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BIG NEWS

Committed to the growth and development of distance education and online learning, DeSales University is excited to announce the implementation of a new Learning Management System (LMS), ANGEL 7.3. DeSales will launch the ANGEL LMS in August 2009.

ANGEL is an award winning software recognized for “outstanding achievement and vision in education and technology.” It is cost-effective, user-friendly, reliable, flexible, customizable, and scalable. This makes Angel a good choice for DeSales to continue to establish its online presence.

ANGEL brings the educational experience to the foreground while pushing technology to the background. It uses the power of technology to assist both the instructors and students.

In an effort to make this transition as seamless as possible for everyone, a Wordpress blog has been started.

http://desales2angel.wordpress.com/

Make sure that you take the time to get familiar with the important facts, key dates, and policy changes related to this transition. If you have any other questions email angelinfo@desales.edu

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SPECIAL INTEREST

- New LMS announced.
- Clicker rollout in January.
- New Workshops posted.
- Winners of tech survey contest.
### INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

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Room locations for participation in the workshops will be sent in confirmation email after registration is complete.
CLICKERS

Short Cut Keys

If you already use normal Window’s mouse and keyboard shortcut conventions, you are already on your way to being a Clicker expert.

Some examples of these conventions that work the same in Clicker are: Click, Double-click, and Drag.

After using Select or Highlight, the key combination shortcuts: Ctrl+C copies selection, and Ctrl+V pastes the selection.

Other key combination shortcuts Ctrl+highlighted selection selects non-consecutive items, Shift+highlighted selection selects consecutive items.

For more Microsoft Window’s keyboard shortcuts, please visit http://www.computerhope.com/shortcut/word.htm

CLICKER ROLLOUT

As of the beginning of January, Clickers have found their way into various classrooms. We are still waiting to hear how well they have been received by the students, as well as, the instructors.

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BLACKBOARD ISSUES

Assignments vs. Digital Drop Box

The decision to use Digital Drop Box or Assignments will be determined by how many assignments your students will be handing in during the semester.

The Digital Drop Box is a repository for your students work. It works much like email except the Drop Box is isolated from all other incoming correspondence. The student’s work will not get lost among the multitude of emails you receive daily.

Using the Assignments feature in Blackboard will give you more options to help you structure your course than using the Digital Drop Box. Instructors will be able to create coursework, manage grades, and give feedback to each student. Each Assignment lists the name, description, and point value of the Assignment.

Using the Assignments also complements the Grade book feature. Once your student completes and submits his/her Assignment, the instructor will be able to access this file in the Grade book.

SMART CLASSROOMS

Installation went well over the winter break. Much needed high-tech equipment was acquired for the DLC, Dooling and Campbell Hall classrooms. The Hurd Science Center is next on the list.
IS IT LEGAL - COPYRIGHT?

Find answers to perplexing issues pertaining to copyright such as:

- What is the difference between “linking” to a Webpage and “copying & pasting” its contents to your Blackboard course?
- Are the rules (laws) the same for the virtual world as they are in the real world?
- Where can I get the latest news and information on copyright?
- Where can I get permission to use copyrighted materials?

Technology Resources

- **Clickers**
  Quick Guides for eInstruction Classroom Response Systems.

- **Meeting Wizard**
  Schedule synchronous chat sessions with students.

- **Second Life**
  Resources for teaching in a 3D virtual world.

- **Troubleshooting Tips**
  Answers to common questions or problems with campus technologies and software.
TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION PORTAL

HOW DO I........

...create great online classes that provide students with the opportunity to learn 21st century skills such as collaboration, creative problem solving, and critical thinking?

...create student-centered, interactive online classes that encourage global awareness, self-direction, and social responsibility?

...incorporate great course content into a well-organized, professional online course?

Distance Ed Resources

Conquering content
Information for Online Course Design.

Hybrid Instruction
Resources about teaching classes that blend traditional face-to-face and online instructional components.

Learning Objects
Links to small multimedia lessons that can be put into your online orders.

Online Course Review Forms
Forms used in TIP course review process.
TECH SURVEY DRAWING WINNERS

“Woohoo! I am so excited! That really just made my day!!” ~ Chelsea Nagle

Chelsea Nagle won the $25 Red Robin gift card in the student tech survey drawing. Chelsea has been a full-time ACCESS online student since August of 2007. Chelsea is majoring in Business Management and recently added a second major, Management of Information Technology.

Dr. Brian Kane, a professor in the Philosophy/Theology department, won in the faculty tech survey $50 gift card drawing.

CONGRATULATIONS!!
... and to all of you who took the time to participate — “You really made our day!!

To register and learn more about all of our workshops, go to www.desales.edu/instructionaltech

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ANGEL LMS
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Technology Integration Portal