



Region Centers 18 & 19

Distance Education with a Focus on the Pacific Context

**Module I:
Positive Effects of Distance
Education**

**March 26, 2021 HST
1 pm - 3 pm**

Agenda

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Positive Effects

Questions and Answers



Getting to know us



Mike Menchaca, Ed.D.

Mike Menchaca is a professor in the Department of Learning Design and Technology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa specializing in distance education. He conducts research on e-learning, technology integration, and social justice with technology. He has been teaching online since 1997. In his spare time, he likes to spend time with his family, travel, and play Scrabble.



Lynn Mendiola, M.Ed.



Lynn Mendiola was born and raised on the beautiful island of Saipan. She is a proud product of our CNMI Public School System, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature and Technical Writing from the University of Hawaii at Hilo and a Masters Degree in Education from Framingham State College. She has 8 years of teaching experience from grades 5th-11th, and 3 years experience as a reading specialist for grades 3-5. For the past 9 years, she has ventured into the world of school administration. Currently, she is the Principal of William S. Reyes Elementary School and working on a Doctoral Degree on Educational Technology.

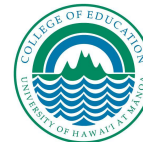


Dr. Ron Canos, NBCT



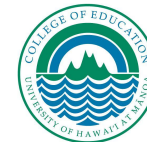
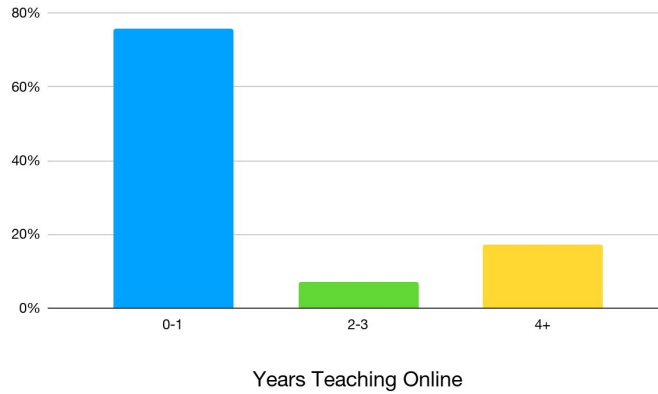
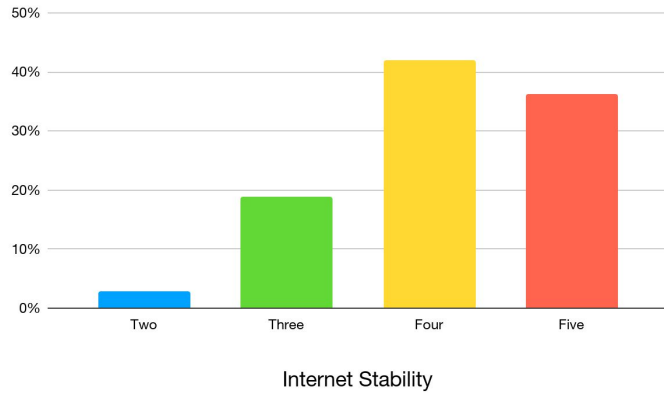
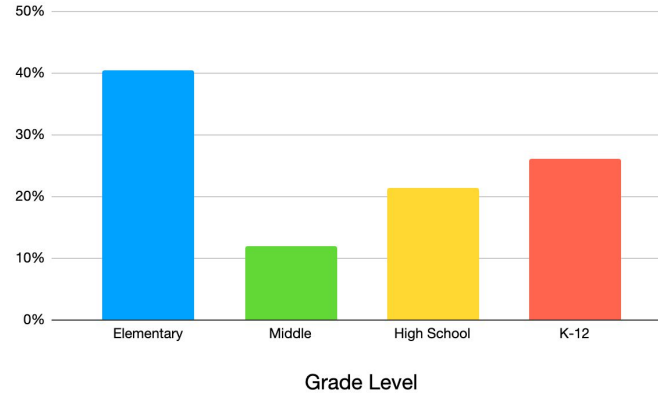
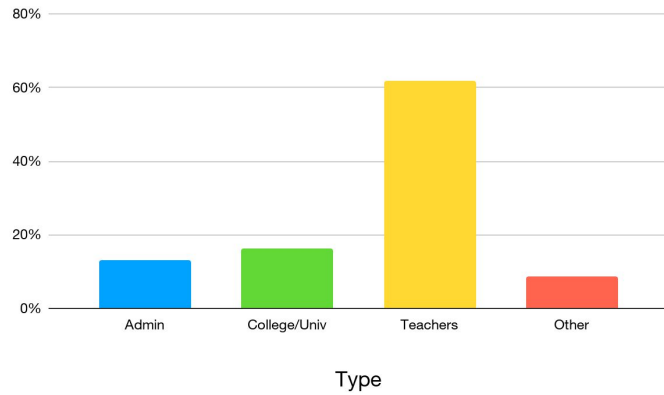
Dr. Ronald “Ron” Canos is an award winning and National Board Certified public educator from Guam. With over 22 years of teaching experience, and a proven track record of success in increasing student achievement, Dr. Canos was recognized as Guam’s Teacher of the Year in 2008, received his National Board Certification (NBCT) in 2012, honored with the Government of Guam MagPro Award for the Guam Department of Education in 2017 & 2018, and was awarded the University of Guam (UOG)’s Distinguished Alumni for the UOG School of Education in 2018. He currently teaches visual art and serves in various roles and committees at Simon A. Sanchez High School at Yigo, Guam.

Still, at his core, Dr. Canos remains a big nerd who grew up in the boondocks, reads comic books, enjoys board games, loves animals, and still opts for the feel of newspapers and magazines in his hands. He currently ranks #1 in the region for providing completely wrong answers at trivia competitions.



Getting to know you





Using the chat

- » In the chat box, enter:
- > Your name
 - > Your location
 - > One thing you hope to get from the presentation

Educators face enormous challenges, often bearing the brunt of instructional blame while placed in the unenviable position of delivering crisis instruction sometimes without appropriate expertise or training. We all know that educators truly do their best, learning while doing. How now do we move from a crisis mode to thoughtful planning and optimal delivery? How do we put behind the difficulty of abrupt transition to focus on what online opportunities can do for us now and in the future?

Training and reflection is a great starting point!

