Looking forward to a winter break?

Is grading and assessment what is standing between now and a much deserved break for you? The Teaching Commons is offering some supports that might help you with this task, and hopefully help you to rest, relax, and take an actual break!

The Assessment Strategy Exchange

All of us have had conversations about the challenges of teaching and learning remotely. Instructor and students alike have had to adapt quickly and have shown remarkable resilience. For many, the assessment of learning has been particularly challenging as it has brought to the fore concerns around access, equity, privacy, and academic integrity. Now that the semester will soon wind down, let’s share insights and inspire each other.

On December 10, from 10am to 2pm, come and join us for the launch of the Assessment Strategy Exchange, a new speaker series featuring students and instructors sharing their experiences about remote assessment since the beginning of the pandemic. We are excited to kick this off with a special event featuring a keynote presentation by Dr. Laura Winer, Director of Teaching and Learning Services at McGill University, and Maureen Barnes, Director of York’s Student Accessibility Services. Students and faculty members are also taking part in this exciting program.

Here is the link for the agenda
Here is the link to register
Support from Student Accessibility Services

It’s that time of year where everyone could use a helping hand! Student Accessibility Services has created a couple of resources to help with accommodating your students who will be taking exams in December. Also find attached a Mental Health Resource sheet that you can provide to students if you have concerns about their well-being.

Here is the link to an Exam Tip Document

Here is the link for a Mental Health Resources and Strategies for Students Document

Reading for Teaching

A collaborative program co-facilitated by the Teaching Commons and York University Libraries, our Reading for Teaching program is an informal, collegial opportunity to engage with colleagues from across campus interested in reading together. Now in its second year, we will be launching a semester-long opportunity to read collectively and collaboratively with the goal of exploring topics in online or remote learning.

Join us on Tuesday, January 12 from 10-11:30am at our launch event on Zoom to learn more and to help us decide on our common read. Participants will connect asynchronously throughout the term before meeting again on Zoom in April to reflect and debrief on their common reading experience.

Here is the link to register

Experiential Education Symposium

The Experiential Education (EE) Symposium showcases experiential education at York and celebrates the achievements of students and faculty who have participated in EE. This multi-disciplinary, annual event will be held on January 28, 2020. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend! This year’s event will be held virtually.

Here is the link for more information and to register to attend
Thank you!

As this extraordinary fall semester is winding down, it is important to us to take this opportunity to say thank you. Thank you for the work that you do, day in and day out. Thank you for the support you provide to undergraduate students. They needed you more than ever, as TAs, this term. You stepped up. Thank you for the extra time, effort, and personal learning you engaged in to teach and learn online and in the remote environment. We know these past months have not been easy. Thank you for being there for one another. Thank you for inspiring us. We hope the Teaching Commons provided you with a space to share, learn, and develop. We hope to continue to be that for you, and whatever else you need.

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