



New Horizons Conference 2024

**Schedule subject to change – see conference mobile app for the most current version*

April 10, 2024

9:00 am – 6:00 pm North Entry Foyer	Registration Desk Open
10:00 am – 4:30 pm Crystal A-C	Sponsor Tables Open
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Jefferson Boardroom	Content Creation Station
12:00 pm – 1:45 pm Roanoke Ballroom	Welcome Luncheon and Opening Keynote – Trust & Inspire: The Future of Higher Education
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Break
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions – Block # 1
Washington Lecture Hall	AI-Mazing Possibilities: Unleashing Generative AI in Higher Ed
Pocahontas B	Mind the AI-Gap: Bridging Education and Generation 'AI'
Crystal E	Empowering Tomorrow's Workforce: A Blueprint for Seamless Transition from Classroom to Career
Appalachian	Emotional Intelligence Development: Fostering Meaningful Relationships
Wilson	Transfer Advising Made Easy!
Shenandoah A	Teaching Short-Term Accelerated Courses: Strategies and Best Practices
Crystal D	Teaching Literature Online in the Age of AI
Monroe	Student Accommodations: The intersection of student support, hospitality, and the law.
Pocahontas A	Optimizing the simulation experience: Methods to improve student success through integration of standardized tools
Harrison/Tyler	MOM to the Rescue! Technology to Improve Student Lab Experiences and Faculty Workload
Shenandoah B	How Much does Free Speech Cost? Clarifying Contemporary Debates about Free Speech
Buck Mountain	Journey to the Vice Presidency: The Good, The Bad, and the Unexpected
Mill Mountain	Is Your College Designed for Post-Traditional Learners? (sponsored by EAB)
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions – Block # 2
Crystal E	Preparing Healthcare Students for the Challenges of the Marginalized Patient Populations
Crystal D	Creating Confident Students: How Universal Design for Learning Leads to Academic Success
Pocahontas A	Expanding HS Career Coach roles to include New Student Navigating
Appalachian	Leveraging Canvas Integrated Tools to Optimize Learning
Wilson	Using Demonstration Models in the Hyflex Classroom
Washington Lecture Hall	AI-Enhanced Learning Adventures: Mastering Canvas with Today's AI Superpowers (sponsored by Harmonize Learning)
Harrison/Tyler	STEMfest 2024 - A model event for innovative collaboration between the classroom, community and careers
Monroe	College Distinction: Innovation and Removing Barriers Using OER
Shenandoah B	Removing Barriers and Supporting Students who Parent: A Roundtable Discussion
Buck Mountain	Empowering Futures: Virginia's Community Colleges' Innovative Approach to Enhancing Credential Completion
Shenandoah A	Implementing a College-Wide Faculty Advising System to Improve Retention and Completion
Mill Mountain	Maximizing Student Efficiency while doing Homework/Studying: The Advantage of Pearson AI Study Tools (sponsored by Pearson)
4:15 pm – 5:45 pm	Break for Hotel check-in and connection time with colleagues
5:45 pm – 7:45 pm Roanoke Ballroom	Awards Program and Dinner



