

THE SAVVY SCHOLAR

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"If someone is going down the wrong road, he doesn't need motivation to speed him up. What he needs is education to turn him around."

- Jim Rohn

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November Updates from CTL

The November 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. The Center for Teaching and Learning welcomes Carrie Stangl to AC.
2. Blackboard updates and releases for November.
3. Registration to present at ACES 2024 is now open!
4. Posting grades in Blackboard Ultra

Save the Date

Ultra Upskill

11/10/2023
Ware 205V

ACES 2024

1/10/2024
Amarillo College
Washington
Campus
8:00 AM-3:30 PM



From L to R: Carrie, Avery, Wes

CTL Welcomes Carrie Stangl

Hi! I'm Carrie Stangl, the new instructional technologist and designer at Amarillo College. I'm a Lubbock native, who recently moved to Amarillo. I spent 14 years as a public school teacher and interventionist, where I discovered my passion for incorporating technology into education. I completed my master's in digital learning and leadership, and now I love sharing new digital resources and tools with others here at AC.

I'm particularly interested in [generative AI](#) and how to create prompts for AI to create with. If you want to learn more about creating effective prompts for AI tools, check out the article link below.

[How to approach prompting of AI chatbots](#)

Blackbaord is constantly improving their LMS for both instructors and students through monthly releases, which will be featured in the CTL Newsletter.

- [SafeAssign Direct Submit](#)
- [Sorting Controls for Manually Added Gradable Items](#)
- [Send Reminder from Gradebook List and Grid Views](#)
- [Copying Grading Schemas from Course to Course](#)
- [Partial Credit Auto-Distribution for Correct Answers for Multiple Choice Questions](#)






ACES 2024 Call for Presenters is Open

ACES 2024 will be held on January 10, 2024 on the Washington Street Campus.

The ACES presentations this year will be focused on four Learning Tracks: Learning, Teaching, Technology, and Leadership.

[You can register to be a presenter here.](#)

Hurry and get your proposal turned in, only 40 spots are available!

		
Overall Grade	Syllabus/Orientatio...	Assignment 1
100 points	100 points	100 points
21 items	✓ Complete	✓ Complete
89.15%	100% Posted	97% Posted

Posting Grades in Blackboard Ultra

It's important that all of your grades are posted in the gradebook. Students will not be able to see their grades unless they are posted. You can verify that grades have been posted if they display "Posted" underneath the grade.

Take a look at this video for further information about posting grades in Blackboard.

Success Coach Spotlight



Keesha Russell - STEM

Serving Student in the following Academic Communities:

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Best success tip that is shared with students is:

Communication is a key to your success. Communicate with your instructors when you are struggling and they can help you.

Don't be hesitant to go to tutoring. In college, tutoring is for anyone who wants to pass. Don't wait until you are falling behind, go to tutoring to stay on track.

Most rewarding part of my coaching role is:

The most rewarding part of my coaching role is getting the opportunity to work with and get to know students one on one. Seeing the hard work and dedication that our students put in every day is very inspiring to me.

Goals for the academic year are:

Help as many students to be not only be retained semester to semester but also to help them feel like they belong here and someone cares about them.

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

I am a country girl and have lots of animals.

**Tammy Bjork BSN, RN - Nursing & RNEC****Serving Student in the following Academic Communities:**

West Campus Success Coach Nursing Division & RNEC Students

Best success tip that is shared with students is:

Nursing School is a roller coaster, ride the wave. Sometimes you're up and sometimes you're down, but get up and do it again.

Most rewarding part of my coaching role is:

Seeing students become nurses and knowing all the struggle it took for them to get there. It is amazing to watch someone overcome difficulties and succeed.

Goals for the academic year are:

To help students succeed and for them to know that they gave it their best!

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

I was born in Toronto, Ontario Canada and I used to ice skate in the Ice Capades.

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Teaching for Transformation October Gathering

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CTL Mission Statement:

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.