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- » Ask questions and receive input from the presenters



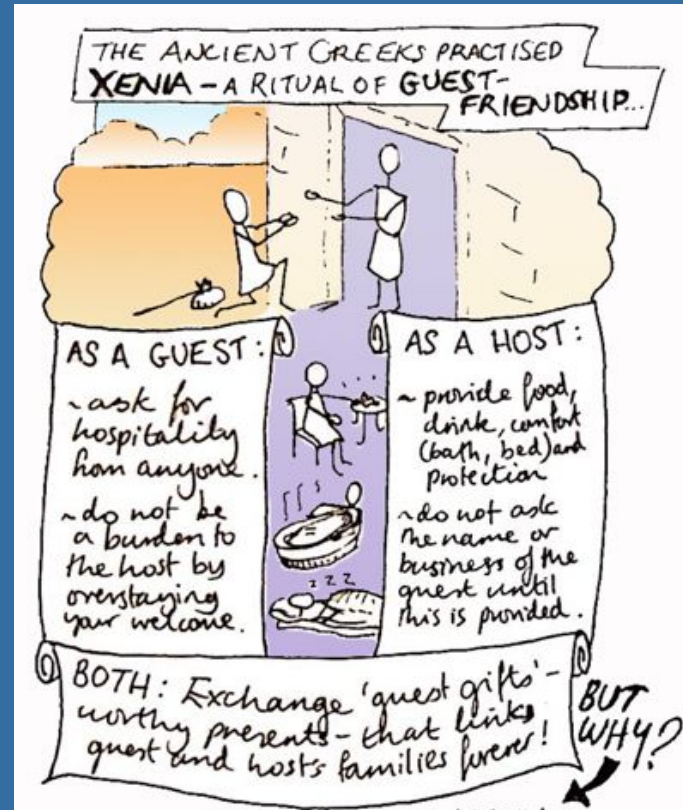
Overview: What is our passion?

