"ACC-NC3ADL 2023 Conference Agenda

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

Avatars and Virtual World Interactions

Are you interested in meeting in a virtual world to learn how you can provide opportunities for students to meet with you and others as avatars in a virtual world? Instructors can provide office hours, additional meetings, and a place for your students to meet with you and their classmates when they are not on campus. Staff members in service areas can provide a virtual space for students to enter and meet similar to how they would come in person. Please attend to share your thoughts as well.
Presenter: Reggie Cobb | Nash Community College

Empowering Minds Through Sound: Crafting Compelling Educational Podcasts

Podcasts entertain and inform us during commutes, jogs, and cleaning sprees. For distance education, podcasts promise a unique method of delivering content while also facilitating the affective domain. Learn about the process of creating an original and educational interview-based podcast of 12 episodes for an online ENG 114: Professional Research and Reporting class. We will discuss technical processes, initial implementation, and the plans for a student-run series in the second season.
Presenter: Grant Jolliff | Davidson Davie Community College

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM

Harnessing Real-Time Feedback for Online Courses

Instructors know the importance of receiving feedback from students to continuously improve our courses. End-of-semester evaluations offer comments from students about our course materials and teaching style from those who have completed the course, but how can we consistently gather feedback during the semester to benefit our current students? In this presentation, we will explore practical and efficient tools that require minimal time and effort from both the instructor and students.
Presenter: Sarah "Beth" Keeley | Wake Tech Community College

Ride the Wave: Increase Student Engagement by Incorporating Interactive, Student-Centered Tech Tools into Your Online Classes

This presentation will center on creating a dynamic online learning environment through the strategic use of emerging educational technologies. Discussion will center on embedding specific tools, such as Padlet, Wakelet, Canva, Poll Everywhere, and Remind directly into your course's LMS, ensuring equitable and inclusive access for all students. The new wave of technology is here. Instead of letting it crash over our students, let's help them ride the wave.
Presenters:
Brittany Hochstaetter, Kate Jones, Emily Moore, Angela Smedley | Wake Tech CC

3:00 PM - Until

Opening Session: Welcome & Keynote

Host: *Emily Holliday | NC3ADL President*
Keynote: *Dr. Maria Andersen*
We thought we were done with crises after COVID but it seems that Higher Ed is having another existential crisis only 3 years later. New AI tools, so-called "word calculators" can mimic writing, quickly answer questions, and create entire projects according to rubrics. This is particularly hard on online education, where most of the work submitted has traditionally been text-based. In this talk we'll think about how to make sense of this new AI-powered world through an educational lens. More importantly, we'll discuss practical strategies for adapting online learning and assessment to the times. The talk will be followed with a 1-hour Q&A session with participants.

	October 19 | Morning Sessions
10:00 AM – 10:50 AM	### Campuswide Collaboration for Online Course Redesign As part of our QEP, DDCC is focusing on improving online course quality and consistency as we work toward developing an online campus. We will discuss the process of working with faculty, administration, and staff to create procedures that could be applied to all online courses. Part of implementing these procedures is having each online instructor work with instructional designers to redesign each course. We will talk about the initial challenges of that process and our vision moving forward. ***Presenters***: Amy Holmes, Trudy Brown, Dori Lloyd | Davidson-Davie CC ### Hacking the Gen Z Wave Who is Gen Z? What defines them? What can we do to effectively reach, teach, and communicate with these students online? Join us as we take a look at the student population that represents the majority of curriculum FTE for some community colleges. We will review relevant data, discuss Gen Z realities, and explore practical "hacks" and strategies that respond to the needs of our Gen Z students. ***Presenter***: Sue Drake | Stanly Community College ### Using Harmonize Forums to Build Online Communities How do we encourage more student engagement in our online classes? While there is no magic or one size fits all solution, this presentation will examine how online instructors can use forums (mainly Harmonize) to improve instructor -> student and student -> student engagement in online classes. ***Presenter***: Ray Sheppard | Bladen Community College
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	### Don't be Salty - Syllabus Templates and Academic Freedom Can Ride the Same Wave** *****Provided by our Sponsor, Concourse Syllabus***** In an effort to ensure compliance and quality standards, we have crammed so much stuff into the syllabus that has become boring and difficult for our students to navigate. During this session, we will look at ways syllabus templates can be used to support compliance efforts, encourage academic freedom, and foster student success. ***Presenters***: Faith Jelley, Jennifer Page | Concourse Syllabus ### Building an Engaging Virtual Classroom with Microsoft Teams Unleash the potential of Microsoft Teams as a dynamic extension of your LMS. Learn how to effectively stimulate collaboration, streamline communication, and establish an engaging online learning environment. Learn about cutting-edge features, collaboration tools, and creative methods to foster engagement in the online classroom. Using Microsoft Teams will revolutionize your online learning experience! ***Presenter***: Jennifer Lee | Wake Tech Community College ### Integrating Information and Communications Technology Literacy into Distance Learning Courses The integration of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) into every sphere of modern life has had profound effect on how people solve practical problems, how they function in the workplace, and how they learn in school. This session will provide practical approaches and ideas for integrating activities in accessing, managing, creating, communicating, and protecting information into one's online courses and highlight the resources that can support learners in developing ICT skills. ***Presenter***: Debra McCusker | Alamance Community College ### Online Group Projects- The Struggle is Real! This session will help participants to think through options they have for creating and supporting group work in online courses. The presentation will include lessons learned through different group options, how to seek and incorporate feedback from students, tips for helping students build community and the communication skills needed to thrive in group settings. Participants will get a chance to ask questions and share ideas for creating synchronous and asynchronous group opportunities. ***Presenter***: Traci Rowe | Wake Tech Community College

