

ONLINE LIFELINE

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Points of Interest



Could not attend the February 2011 Conference? Online Lifeline conference documents are now available via V-Text.

V-Text is the institutional repository at Valdosta State University and is indexed by Google. View the Online Lifeline Conference documents at:

<http://hdl.handle.net/10428/491>

Questions or comments about V-Text may be directed to, vtext-help@valdosta.edu or Michael Holt at moholt@valdosta.edu.



More than 150 participants attended the 2011 conference, representing 14 institutions .

2011 Online Lifeline Conference at VSU a Great Success

The success of the conference included two days of pre-conference workshops, the HUB social at the Crescent Garden Auditorium featuring a technology showcase and poster presentations, which were followed by 16 presenters on Friday from Valdosta State University (VSU) and other institutions.

Participants indicated that they were drawn to the Online Lifeline Conference in an effort to learn more about online teaching and to be challenged to think outside the box. Faculty, staff, and administration from VSU, the University System of Georgia schools and the Technical College System of Georgia were interested in enhancing their teaching techniques, keeping up with the latest technology and available tools, methods to enhance class engagement



skills in online classes, and developing online and/or hybrid courses.

Summary comments were filled with praise for both the conference and the speakers:

Appreciated both Keynotes!! . . . I benefited significantly from the talks and will use many of the methods I learned in my teaching.

It was wonderful, very well organized! . . . The conference was worth the trip. . . You're doing some positive online activities here . . . The presenters did an excellent job and provided a wealth of information . . . Thank you for blazing the trail!!!

SHARE WITH US IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 15 – 17, 2012

With the great success of the 2011 conference, the Online Lifeline Conference will be expanded to a 2-day event for 2012 along with pre-conference sessions! The expanded program will allow for longer concurrent sessions, repeat sessions and much more. Take a moment to complete the brief online survey to share with us what you would like to see for next year.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/onlinelifeline

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7/15/2011–10/10/2011
Early Registration begins
11/15/2011
Regular Registration begins
1/9/2012

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Assistance with conference promotional items was provided by the VSU Bookstore.

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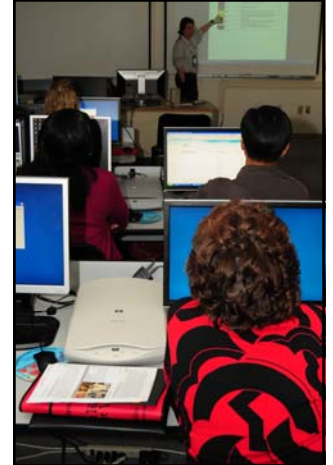


Attendees viewed and interacted with technology during the 2011 Thursday Evening HUB Social.

Photos courtesy of Jason Halter

ARE WE READY FOR NEW REALITIES?

The luncheon address presented by **Bruce N. Chaloux, Ph.D.**, President, Board of Directors, Sloan Consortium and Director, Student Access and Programs and the Electronic Campus, SREB explored the changing nature of how technology, online learning and new student markets are impacting traditional teaching and learning environments by addressing the question, "Are We Ready for the New Realities in the 21st Century Ivory Tower?" Recognizing the rapid advances in the technological world, Dr. Chaloux offered some observations and predictions of what the Ivory Tower could look like in just ten short years from now.



Variety of Concurrent Session Offered

In an effort to meet the needs of attendees, the 2011 conference program provided 16 concurrent sessions. Conference presenters from across the state of Georgia engaged and informed all attendees. Presenters pushed the envelope sharing their experience and strengths in these burgeoning areas of teaching, learning, techniques, strategies,

AT A CROSSROADS: LEARNING STYLES, COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

The **Keynote Speaker** at the 2011 Online Lifeline Conference was **Dr. Curtis A. Carver, Jr.**, Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer of University System of Georgia.

education in Georgia and the critical role that online and distance education will play.

Dr. Carver gave an energetic and engaging talk, "At a Crossroads: Learning Styles, Communities of Practice and Distance Education." This presentation examined the intersection between people, technology and learning and challenged the audience to think differently about the future interaction between the three while answering such questions as: How do people fundamentally learn? How do they learn in communities throughout their life? How does technology and distance education in particular support learning?



Dr. Curtis Carver presents to audience

In an interactive and engaging discussion, Dr. Carver fostered a conversation about the future of