NISOD (National Institute for Staff Organization and Development)

Report

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NISOD (National Institute for Staff Organization and Development) was created in 1978 by University of Texas at Austin to support teaching, learning, and leadership by providing high-quality and timely professional development resources to our community and technical college members. Palm Beach State College (PBSC) is a member college (Member ID# 325)

NISOD Benefits http://www.nisod.org/ International conference (annual with participants from USA, Canada, India, and many more countries), Scholarships for qualifying participants, Excellence Awards in Teaching and Leadership (to honor faculty, administrators, and staff - as many as ten or more recipients were nominated by some colleges), Promising places to work in community colleges Award, Webinars (monthly), Publications (Innovation Abstracts), Weekly Digest – newsletter, exhibits, and more.

Welcome to NISOD http://www.nisod.org/?q=welcome

An Overview of NISOD http://www.nisod.org/promo/NISOD-Conference-Promo.mp4

- Excellence Awards Dinner and Celebration during which NISOD honors and celebrates Excellence Award recipients, as well as those individuals closest to them who contributed to their success.
- General sessions featuring inspiring and motivating national speakers.
- Intensive, hands-on preconference workshops facilitated by teaching and learning experts.
- Special sessions facilitated by experts on the important issues facing today's community and technical colleges.
- Exemplary practices and programs explored during breakout sessions, roundtable discussions, and poster sessions.
- An exciting Exhibit Hall featuring NISOD exhibitors and sponsors demonstrating products and services.
- Coffee breaks, refreshment breaks, receptions, and prize drawings that make the Exhibit Hall an exciting, information-rich, and fun-filled place to be.
- Cyber Café, the perfect place for conference participants to take a break, network with colleagues, and check their email.
- NISOD's College Showcase highlighting best practices in colleges across North America and beyond.
- The Administrator Series featuring upper-level administrators sharing real-world solutions to today’s demanding campus challenges.
- Faculty members at NISOD member colleges who would like to attend our 2015 conference, but do not have the financial means to do so, can apply for a NISOD Conference Scholarship.
- NISOD is providing conference participants with options to visit places of interest in Austin and San Antonio, Texas! Link: http://www.nisod.org/?q=experience-austin
Break-out sessions and roundtable discussions covered topics such as Educational Technology, Diversity and Inclusion, Culture of Evidence, Faculty and Staff Development, Developmental and Adult Education, Economic and Workforce Development, Leadership and Organizational Development, Excellence Awards Recipients Presentations, Corporate Partner Presentations. Refreshment Breaks, Coffee Breaks, and Receptions allowed participants to interact, and network.

- Special Sessions: [http://www.nisod.org/?q=2015-special-sessions](http://www.nisod.org/?q=2015-special-sessions)

Some of the presentation highlights (details in program book, will be uploaded soon):


**TECHNOLOGY**

- Use of Technology in the Classroom: *E-Book and Online Resources*, p51, Sankaranarayana Chandramohan, Palm Beach State College, FL
- Culinary Chopping Block: Voice projection and *Visual enhancement* (p22), Bret McCarthy, Western Iowa Tech CC, IA
- Show Me, Tell me: Photovoice (*digital photography*), p23, Ginette-Ouellet, Touro University, NV
- Connect, Create, Collaborate, and Succeed, p38, Ronda Blevins, Roane State CC, TN
- STEM your learning: use of *smartphones and watches* in classrooms (p28), Nirit Glazer, Univ. of Michigan, MI
- The educator’s Guide to video production, p31, Allan Prost, SAIT Polytechnic, AB
- OER (*Open education Resources*) Movement, p35, Alyson Indrunas, Everett CC, WA

**ECONOMY**

- Emerging role of CC in a National Learning Economy, Next-Gen Learning (p30), Gregory Haley, ACT Foundation
- Globalizing the Community College: Globalization of economy and culture and impact on local community college programs, p16, Van McRaven, Trustee, Austin CC, TX

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Fulbright scholarship opportunities, p28), Charles Riess, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, DC
- Emotional Intelligence, Efficacy and Success in teaching, p39, David Katz III, Mohawk Valley CC, NY
- Mindfulness as a Path to Critical thinking, p40, Staussa Ervin, Tarrant Cc District, TX
- Kids these days: Engaging Students in the Classroom, p46, Devera Shipp, TSTC, TX
2015 NISOD Excellence Award in Teaching

Prof. Sankaranarayana Chandramohan (LW Campus) and Prof. Chris Schmersahl (BG Campus) were recipients of the 2015 Excellence Award in Teaching.

http://www.nisod.org/?q=excellence-awards-dinner-and-celebration

L to R: Prof. Chris Schmersahl, Dr. Irving Berkowitz, Dean of Academic Affairs, LW Campus and Dr. Holly Bennett, Provost, BG Campus, and Prof. Sankaranarayana Chandramohan, May 24, 2015

NISOD Award Medallion

The nomination process involved the campus associate dean, Dean of academic affairs, Deans council, Vice-President of Academic Affairs and the President. Selection criteria: http://www.nisod.org/?q=selection-criteria-and-submission-procedures. Nominations and submission of presentations are usually due in the first week of January. The conference is held during the Memorial Day weekend. Dr. Irving Berkowitz, Dean of Academic Affairs, LW Campus and Dr. Holly Bennett, Provost, BG Campus attended the conference and honored the PBSC professors with the Medallion at a grand Excellence Award Dinner Ceremony.
Statements and pictures submitted for the Excellence Award

Connecting one-on-one with students motivates me in my work. Technology helps me engage students and drive them and me to succeed. Passion, patience, and perseverance must be the foundation for faculty to succeed.

—Sankaranarayana Chandramohan, Palm Beach State College

Show students that lurking behind every set of eyes is a great thinker. Give them pride in their work and themselves. Foster an environment of success and let students know when they have contributed. When dealing with an error, point out the good with the bad.

—Christopher Schmersahl, Palm Beach State College
NISOD Excellence Award Dinner

NISOD Award Dinner – Prof. S. Chandramohan and Mrs. Bijayita Thapa (PBSCMath Lab)
NISOD Excellence Award Dinner
NISOD Excellence Award Dinner Celebration
2015 NISOD Student Essay Contest Winners

NISOD Conference - Austin Convention Center
NISOD General Session Luncheon, May 25

“Teaching and How to Improve It: Creating Learning Opportunities in the Classroom”

Prof. James W. Stigler, Univ. of California, Los Angeles

2015 NISOD Break-out Session(s)
2015 NISOD Exhibit Booth(s)

2015 NISOD Entertainment
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Submit your proposal by January 8, 2016!

http://www.nisod.org/?q=call-presentations

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Engage with NISOD http://www.nisod.org/?q=ways-engage-nisod
College Ad in Award Booklet http://www.nisod.org/?q=nisod-excellence-awards-booklet-ad-reservation
How excellence Award recipients are celebrated: http://www.nisod.org/?q=how-excellence-awards-recipients-are-celebrated
NISOD Publications http://www.nisod.org/?q=products/innovation-abstracts
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