

Presentation Program for the 20th Annual Gulf South Adult and Career Education Professional Development Conference

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Dr. Charles E. Backes and CMsgt. Michael Goetz, USAF

Position and Institution/Business: Backes: Professor, Adult and Career Education, Valdosta State University;
Goetz: Chief Master Sgt., United States Air Force

Title: “Building Human Capital: Essential Skills for Success after High School in the Corporate and Military World”

Description: The workplace has become increasingly competitive, both in the private and government sector. This presentation will focus on the necessary skills and competencies that students need to equip them for entrance and progression within their chosen career fields. The focus will be on related research and competencies in the areas of technical preparation, leadership, and interpersonal skills.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Dr. Iris Ellis

Position and Institution/Business: Associate Professor, Adult and Career Education, Valdosta State University

Title: “HLN for Business and Computer Science: What Business Education Colleagues are Doing in Their Classes to Engage Middle School and High School Students”

Description: Business Education teachers from our area have been invited to share activities they are using in their Business and Computer Science classes to engage students. These teachers will distribute accompanying instruction sheets and lesson plans. This session will also provide a platform for Business Education teachers to discuss changes in curriculum at the state level.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Ms. Sheila Hall

Position and Institution/Business: Instructor, Adult and Career Education, Valdosta State University

Title: “Be Smart Using Smart Boards”

Description: This session will demonstrate the uses of Smart Board technology for engaging instruction and learning.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Mr. Robert Keown and Ms. Nikki Stubbs

Position and Institution/Business: Keown: Executive Director, Georgia Virtual Technical Connection;

Stubbs: Educational Technology Coordinator, Georgia Virtual Technical Connection

Title: “Multimedia on a Shoestring”

Description: Learn how to create powerful, effective multimedia content without breaking your budget! This session will provide an overview of several free and low-cost resources available for developing and integrating high-quality multimedia into traditional and online course materials. Learn to use online tools, freeware, and common software applications to give your teaching materials new life! Attendees will be given access to a companion website for software downloads and links to the resources used in the presentation.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Dr. Xavier McClung

Position and Institution/Business: Professor, Adult and Career Education, Valdosta State University

Title: “Principles of Leadership: How to Become an Effective Leader

Description: This presentation will discuss basic principles of leadership and will help the learner to determine how to find your leadership qualities.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Mr. Matthew Nolan and Ms. Summer Washington

Position and Institution/Business: Nolan: Clinical Coordinator, Radiology, Southwest Georgia Technical College; Washington: QEP Director, Southwest Georgia Technical College

Title: “Flipped Out: Successful Strategies for Improving Student Engagement”

Description: Participants will be given a brief overview of the flipped class model and how it is different from a traditional classroom setting. A brief sample lecture will be delivered in the traditional format followed by the same information which will then be delivered using an interactive, flipped method. Participants will engage in learning activities throughout the flipped model presentation. Following the demonstrations, participants will divide into groups and discuss the pro and cons of the flipped classroom model, and later share their results with all participants. After group discussion of the flipped model, participants should be able to describe many of the benefits of the flipped model. At the end of the session, random groups will be formed, and each person will develop at least one aspect of his or her own class that can be flipped, which will then be shared and discussed with all participants. Handouts will be given to all participants that outline the basic premise of the flipped model along with a resource list to use.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Dr. Keith Osburn

Position and Institution/Business: Director of Technology and Special Programs, Jeff Davis County Schools

Title: “30 Tech Tools for Teachers”

Description: Google Hangout, Dropbox, LiveBinders—the plethora of web-based resources and Internet tools available to use in your classroom increases daily. This fast-paced session will introduce you to 30 tools along with some helpful tips and suggestions on their educational use.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Dr. David Ross

Position and Institution/Business: Director, Valdosta State University Center at Moody Air Force Base

Title: “Techniques and Strategies for Teaching the Nature Deficit Student”

Description: The presentation will define and describe the nature deficit student then explore current research and what types of teaching strategies are best suited for the student. The presentation will be based on the research of Richard Louv, specifically his work the Nature Principle and the *Last Child in the Woods*.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Dr. Penelope Schmidt

Position and Institution/Business: Executive Director of Instructional Advancement for Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and Adjunct Instructor of Public Administration for Valdosta State University

Title: “Interdisciplinary Project Learning: An Approach to Enhance School and Career Success”

Description: Project learning is an approach that engages students in interdisciplinary and team-based problem solving utilizing projects modeled after actual problem situations. Problem-Solving across disciplines is a skill needed in the workplace and one which can be practiced by implementing project learning at all levels of education.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Mr. Jason Stubbs