April 11, 2024

7:00 am – 8:30 am Roanoke Ballroom	Breakfast
7:00 am – 5:00 pm North Entry Foyer	Registration Desk Open
8:00 am – 4:30 pm Crystal A-C	Sponsor Tables Open
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Jefferson Boardroom	Creation Station
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Concurrent Sessions – Block # 3
Pocahontas A	Do You Hear What I'm Not Saying?
Mill Mountain	Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Science Education through Hands-on Lab Kits at Virginia Peninsula Community College (sponsored by Carolina Distance Learning)
Washington Lecture Hall	AI in Academia: Teaching Digital Literacy
Monroe	College Everywhere: Fast Track to Success
Shenandoah A	How Hands-on Labs Prepare Online Students for Real-World Applications (sponsored by Science Interactive)
Wilson	ADJUNCT 101: Engagement to Promotion and Continuous Professional Development
Appalachian	21st Century Faculty - What does faculty development need to look like to support our ever-changing landscape of learners?
Crystal D	Beyond the Books: A Holistic Approach for Addressing Student Success and Retention
Buck Mountain	The Competencies and Curriculum that Community College Leaders Need Now (sponsored by University of Maryland Global Campus)
Harrison/Tyler	'Community' is our middle name: How experiential learning transforms the college experience
Crystal E	How Can Legos Teach Us About Data Analysis, Storytelling, Design and Strategic Thinking?
Shenandoah B	Listening Session: What is a fair, consistent, and effective faculty evaluation process?
Pocahontas B	What is this thing called Salesforce!?! (sponsored by Salesforce)
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Break

9:45 am – 10:45 am	Concurrent Sessions – Block # 4
Shenandoah B	Classroom Conduct: Civility, College Codes, and Challenges
Washington Lecture Hall	Chat Masters: Navigating the Digital Communication Maze with AI
Harrison/Tyler	Creating and Maintaining a Career Services Clothing Closet
Appalachian	Shared Stories, Diverse Voices: Common Reads as High Impact Practice in Community Colleges
Pocahontas B	Focus on Your Professional Advancement: The Community College Leadership Program at Old Dominion (sponsored by Old Dominion University)
Buck Mountain	Is the Syllabus Really a Contract? How to Create a Crystal Clear Syllabus in the Sciences.
Crystal E	Empowering College Success: Unveiling the Impact of SNAP E&T and SNAP 50/50 Programs for Student Support
Monroe	Removing Barriers to Prison Education Programs in Providing Reentry Personnel with Gainful Employment in the Workforce.
Pocahontas A	"Ace the Mighty" Elementary Book Tour
Shenandoah A	Germanna's Grizzlies with Cubs – A Community College Response to Removal of Barriers for Parenting Students
Crystal D	Workplace Readiness and Industry Partnerships as an Ethos
Mill Mountain	Unlocking Success: Leveraging Data to Create a Roadmap for Student Retention in Healthcare Programs (sponsored by ATI Nursing Education)
Wilson	It Really is Free!! A No-cost Resource for Promoting and Supporting Campus Wellness!
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break