Complete and Boundless
Education for all



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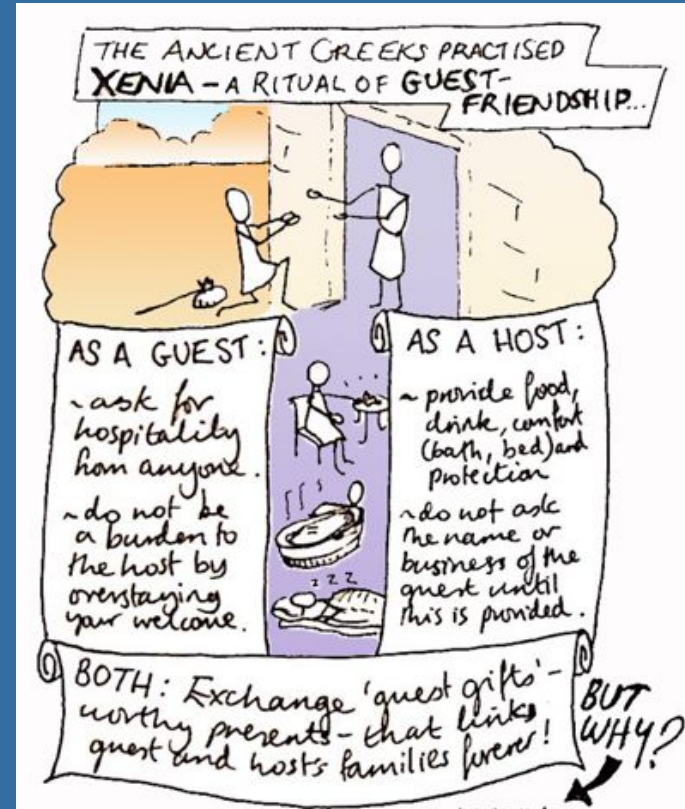
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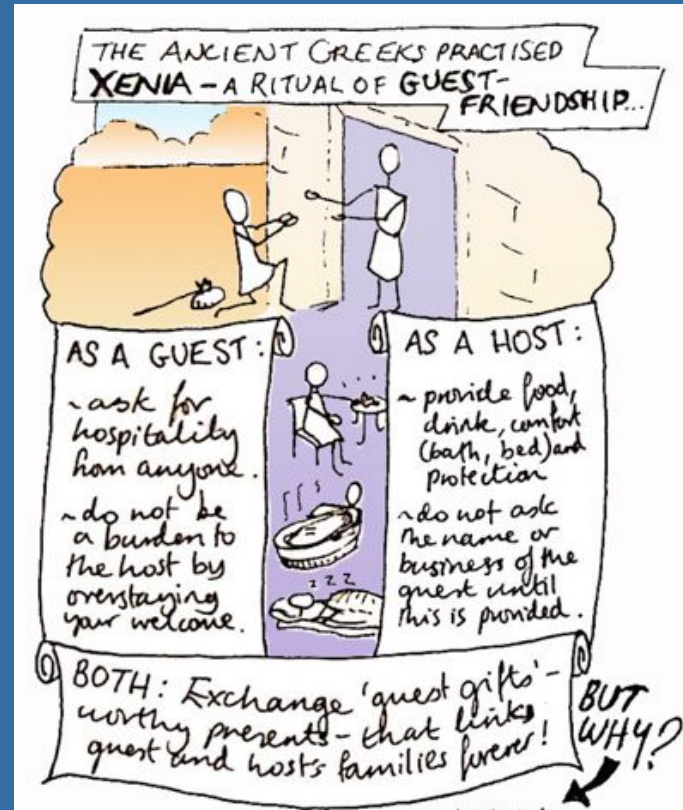
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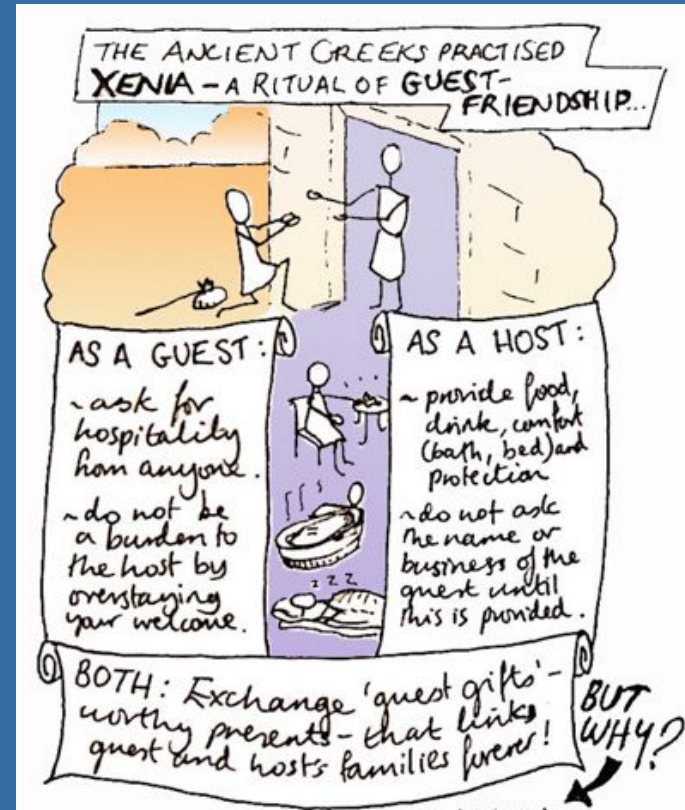
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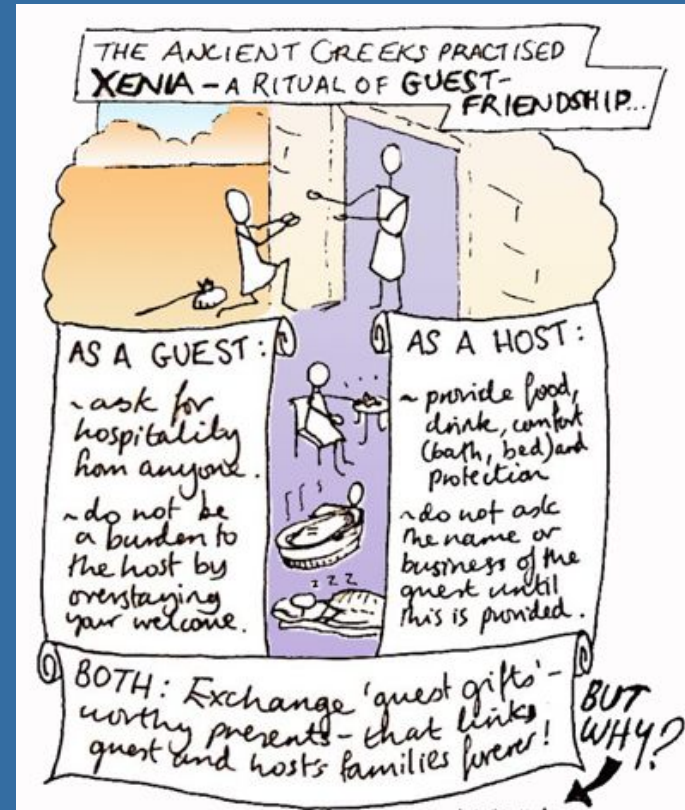
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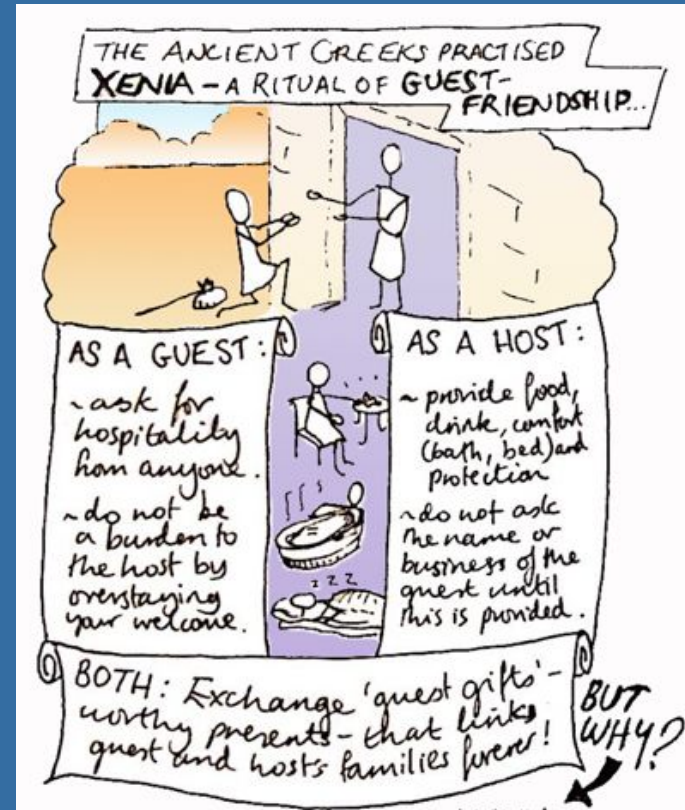
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- » Build community
- » Break down barriers



