required to view all dashboards.

Resources

SUNY Events - Save-the-dates for SUNY CPD certificate programs, SUNY Technology Conference, and more!

Webinars and Recordings - SUNY curates upcoming webinars of interest and maintains a collection of recordings.

SUNY Online Teaching Gazette - A curated monthly publication for those interested in keeping current with and continuously improving online teaching and learning practices - subscribe today!

To stay informed on updates from SUNY Online, visit the SUNY Online Announcements and Events Workplace group.

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