October 19 | Afternoon Sessions

1:30 PM – 2:20PM	**From Boomers to TikTokers: Creating Engaging and Equitable Courses for Learners of All Ages** Community college classrooms are diverse in a variety of ways, including age. Multigenerational classes can result in a mix of students with different expectations, learning styles and technological know-how. In this session, we will discuss best practices for creating courses that are equitable for learners of all generations. We'll also talk about techniques for engaging with and appealing to all students. *Presenter:* Megan Bell | Wake Tech Community College **Building a Trusting Environment in Online Courses and Beyond** Students enter college with a variety of experiences and expectations. Do you remember your first college experience? Do you remember that one instructor that made you feel welcome? Building a trusting environment from the very first interactions can help students feel more at ease, be successful, and become more engaged. Come participate in open conversations about strategies and how to get started. *Presenter*: Christy Hopkins | Stanly Community College **I <3 ChatGPT! (and so should you...)** In the rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence, one revolutionary tool has emerged as a beacon of innovation and transformation: ChatGPT. This presentation promises a thought-provoking journey through its various dimensions, addressing its enormous potential, practical applications, preventable pitfalls, responsible use, and philosophical implications. Get introduced, get comfortable, or get ready for waves of existential dread with your peers and this fascinating tool! *Presenters*: Jenifer Wolkowski, Christy Hanthorn | Wake Tech Community College
2:30 PM – 3:20 PM	**Stoked for Synchronous Online Instruction** After jumping in the deep end of synchronous online instruction (SOI) during the pandemic, instructors had mixed reviews of this teaching method. Post-pandemic, many instructors were interested, but avoided it due to a lack of knowledge. A cohort of selected faculty members attended workshops that focused on SOI. Background, rationale, phases of the project, and future plans will be discussed, including best practices of SOI developed by Instructional Technologies and faculty at Durham Tech. *Presenter*: Marisa Sullivan | Durham Tech Community College **Culturally Relevant Teaching** The session will open with an overview of using culturally relevant teaching to develop social and cultural consciousness to foster a learning environment where students can thrive. Specific examples of how these strategies were implemented to diversify course material and encourage critical thinking and self-reflection in discussions for a principles of biology and mathematics class will be shared. *Presenters*: Erin Doughney, Brooke Outlaw, Katie Surber | Wake Tech CC **Focus Local: Engaging Students Virtually** Alamance Community College has long standing partnerships with the NC Archives, NC Historic Sites and the NC Humanities Council. Working with these organizations we have hosted major online events for our students, the community, and our area school systems. These events include speakers, interactive presentations, artifact trivia, historical trivia and virtual scavenger hunts. These provide a connection between the community college and our community, encourage student retention and engagement. *Presenter*: Sherri Singer | Alamance Community College
3:30 PM – 4:20 PM	**Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century: Integrating v. Using Technology in the Classroom** *****Sponsored by the NCCCS Virtual Learning Center***** Technology has become an integral part of teaching and learning at all levels of education. Every day, thousands of teachers and students access various forms of technology and digital tools to learn, but is the technology "integrated" or merely used? What is the difference between integrating technology and simply using technology? How can

instructors and learning facilitators evaluate their technology integration? What changes can instructors make to integrate technology effectively? Join us as we discuss the answers to these questions and more by focusing on a reputable integration framework, relevant digital tools, and other resources to ensure the technology used in the classroom is fully integrated.

Presenter: Angela Westmoreland | Fayetteville Tech Community College

How to Reachum - Consistently Max Out Student Engagement in the Virtual Classroom

In this presentation attendees will experience a new virtual classroom tool named Reachum. They will learn the origins of Reachum, the program's capabilities, and its various pedagogical uses for increasing student engagement. Experience a live demonstration of taking a PowerPoint and "gameifying" it using Reachum. Discover examples of Reachum-curated lessons that transform clunky MS Teams calls into engaging learning experiences. Questions are welcomed and appreciated. I hope to see you there!

Presenter: William Fullwood | Wake Tech Community College

Modernizing and Demystifying OER in Community Colleges and Beyond

Open Educational Resources (OER) are often discussed as having a positive, equitable impact on student success, but when it comes to tangible implementation, they can still create a bit of confusion for faculty. Erik Sugg will present some new approaches towards demystifying OER and will provide new takes on training and empowering faculty to expand their OER development.

Presenter: Erik Sugg | Wake Tech Community College

October 20 | Morning Session

10:00AM	### Impact Award Ceremony and Business Meeting Join the NC3ADL Executive Board to celebrate our Impact Award nominees and winners. Learn more about what we've been doing over the last year and what we have planned for the year ahead! *Presenters*: NC3ADL Executive Board

**Session titles, descriptions, and presenters are subject to change. Updates will be provided if changes occur.