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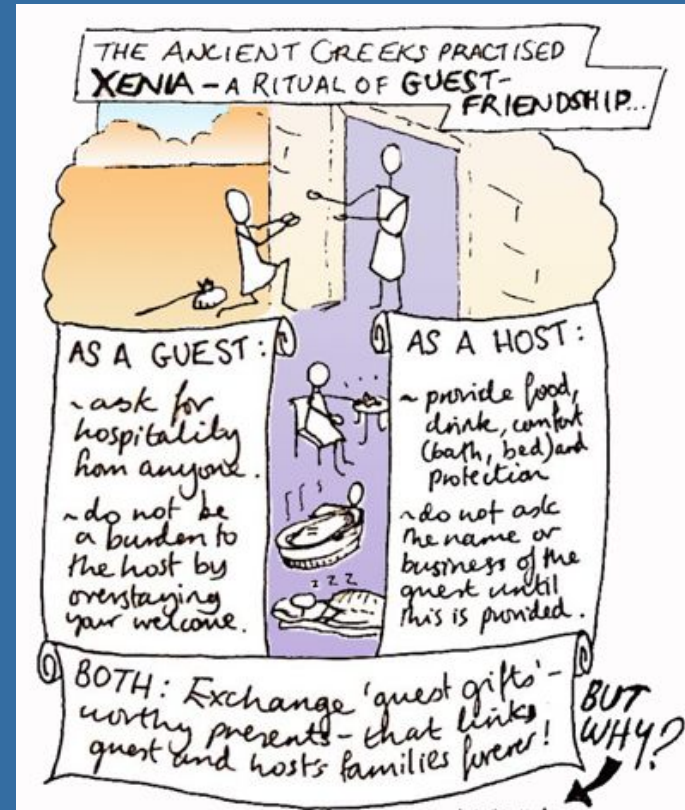
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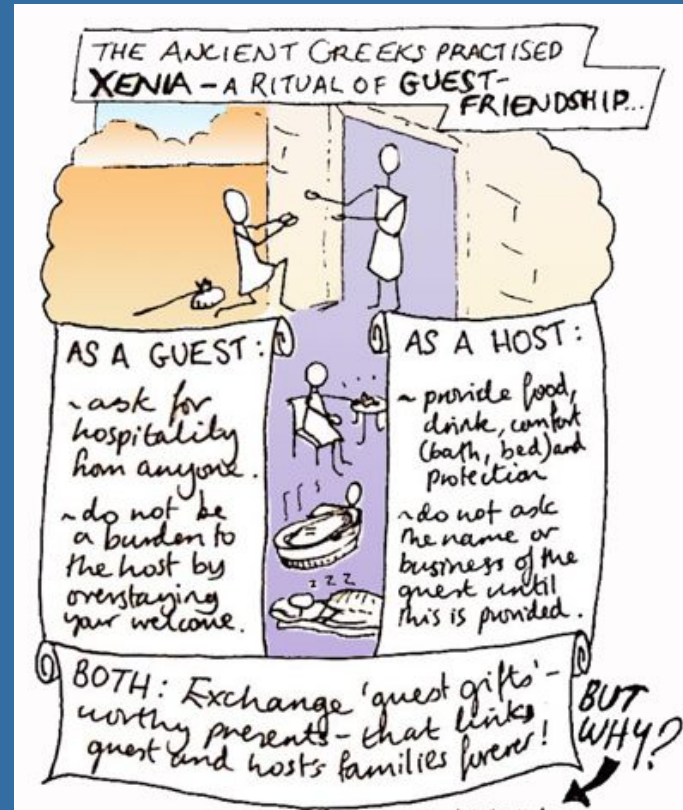
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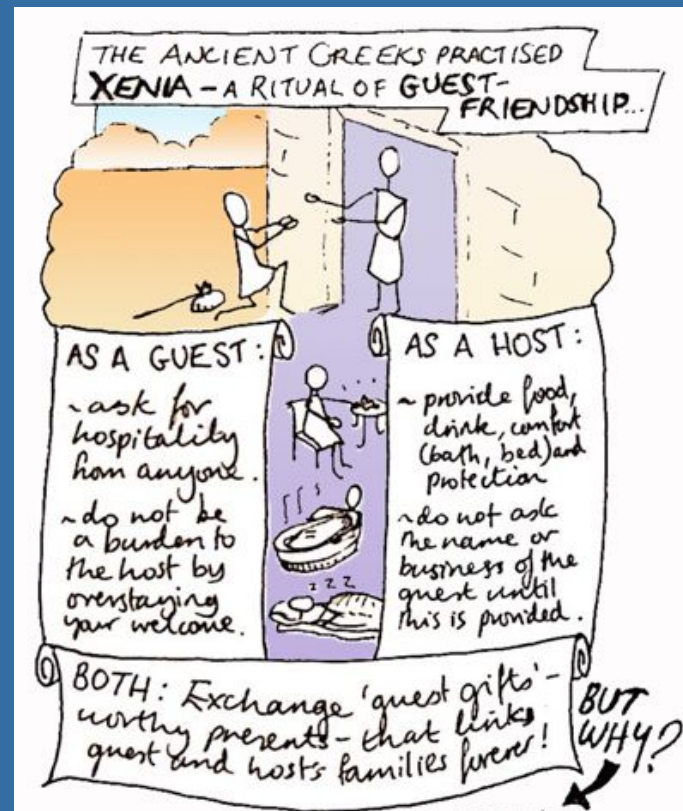
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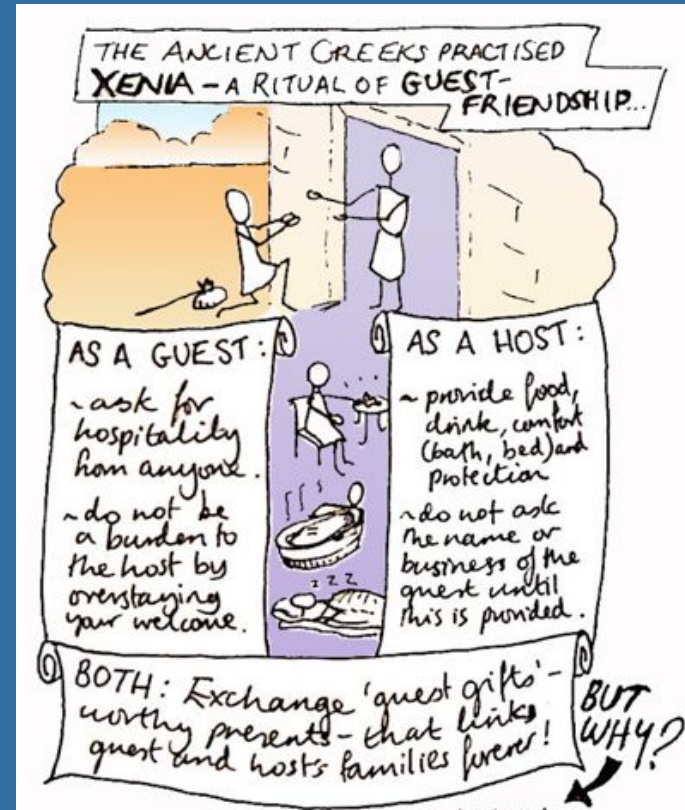


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Xenia Positive Effects

- » Kindness
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Presence in Distance Education



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cognitive
presence

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Presence in Distance Education



» Critical Thinking



Cognitive Presence

- >> Critical Thinking
- >> Context



Cognitive Presence

- » Critical Thinking
- » Context
- » Problem-Solving



Social Presence

» Student(s) to Content



Social Presence

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- » Student(s) to Student(s)



Social Presence

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Teaching Presence

» Timely Intervention



Teaching Presence

- » Timely Intervention
- » Access to Clarity



Teaching Presence

- » Timely Intervention
- » Access to Clarity
- » Access to Expertise



Teaching Presence

- » Timely Intervention
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- » Access to Expertise
- » Structure

