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Podcasting in Blackboard

Podcasting is now available within Blackboard. This new tool allows faculty to post audio files to their courses for students to download and listen to on their computers or mp3 players, such as an iPod. Students also have the ability to subscribe to the podcasts via an RSS feed in a tool such as iTunes. This means that new "episodes" will be delivered to them automatically, even if they are not logged into Blackboard.

"How-to" information including a video tutorial can be found on our division webpage.

Professional Updates

- ◆ During the months of September and October, **Charley Cameron** became the "traveling trainer." He presented Camtasia Studio training to the faculty at LTC-Baton Rouge, LTC-Delta Ouachita, and LTC-Teche.
- ◆ **Kathleen Gay** was recently named as the North Louisiana Regional Trainer and Training Coordinator for Quality Matters (QM). She will serve colleges and universities by training their online faculty on using the QM principles and rubric to improve online teaching and learning environments. Also, Kathleen will present "QM Peer Reviewer Training" for campuses and serve on the regional QM Evaluation Team for reviewing online and hybrid courses.
- ◆ On November 19th and 20th, **Gary Ware** provided Blackboard training to the System Administrators and Faculty from the Region 7 Louisiana Technical College Campuses.



Reaching Out with Distance Education

Beginning in the spring semester, high school students at **Caddo Career Center** will take part in BPCC's Dual Enrollment Program by taking Anatomy via compressed video with Ty Bryan as their instructor.

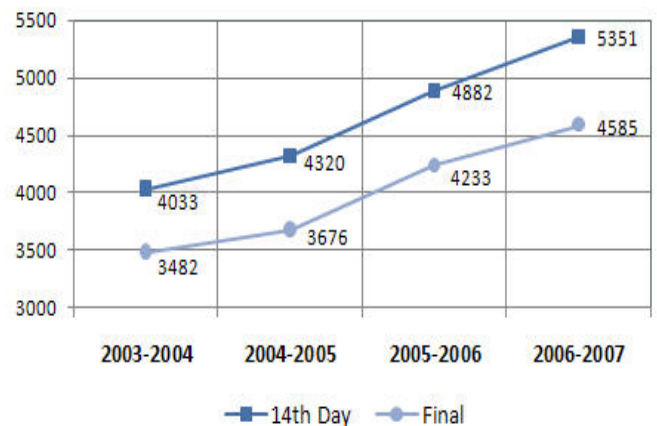
BPCC has partnered with **Louisiana Technical College-Northwest Campus** on the delivery of Gen. Ed. courses via compressed video. These courses include: College Algebra, English, Speech, Physical Science, and Psychology.

Special thanks to: Rona Leber, Allison Martin, Sharonda Mickle, Pam Stogsdill, Dr. Ed Thomas, and Ty Bryan for their diligence in making these efforts possible.

E-Learning Statistics

- ◆ A total of 440 students participated in Blackboard Orientation for fall 2007.
- ◆ The 14-day student enrollment for online courses in fall 2007 was 2,448 in 86 duplicate courses.

The graph below shows the increased enrollment in online courses from fall 2003 to summer 2007.



Ed Tech Staff:

Kathleen Gay, Director

Charles Cameron, Assistant Director

Gary Ware, Instructional Technology Specialist

Jennifer Legaux, Administrative Assistant

Tips for Designing Your Online Course

- Think about presenting course content in modules or learning units. Utilize the “learning units” feature of Blackboard. This allows your students to access all the content they will be introduced to in each chapter. Lecture notes, slide presentations, video clips, activities, websites, quizzes and tests can all be presented in one area of the learning unit created. Navigation through the course content becomes easier for your students if it is presented in modular or learning unit fashion.
- Provide your students with multiple ways of interacting with the content of your online course. Also, assess their knowledge of the material in multiple ways. This is easily done through self-assessment activities that can be created through SoftChalk. Remember to assess often and give your students an opportunity to express themselves through critical thinking and writing.
- Utilize the QM Rubric to insure that your online course meets the QM Standards. This rubric is your guide to creating and delivering quality online course material.

Spring 2008 Professional Growth

Our spring '08 professional growth schedule for faculty and staff is available! The schedule can be found on our division webpage including descriptions of each training offered.

<http://www.bpcc.edu/edtech/trainsch.htm>



It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Kathleen and John on the birth of their first grandchild!

Emma Grey Friar

was born on November 28th at 6:25 a.m.
6 lbs. 4 ozs. and 18 ½ inches long

Proud Parents:

Their son, B.J., and his wife, Alison.

