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"Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't."

- Bill Nye

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April Updates from CTL

The April issue of the Center for Teaching and Learning newsletter is packed with helpful tips and resources for faculty members. This edition covers a variety of topics, including:

1. [Spring 2024 Professional Learning Tracks](#)
2. [VidGrid Refresher](#)
3. [Center for Disease Control Presentation](#)
4. [Success Coach Spotlight on Robyn Combs \(correction\)](#)

Save the Date

Ultra Upskill

4/5/2024

Underground

[Zoom Link](#)

ACES 2025

1/8/2025

Amarillo College

Washington

Campus

8:00 AM-3:30 PM



Spring 2024 Professional Learning Tracks Listing

The Center for Teaching & Learning has added some new modules to the Professional Learning Tracks.

You can [click on this link](#) to see the new offerings.

You can register for the Spring 2024 [Professional Learning Tracks here](#).

Faculty will receive \$30 stipend points for each module completed. The PLT will close on May 10, 2024.



VidGrid Refresher

Vidgrid is a tool available to faculty here at Amarillo College. You can easily embed links to your videos within Blackboard. Whether you're new to Vidgrid, or just need some refreshers, the videos included below can get you started.

[Sign up for VidGrid](#)

[Installing the VidGrid Recorder](#)

[Recording a Video](#)

[Editing your Videos](#)

[Integrating VidGrid into Blackboard](#)

Center for Disease Control Presentation

A virtual meeting has been scheduled with Center for Disease Control LLS Fellow, Dr. Oren Mayer, of the Special Pathogen Branch. This virtual meeting will take place on April 10, at 5:30 PM CST.

This Microsoft Teams meeting is open to all AC students and AC faculty. Dr. Mayer will be discussing opportunities for students to get into paid internships/fellowships in students' field of interest, as well as opportunities at the CDC.

The link will be shared closer to the scheduled meeting. If you have questions, reach out to Ashley Coffman: a0381816@actx.edu.

Success Coach Spotlight



Robyn Combs

Serving Student in the following Academic Communities:

Health Science's

Best success tip that is shared with students is:

Even with a good plan, obstacles will happen. Stay in constant communication with your instructors and utilize tutoring! We are all here to ensure your success, you got this!

Most rewarding part of my coaching role is:

Helping our students remove barriers that they are facing so they can stay on track with their educational journey. Life happens to all of us at times. Being able to support our students to success with strategic thinking, connecting them to endless resources, helping them understand their full potential, and cheering them on is everything. The best reward is seeing our students crush their goals after the barriers that were holding them back are removed!

Goals for the academic year are:

1. Continuing to grow in my role as a Success Coach and an FYS Instructor.
2. Complete my Master's Degree in Higher Education with an emphasis in Life Coaching.
3. Recreate my work - life balance, spend more time with my family making memories.

Fun or "who knew/unknown" fact about yourself:

I grew up on a farm raising show animals. I have four boys who were and some still are all extremely active in sports and I'm SO not a sports person... Everyone jokes with me because I have no idea what's going on, on the football field or basketball court when they are playing.

My family just didn't watch sports when I was growing up, guess I was too busy with my show animals. Showing animals is an intense and very time-consuming, year-round sport in itself.

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The Center for Teaching and Learning promotes transformative, evidence-based, and engaging professional learning for the enrichment of faculty and administrators to ensure the academic success of all students at Amarillo College.

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