



Office of the Vice Provost for Instruction

A note from the Vice Provost

Dear Colleagues,

I have enjoyed observing the robust participation in our summer instructional development programming. It would seem that the investment by Provost MacKinnon in faculty instructional excellence has supported an instructional culture that acknowledges the shared responsibilities of faculty AND students to create a positive learning environment. I find particularly exciting the fact that these sessions not only acknowledge the shared responsibilities, but also provide specific strategies for how to engage students in support of their own learning. The faculty members care that students learn. Sometimes, and often surprisingly, we find ourselves reminding students that they too should care about their own learning.



In her considerations on care, Noddings (*Caring. A relational approach to ethics and moral education 2e* updated. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2013), reminds us that caring, genuine, and authentic care, is only present when both individuals care for each other. Care, for Noddings, requires that both parties invest in an ethic of care. There must be reciprocity. Similarly, I would suggest that academic achievement requires both the teacher and the learner to care about the matter at hand. If only one cares, then the opportunities for a remarkable moment are virtually eliminated.

This summer, as I speak to our new students at orientation, you can be assured that I will be communicating this message of mutual responsibility. On the one hand, I will proudly proclaim the work in which faculty are engaged as they prepare for the students to arrive. And on the other hand, I will remind the students that as they walk into our labs and classrooms, they too should be engaged in the work because the learning experience is as much their responsibility as is the faculty members' responsibility.

Together, remarkable things can happen. Thank you, Augusta University faculty and staff, for working together so that we can create a learning space....like no other.

Sincerely,

Zach Kelehear

Innovation Updates



Boundless Teaching Award Winners Announced

Dr. Diane Robillard, Associate Professor for the College of Nursing, and Dr. Meredith Rausch, Associate

Professor for the College of Education, are the recipients of the Boundless Teaching award for spring 2022. The award, created in 2020 by the Center for Instructional Innovation, recognizes and celebrates faculty members who positively impact students in physical or digital learning spaces through their enthusiasm, passion and excellence in teaching.

ISC Spotlight: Meet our newest team member, Mary Margaret Redd

The Augusta University Interdisciplinary Simulation Center is pleased to introduce the newest member of our team, Mary Margaret Redd. Mary Margaret joined the simulation center in January of 2022 in the role of Simulation Specialist and has quickly taken on critical responsibilities for the setup and support of simulation activities across our healthcare training programs. Ms. Redd, an Augusta Georgia native, holds two bachelor of science degrees from Augusta University in Psychology and in Computer Science – Cybersecurity. Her unique qualifications will allow the ISC to realize new possibilities for technology integration, programming, and systems development while continuing to expand our offerings and capabilities.



International Initiatives



IPSO Relocates to Greenblatt Library

Please be aware that the International and Postdoctoral Services Office has been relocated to the first floor of the Greenblatt library, AB - 1114. We are working diligently to recalibrate and continue to provide quality services throughout the summer.



Study Abroad/Away Updates

In April 2022, Prof. Nadia Jilani-Hyler successfully led a group of students to New York for the international Model UN Conference. Most recently, Abigail Drescher & Quentin Davis returned this week from leading a program to West Virginia (attached image).

View Previous Teaching Matters Issues

Need to refer to a previous issue of the Office of the Vice Provost's Teaching Matters? Each monthly issue of Teaching Matters has also been preserved in Scholarly Commons. A note by the Vice

Provost for Instruction, Dr. Zach Kelehear, introduces the issue each month. Table of Contents include information in the areas of Innovation Updates, Faculty and Staff Updates, and Student Updates. See the complete collection on the [Augusta University Open Repository](#)

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