11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions – Block # 5
Wilson	Moving Nursing Education into the Future: Lessons learned from the Online Classroom
Washington Lecture Hall	Artificial Intelligence Unleashed: AI to the Administrative & Personal Rescue!
Shenandoah A	Littles in the Library: Helping Student Parents Reach Big Goals While Caring for Small People
Appalachian	Is It My Turn Yet? Demystifying the Transfer Virginia Course Development Process
Pocahontas A	Bringing Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration and Research Opportunities to our Students - a Psych-Soc Approach
Harrison/Tyler	The Peace of Wild Things: Creating a Free Backpacking Program for Students, Staff, and Faculty
Crystal E	Registered Apprenticeships 101: How to make it work at your college!
Monroe	REACH DEEP
Buck Mountain	Civic Engagement: Innovation and Assessment
Crystal D	Project-Based Learning: Applied Projects for Student Engagement.
Shenandoah B	The Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee: Serving as a Voice for VCCS Faculty Issues and Concerns
Pocahontas B	Enhancing Classroom Excellence and Equity: Online Bookstore Strategy; Leveraging Inclusive Access and Equitable Access with VitalSource (sponsored by VitalSource)
Mill Mountain	Fluidity in Uncertainty: Creative Practices to Embrace Ambiguity (sponsored by Radford University)
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Roanoke Ballroom	Grab-n-Go Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Roanoke Ballroom	Afternoon Plenary: Finding our Magic
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Concurrent Sessions – Block # 6
Appalachian	Mindfulness Strategies for the Dedicated but Stressed Educator
Monroe	Transfer Virginia: How Does This Machine Work?
Washington Lecture Hall	Unleashing Tomorrow: AI-Powered Innovation in Student Support and Online Instruction at VCCS
Shenandoah B	Advising Against the Clock: Strategies to Transform Advisor-Student Relationships
Harrison/Tyler	Demystifying the Lab Report: A Collaborative Approach to Student Success
Shenandoah A	RX: Comprehensive Academic Support for Nursing Students
Crystal E	Let's Get Ready to Roll! Preparing students for the workplace one stop at a time.
Wilson	Let's Get REAL: Resources to Cultivate Resilience, Equity, and Learning in Community Colleges
Buck Mountain	Evaluating Our College Performance Evaluations
Crystal D	Engage to Excel: Navigating Different Lecture Modalities (In-Person, and Virtual Lecture)"
Pocahontas A	How to Build Connections with a Four-Year Institution
Pocahontas B	Talent is universal, opportunity is not: Building bridges and breaking barriers in higher education (sponsored by WGU)
Mill Mountain	Transformational Access: How Day One Digital First Course Materials Improve the Student and Faculty Experience (sponsored by Follett)
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions – Block # 7
Shenandoah B	Planning for, and Assessment of your HyFlex Class
Harrison/Tyler	An Innovative Partnership to Deliver Medical Laboratory Technology Across the Region.
Wilson	It's Not Just About the Pandemic: A Tutoring Center in Transition
Appalachian	Straight No Chaser – Practical Uses for ChatGPT in Higher Education
Crystal D	Code to Launch: A Team Journey from Concept to Creation
Monroe	Virginia Community Colleges Association (VCCA) – Connecting YOU and the VCCS for 40 years!
Shenandoah A	Lessons Learned: An experience Serving Parent Students
Pocahontas A	Looking to Publish?: Strategies for Sharing Your Research in VCCS Journal Inquiry
Buck Mountain	Federal Compliance Regulations for Out-of-State Students: Removing Barriers
Pocahontas B	Why are Textbooks So Expensive? (sponsored by McGraw Hill)
Mill Mountain	AI into Focus (sponsored by Cengage)
Washington Lecture Hall	Leadership Work-Life Harmony



Crystal E <i>mtg runs until 5:30 pm</i>	Regional Education Laboratory Appalachia project team meeting for the Pathways to Resilience, Equity, and Learning (REAL) project (INVITE ONLY)
5:00 pm	Networking time with colleagues * <i>dinner on your own</i>

April 12, 2024

8:00 am – 11:30 am North Entry Foyer	Registration Desk Open
8:00 am – 10:00 am Jefferson Boardroom	Creation Station
8:45 am – 9:45 am	Concurrent Sessions – Block # 8
Crystal D	Official Peer Group Planning Meeting: LGL Peer Group
Monroe	Official Peer Group Planning Meeting: Human Services
Mill Mountain	Official Peer Group Planning Meeting: CVPA
Harrison/Tyler	Official Peer Group Planning Meeting: Agriculture & Food Systems
Buck Mountain	Official Peer Group Planning Meeting: Sociology
Shenandoah A	Official Peer Group Planning Meeting: Disability Support
Crystal E	Official Peer Group Planning Meeting: Teacher Education
Pocahontas B	Official Peer Group Planning Meeting: ACC, BUS, ECO, MKT
Wilson	For the love of eForms
Pocahontas A	Official Peer Group Planning Meeting: Early Childhood
Shenandoah B	Empowering Education: Navigating the Integration of Generative AI in the Classroom
Appalachian	Official Peer Group Planning Meeting: Learning Assistance Professionals
Washington Lecture Hall	Effectively Leading Student Success Outcomes
9:45 am – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 am – 11:30 am Roanoke Ballroom	Brunch and Closing Session - AI's Implications for Higher Education: Now and in the Future
11:30 am	Dismiss * <i>lunch on your own</i>