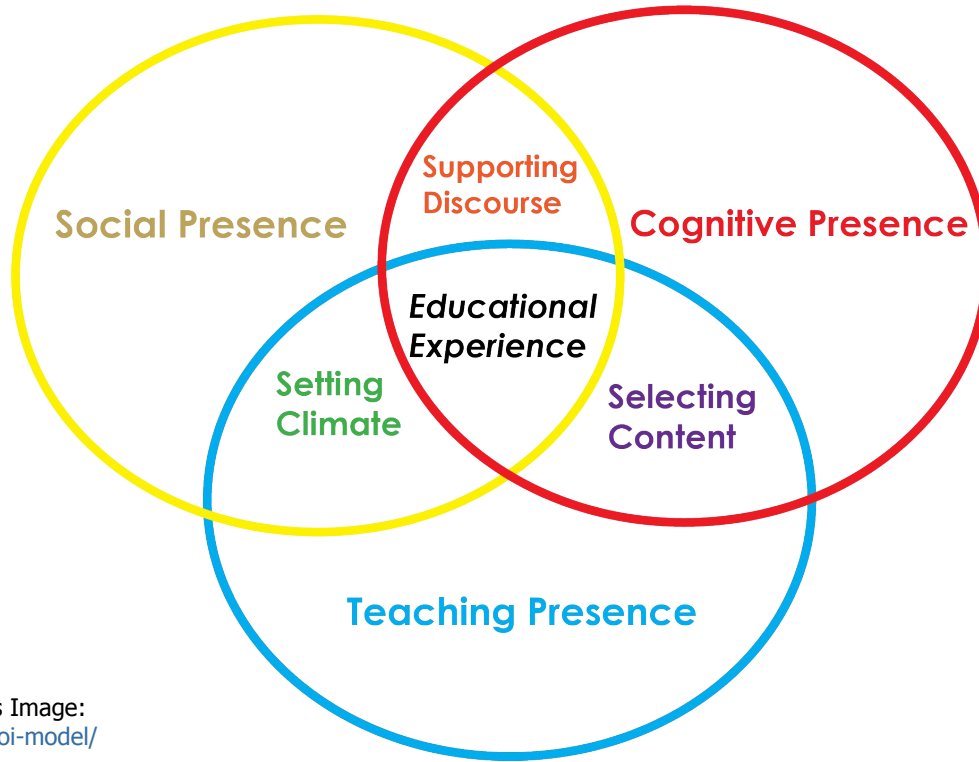


Teaching Presence

- » Timely Intervention
- » Access to Clarity
- » Access to Expertise
- » Structure
- » Activities that promote discourse



Positive Effects of *Community of Inquiry* Model



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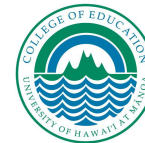
Building community synchronously

>> Polls and breaks



Building community synchronously

- » Is my pacing...
 - > A. Too slow
 - > B. Too fast
 - > C. Just right
 - > D. Undecided



Building community synchronously

- » Give breaks
 - > Use a timer



Building community synchronously

- » Polls and breaks
- » Virtual gatherings and guest speakers



Building community synchronously

- » Polls and breaks
- » Virtual lunches



Building community synchronously

- » Polls and breaks
- » Guest speakers



Building community synchronously

- » Polls and breaks
- » Virtual gatherings and guest speakers
- » Storytelling



Building community synchronously

- » Polls and breaks
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- » Round robin story



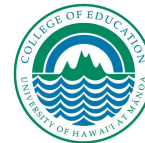
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- » Polls and breaks
- » Virtual gatherings and guest speakers
- » Round robin story
 - > Competitive or not
 - > You set rules



Building community synchronously

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- » The hot seat



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- > A student becomes a character / author / etc. and other students then interview them



Break



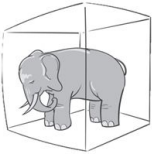
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Student Benefits of Distance Education



Student Benefits of Distance Education

- 1. Parent Involvement and Learning Continues
- 2. Time Management
- 3. Flexibility
- 4. Strengthen Soft Skills
- 5. Introverted Students Join in Discussions

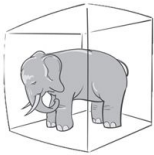


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Parent Involvement & Learning Continues

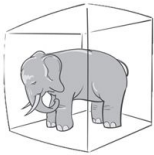
- Parents become **learning coaches** of their children and working with them to ensure assignments and coursework are completed on a timely manner.
- Parents provide direct support and encouragement for their children --- become partners in education.
- For current situation --- Learning continues and students learn to take control of their learning.



“Too involved” parents may take away from the learning experience

Time Management

- When teacher scaffolding and school support such as providing teacher reminders, routines, and staff check-ins, students become successful time managers.
- Providing support removes physical and emotional complexities such as fear, anxiety, loneliness and depression. Students need to be guided on how to become successful time managers.
- Time Management, when learned at an early age, is a skill that contribute to student success.

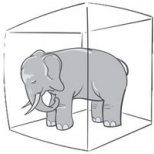
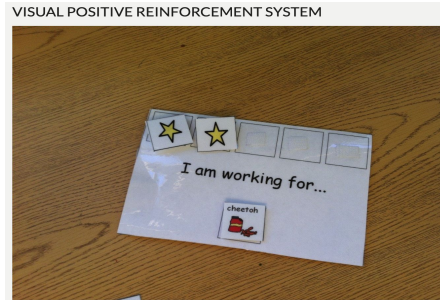
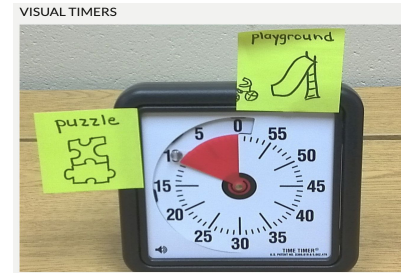
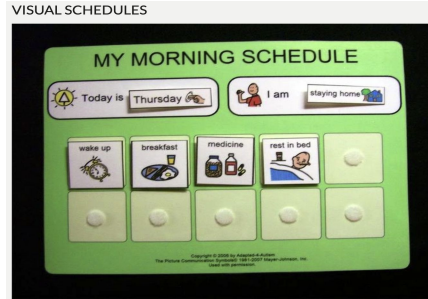


May be challenging for our younger learners.

