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Save the Date

Brown Bag

Brownie Break

February 7, 2013
Noon
GEB 264

Coffee Break

February 13, 2013
2:00 p.m.
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Spotlight on **Assessment**



Excellence in Outcomes Assessment Awards

Application Deadline: March 1

The Office of Outcomes Assessment encourages all faculty who have completed assessment cycles and implemented meaningful changes serving student learning to apply for the inaugural awards for **Excellence in Outcomes Assessment**. Two awards, one for individual and one for team efforts, will be presented in recognition of the exemplary use of assessment to improve student learning at JCCC.

Have you integrated new teaching strategies in response to what your assessments told you? Have you tweaked your curriculum or played with your pedagogy? If so, visit the OOA for an application. This is the inaugural year for the awards, which are supported by the JCCC Foundation. The awards include a monetary stipend of \$500 for the individual recipient and \$1,000 to be shared by team recipients.

Part-time and full-time faculty in the instructional branch are eligible to apply for or be nominated for the award. Awards are given for both individual and team effort based on assessment activities in credit courses. Nominees must have a current assessment report on file in the Office of Outcomes Assessment.

Criteria and Submission Requirements for Award

Applicants will provide a narrative statement of their assessment activities highlighting the following:

1. Design and methodology of the assessment
 - a. Measurable student learning outcomes
 - b. An appropriate assessment plan
2. Overview of the data collected
 - a. A clear method of collecting data based on the assessment plan
 - b. Assessment data that sufficiently answer questions about student learning
3. Changes enacted based on the data
 - a. Evaluation of the implications of the data
 - b. How the data will be used to improve student learning in the project
4. Impact on student learning
5. Dissemination of results
 - a. Focus on sharing best practices in the department/division/college
 - b. Assessment report on file in the Office of Outcomes Assessment
6. Plan and timeline for ongoing assessment activity

Nominating Process

This process allows for self-nomination or nomination by others. Nomination applications should be received by March 1. Materials will be vetted through the Office of Outcomes Assessment for completeness before forwarding to an external reviewer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Outcomes Assessment, ext. 7607, or Staff and Organizational Development, ext. 7654.

[Blogs.jccc.edu/outcomesassessment](https://blogs.jccc.edu/outcomesassessment) | jccc.edu/faculty-development/outcomes-assessment

Announcement

“Effective Rubrics”

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Rubrics are a great aid to educators – some would say the best invention since the blackboard! A well-written rubric can save faculty hours of time used for grading, provide data for assessment and give meaningful feedback to students. Whether you are a newbie to rubrics, or an old hand wanting to refine your current rubrics, come join Kathryn Byrne, Associate Professor of the Writing Center, as we discuss rubrics and their multi-purpose roles.

Quote of the Month

“Students, faculty and employers benefit when a record of what students know and can do takes the place of time spent in class as the basis for describing student progress. Faculty gain direction for instruction and assessment from statements about what students should know and be able to do.”

Trudy Banta, *Student Competence as the Basis for Designing Curricula, Instruction and Assessment*

Come check out more of what Dr. Banta has to say in the OOA library.

Register now for

Assessment Matters!

Third Annual Regional Assessment Conference for Community Colleges

April 19, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



The plenary speaker for this year's conference is Dr. Susan Hatfield. Dr. Hatfield is the Assessment Coordinator and Professor in Communications Studies at Winona State University, and a Visiting Scholar on Assessment at the Higher Learning Commission.

Registration for JCCC faculty and staff is free. To register, go to the Outcomes Assessment website at www.jccc.edu/faculty-development/outcomes-assessment and click on Register Now on the right side of the screen. Follow the directions and when you get to the final checkout, use the promotional code RCCAC.

If you have questions or problems, please contact the Office of Outcomes Assessment, ext. 7607.

Mini-Grant Deadline

Apply for an OOA mini-grant to continue or jumpstart your assessment activities. Deadline for applications is February 15, with funds available March 1. Applications can be found at the “Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes” link on the infoshare site, or call the OOA office for assistance, ext. 7607.

**THANK
YOU**

To all the participants of the World Café VII on Friday, January 11. Fifteen departments spent time working on assessment and enjoying desserts. Keep focused this spring on assessment activities by joining the Office of Outcomes Assessment for a Brown Bag Brownie Break or Coffee Break, or call and schedule a session just for your department or division, ext. 7607.