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Upcoming Events

Aug. 17-22 Welcome Week for students

Aug. 21 Call for help with Move-In Day, 9 am - 4 pm

Aug. 25 First Day of Fall Semester classes

If you have news, an event, or an announcement you'd like to share, please email Jen Kopf, at <u>jkopf@pcad.edu</u>.



Help Out with Move-In

On Thursday, August 21, we need support for Returner Move-In day, which takes place from 9 am - 4 pm.

Here's the <u>signup sheet</u>. Please drop in your name and your time commitment. If you have a location

preference, please write your name in the "Downtown" or "West Side" lines.

Your job will be to guide returning students and their families into parking spots and help them wait their turn while RAs are assisting other students. We appreciate any help during this day.



Course Design (Part 3 of 3): Arriving at the good (enough) place

We've arrived at Week 3 of this series on course design, and some of you might be asking, "Dude, where's my syllabus?" For many, the work of course design/planning is synonymous with writing a syllabus, planning a class schedule, and organizing our LMS ... my hope is that the past few weeks have

been a chance to think more deeply about the goals of your course(s). What do you really want them to remember? Who are your students, and what impact does that have on how you want to teach?

Thinking about your goals and thinking about who your students are are both openended pursuits. We're gathering information, reflecting on goals and values, and considering what is possible. So, an understandable follow-up question is how we reconcile these ideals, goals, etc., with the many day-to-day realities (and responsibilities) of teaching. Accordingly, I'm going to give a few specific resources to consider as you look ahead to the first day of class next week. At the same time, I'm going to argue for a perspective that allows us to have big ambitions and modest goals (without losing our minds).

First, we'll look at a few resources for planning ...

Read on here for those resources and, if you have any questions, reach out to <u>asmith@pcad.edu</u>.

Coming May 2026: Lancaster Fringe Festival

Fringe Festival is coming to Lancaster! Held throughout the world, Fringe Festivals highlight diverse, experimental performances in art, theater, music, and more, and Lancaster's first will be held in May 2026. As part of Lancaster Fringe Festival, you will participate in at least 2 of the 5 creative labs held by the production team; perform 2-4 times at the festival; receive production and marketing support; and receive a share of ticket sales. All revenue from ticket sales will be shared back with the artists. For links to more information and a submission form, go here. Submissions will be accepted through Sept. 21. Contact info@lancasterfringefest.org for more information.

Learn a new skill: Sign up for a CCE class

Faculty and staff: Check out the slate of classes and workshops offered by the College's <u>Center for Creative Exploration</u>. You can request your employee benefit for discounted CCE classes for yourself as well as for your children or spouses. Email <u>ce@pcad.edu</u> to let them know the class or workshop you're interested in, and they can work with you to get you a special code. Also, as educators, you can request scholarships for students in grades 1-12 for CCE classes. If you know a student in our community who would benefit, <u>head here</u> and complete the request form. Questions? Email <u>ce@pcad.edu</u>.

Hear of gig work, part-time or full-time jobs for students and alumni? Let Career Services know

Help fill our Student Portal Job Boards with opportunities for our students and alumni. They can range from gig work to part-time, and even some full-time jobs.

There is a high demand for work opportunities among our student body in both the creative and non-creative sectors.

If you hear of any great opportunities, please pass them along to the Career Services Team at <u>CareerServices@pcad.edu</u> so we can connect our students to employment opportunities.



Web resource: The Faculty/Staff Portal

You can find a <u>Faculty/Staff Portal</u> at the very bottom right corner of the <u>PCAD.edu homepage</u>. It links to all sorts of useful information, from retention reports and class schedules to the academic calendar, maintenance and events requests, and much more.







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