Time Management

» Younger Learners (K-2)

- > Create a Picture Schedule/Calendar
- > Practice Waiting and Anticipation of Events
- > Use a visual timer
- > Be organized - there should be a place for everything
- > Be clear about consequences

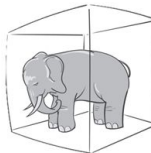
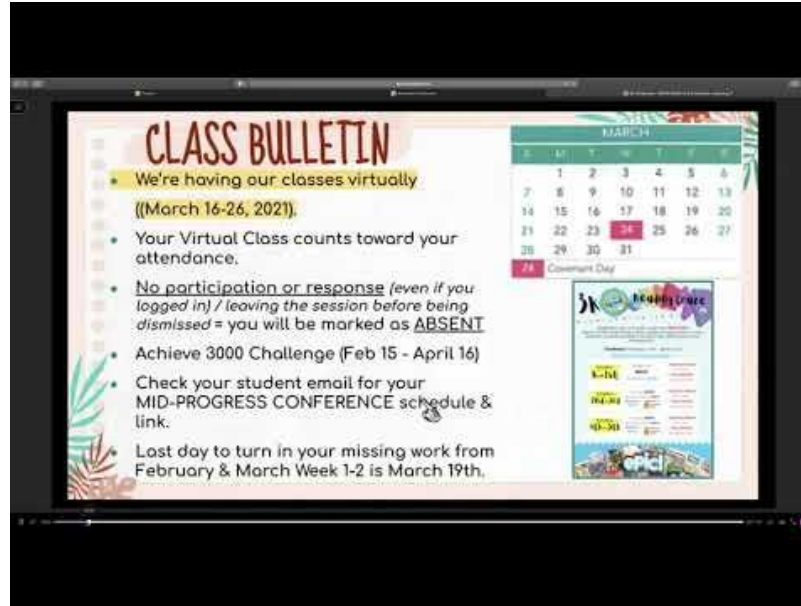


Younger learners will need constant reminders and guidance.

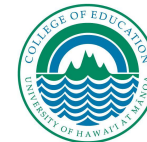
Time Management

» Older Learners

- > Time estimation
- > Use To-Do Lists / Apps
- > Prepare students for long term assignments/projects
- > Set clear priorities
- > Reward yourself



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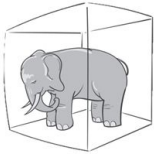


Flexibility

» Distance Education allows for:

> Self-Pacing

- Schedules have become more fluid which allows students more choice over **WHEN** and **HOW** they do their school work.
- Students are given a chance to exercise and take breaks.
- Students are taught to balance school and extracurricular activities.



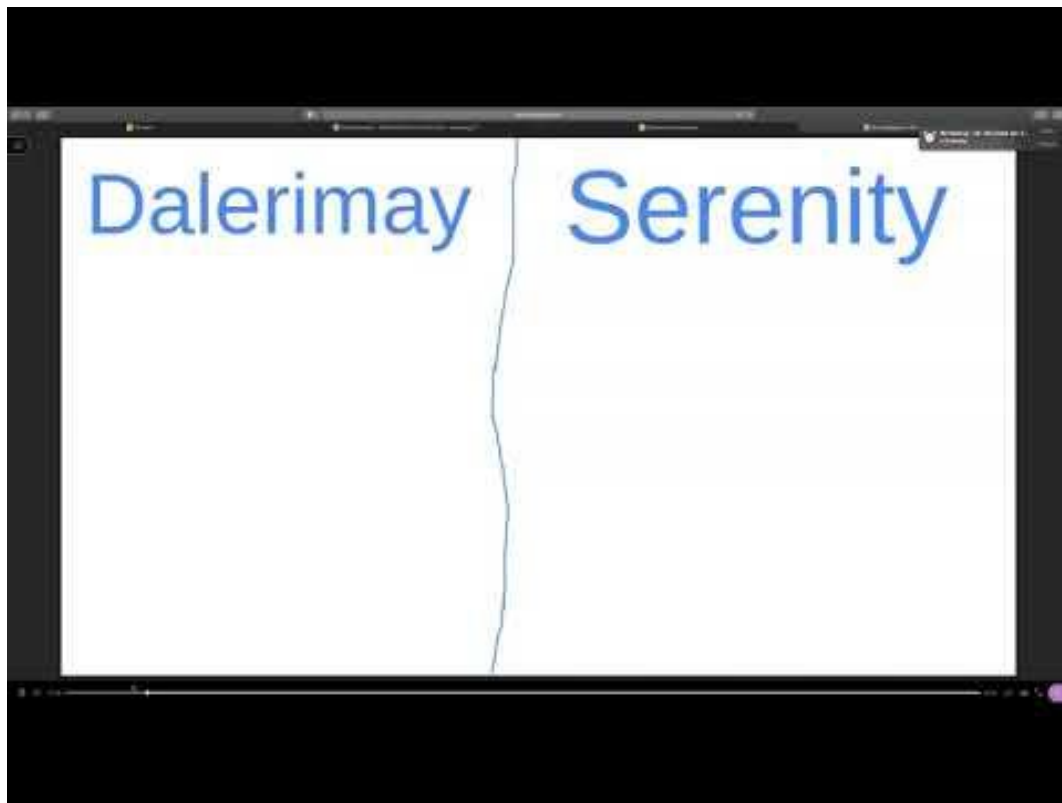
Younger learners may need more structure and guidance. Flexibility is a skill that they will gradually develop.

Soft Skills are Strengthened

- » What are Soft Skills?
 - > Soft Skills are non-technical skills that include how students interact with their peers, how they solve problems, and how they manage their time to work.

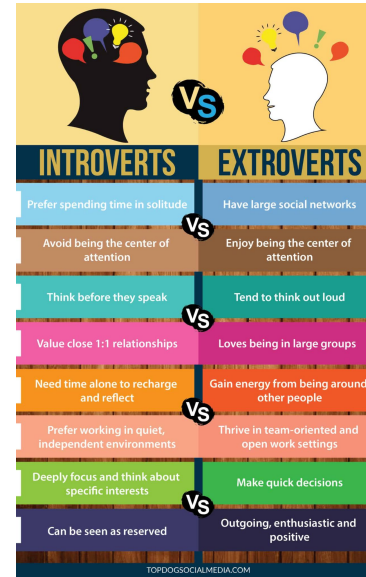


Soft Skills are Strengthened



Introverted Students Join in Discussions

- » Schools are really designed for extroverts and usually need lots of stimulation.
- » Students who are natural introverts feel their are most “alive” and more productive when they are in quieter, more low-key environments.
- » Since much of the classroom and teacher interactions take place online, the quieter students are on equal footing with their more outspoken classmates and can participate more easily in discussions.