Position and Institution/Business: Graphics Communication Teacher, Albany High School

Title: “Using Edmodo in the Classroom”

Description: Edmodo is a social network platform for use in the classroom that has an interface that is similar to Facebook. It is used for posting and sharing assignments, videos, discussions, quizzes, and other classroom materials. Parent accounts can also be set up and used for sharing information and maintaining contact. Participants in this workshop will learn about Edmodo and will set up accounts for use in their classrooms.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Dr. Kimberly Tanner

Position and Institution/Business: Director, Access Office, Valdosta State University

Title: "Accessibility Features in Microsoft Office 2010"

Description: This program will highlight the accessibility features in Microsoft Office 2010 and provide attendees an opportunity to try out some of these easy to use resources. It is essential that any material that we provide in an online environment is accessible to all including students with disabilities who use Adaptive Technology (AT). This presentation will cover the reasons why and the ways to design accessible and dynamic documents for all.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Ms. Deedee Thomas

Position and Institution/Business: Assessment Services Coordinator, Ogeechee Technical College and Doctoral Student in Adult Career Education, Valdosta State University

Title: "Computer-Based GED Testing: Are We Ready?"

Description: Today's adult learners need to compete in a new economic and global market. More jobs call for skilled, educated labor, requiring additional training and education beyond a high school diploma. Offering the current 2002 Series GED ® Test on computers provides these adults with increased and improved access to GED ® testing today, and prepares them for the demands of postsecondary education and careers tomorrow. Moving the current 2002 Series GED ® Test to computer delivery model prepares the program and adult learners today for the new assessment coming out January 2, 2014, in all jurisdictions (except Canada). The new assessment will include the latest standards in assessment development such as complex item types that require a computer-based delivery platform.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Capt. Kevin Walcekauskas (Bioenvironment), Capt. Olujimisola Ojediran (Public Health), 1st Lt. Richard Chapman (Health Services Administration), 1st Lt. Tajunna Haywood (Nurse), 1st Lt. Justin Satter (Health Services Administration), SSgt. Joseph Bonita (Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician), and SSgt. Cynthia Watkins (Medical Services Technician)

Institution/Business: Moody Air Force Base

Title: "Airman, Leader, Medic"

Description: The United States Air Force offers many unique opportunities. These opportunities are particularly numerous in the medical field ranging from administration to nursing to public health and industrial hygiene and everything in-between. Several medical professionals from multiple disciplines, both enlisted and officers, will share their experience and what it is like to serve their country by protecting the health of its fighting force.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Dr. Vesta Whisler

Position and Institution/Business: Associate Professor, Adult and Career Education, Valdosta State University

Title: "Tips and Tools for Teaching Personal Finance"

Description: A variety of resources that middle school, high school, and post-secondary instructors of personal finance can use in the classroom will be presented. The use of clickers and current events, stock market workshops, free checking account simulations, PowerPoint presentation, useful website, applicable YouTube videos, and other tools will be reviewed. All items will assist the personal finance instructor in meeting standards in personal finance.

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Dr. Vesta Whisler and Dr. Diane Wright

Position and Institution/Business: Whisler: Associate Professor, Adult and Career Education, Valdosta State University; Wright: Instructor, Adult and Career Education, Valdosta State University

Title: “Partnerships: VSU’s Adult and Career Education Department’s Answer to Complete College Georgia”

Description: VSU’s Adult and Career Education Department has responded to the Complete College Georgia Initiative by retooling some of its classic programs to better for the needs of Georgia residents, particularly: working adult, nontraditional students, graduates of two-year and technical schools, and even instructors at those institutions. This presentation will explain how:

- 1) Working adults can now complete an online bachelor’s degree in Office Administration and Technology or in the Bachelor of Applied Science
- 2) Effective Fall 2013, graduate with a bachelor’s degree in business education, office administration and technology, or a related field will have the opportunity to earn a Master’s in Education—Business Education and Information Technology option, 100% online, in a program that includes 18 credits of content required by SACS to teach in similar programs at the two-year and technical school postsecondary level.
- 3) Effective Fall 2013, students with an AAS in Business and Administrative Technology at the Technical College System of Georgia will be able to transfer directly into the Office Administrative and Technology Program, or the Bachelor of Applied Science Program with a choice of 100% online or face-to-face delivery (still going through approvals).

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Dr. Mary S. Willis

Position and Institution/Business: Professor, Adult and Career Education, Valdosta State University

Title: “The ‘Write’ Skills for the 21st Century”

Description: This presentation will focus on tips and web links to assist in enhancing the writing skills of today’s college students.