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Teacher Benefits from Distance Education



FOCUS on instructional delivery

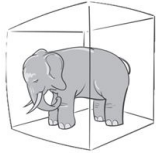
1. Clarity of instructions & organization of resources/ supplementary materials.

2. Concrete Examples

3. Visuals & Graphic Organizers

4. Best Classroom practices

(CITW, SIOP, BIG 8)



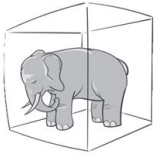
Isms, Humor & Storytelling

You're probably going to have to edit and reformat some of your "favorite" lessons & approaches. Welcome back to your 1st year!

REINFORCE practical technology use

1. Start small and address immediate needs.
2. Create a small circle of friends
(in your apps!).
3. You are still the expert of your content!
4. Technology continues to be a part of our daily lives.

You've been putting it off for way too long.



Time, Access, and Resources are real challenges!

PHYSICAL



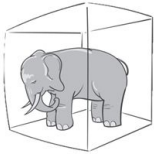
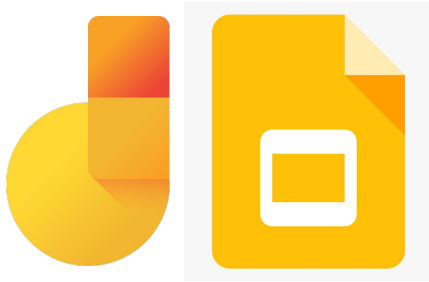
Educational function is an artwork of symbols into imparting information. During the Middle ages, artists would make stained-glass windows, sculptures, paintings, etc. These sculptures that are shown are from Guam. The first picture is the famous Chief Kapua, the second is a latte stone that represents the island, last the two lovers statue



These physical functions are functional art, which creators make in order to design or build new creations, made by different types of material, so these objects could have its purpose in life. Like Furniture, cars, buildings, etc.

FUNCTIONS

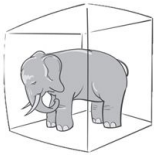
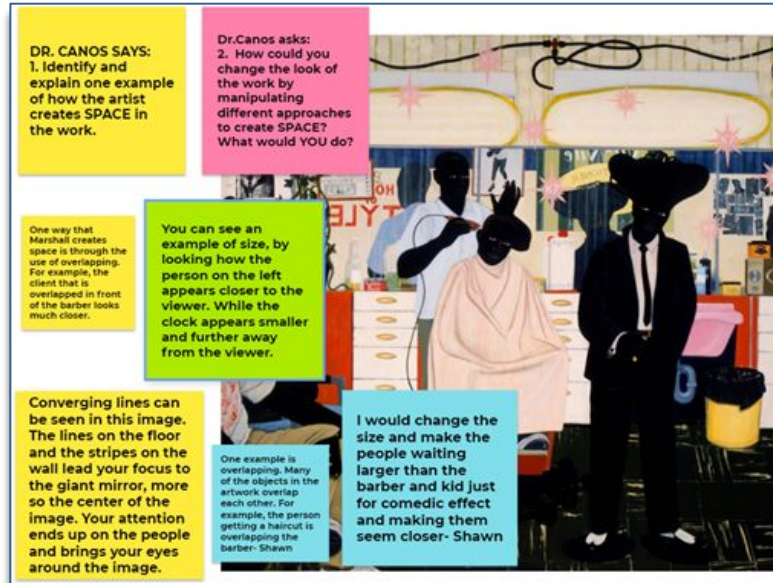
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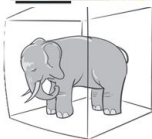
1. Improve your presentations!
2. New ways to collaborate.
3. Provide opportunities for student input!
4. Gamify your content



More time invested in learning HOW to use the approaches yourself first!

Create opportunities to innovate.

The screenshot shows a Beamer presentation interface. The main slide has a purple background with the title "b0B r0S2" in a stylized font. Below the title is a quote: "It's the IMPERFECTIONS that make something BEAUTIFUL. That's what makes it DIFFERENT and UNIQUE from everything else." To the right of the quote is a list of bullet points: "I like this quote because it reminds me that something doesn't have to be perfect in order for it to be determined good artwork. Admiring the divergent factors in artwork is more entertaining than admiring the same, overrated elements everyone is already used to. Because flaws are so unique, they tell their own story and provide their own meanings, and I think that's much more beautiful than perfection." Below the quote is a photo of a man with a beard and a hat, holding a paintbrush. The name "Nevaeh" and "Period 16" are visible at the bottom right of the slide. On the left side of the interface, there is a sidebar with thumbnails of other slides. On the right side, there are two comments from users "SADIE T" and "RYAN", both dated Sep 17, 2020. The comments are positive and agree with the presentation's message.

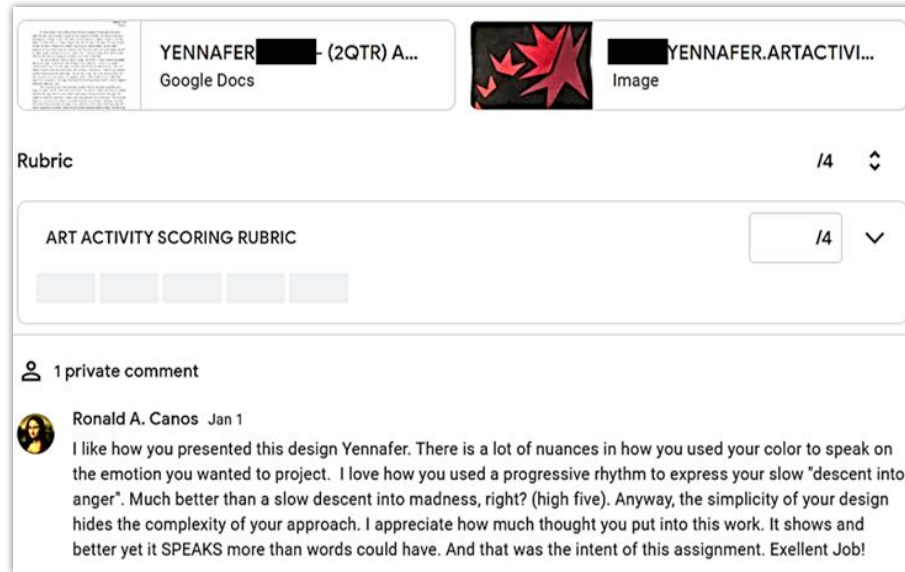


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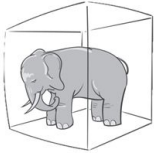


PROVIDE students with targeted feedback

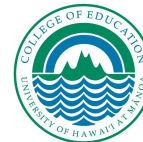
1. Opportunities for explicit feedback
2. Content-focused support/improvement
3. Build student rapport



The screenshot shows a Google Docs interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'YENNAFER [REDACTED] (2QTR) A... Google Docs' and '[REDACTED] YENNAFER.ARTACTIVI... Image'. Below the tabs, the document content is visible. It starts with 'Rubric' followed by '/4' and a dropdown arrow. Below that is a section titled 'ART ACTIVITY SCORING RUBRIC' with a rating of '/4' and a dropdown arrow. The rubric itself is partially visible, showing five empty boxes for scoring. Below the rubric, there is a section for comments, indicated by a person icon and '1 private comment'. A comment from 'Ronald A. Canos' dated 'Jan 1' is visible. The comment text reads: 'I like how you presented this design Yennafer. There is a lot of nuances in how you used your color to speak on the emotion you wanted to project. I love how you used a progressive rhythm to express your slow "descent into anger". Much better than a slow descent into madness, right? (high five). Anyway, the simplicity of your design hides the complexity of your approach. I appreciate how much thought you put into this work. It shows and better yet it SPEAKS more than words could have. And that was the intent of this assignment. Exellent Job!'

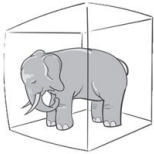
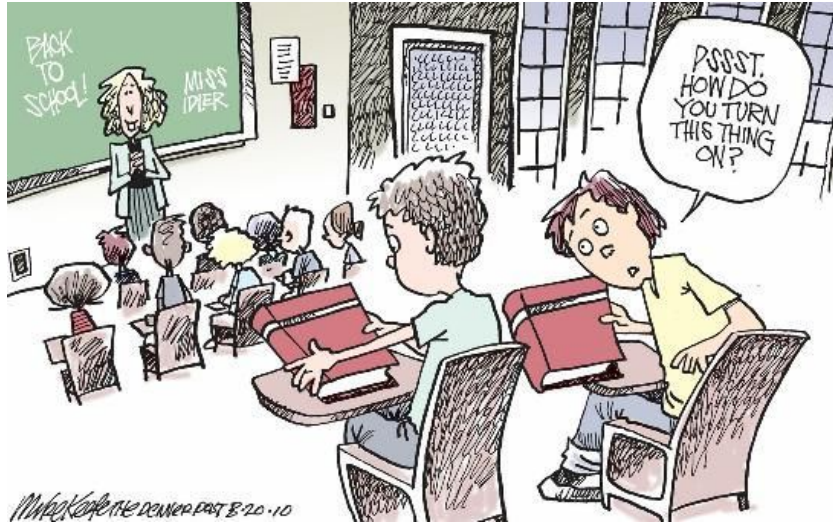


Targeted feedback will probably mean longer nights & weekends of grading.



INCREASE professional collaborations

1. Establish a Professional Learning Community
2. Common problems = a variety of solutions
3. Build networks on campus and off site.
4. Leverage your STUDENTS' own talents.



Fear of feeling “behind”, overwhelmed, or intimidated by others’ backgrounds and levels of experience.

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- » There are many more sessions in this series!



Resources

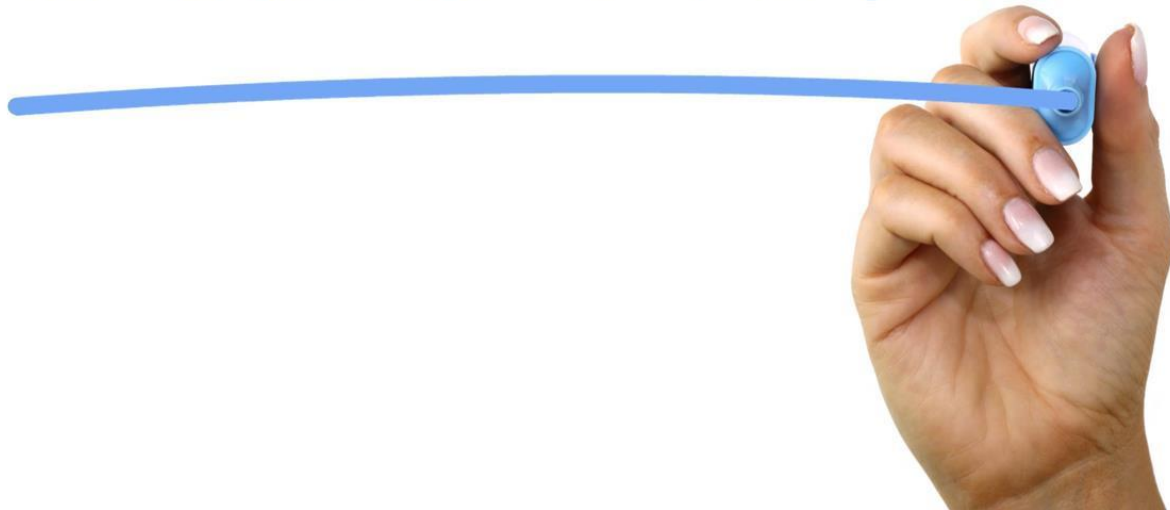
Evidence-based research and practice

- » Community of Inquiry Framework [CoI] ([link](#))
- » Soft skills in the 21st century ([link](#))
- » Parental involvement in K-12 online and blended learning ([link](#))
- » Classroom Instruction That Works [CITW] ([link](#))
- » Sheltered Instruction Observation Model [SIOP] ([link](#))

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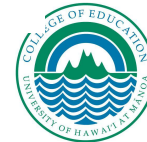
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