

Spring 2020 Vernon College Professional Development Calendar

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	PD HOURS
Monday, January 13	8:30PM-4PM	Vernon Campus	 <p>Spring 2020 Semester Kickoff – All Faculty and Staff. Annual event to introduce new college employees, enjoy a luncheon, and see fellow colleagues receive service awards. In addition, the event provides an opportunity to hear exciting guest speakers and provide training sessions for all college employees on new IT system features, QEP initiatives, Title III, instructional assessment, etc. In addition to a fun, networking event, the annual kickoff is an opportunity for all college employees to be apprised of upcoming events important to the entire Vernon College Community. Welcome to 2020!</p>	6 hours
Friday, January 17	9AM-12PM	Skills Training Center	 <p>Faculty In-Service Day – (Faculty Only). In higher education, quality teaching and institutional leadership are two of the most critical factors affecting student success. For optimum student success and institutional mission accomplishment, faculty and administrators must strive to expand their knowledge and skill sets for best educational practices. The faculty in-service day is an excellent opportunity for networking, setting expectations, and collectively planning a successful Spring 2020 term!</p>	3 hours
Tuesday, January 21	8:00AM- 12:00PM	Century City Campus	 <p>Providing WOW! Customer Service. Great customer service seems to be missing in many organizations and yet, it isn't hard (in concept) and it doesn't have to be expensive. So why is great customer service so hard to find? What makes customers say "Wow! What great customer service!" and recommend your company to others? Join Penny Miller, owner and operator of Venture HRO, LLC, during an interactive workshop that offers immediate tips and strategies for improving customer service. Supervisor/Departmental approval required. Cost: \$60.00. Contact Tina Duke in Continuing Ed for more information and/or to register your team!</p>	4 hours



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January 27- February 05, 2020	6:00PM – 8:30PM	Century City Campus, rm. 509	Essential Computing Skills Short Course. Monday-Wednesday, facilitated by Arwyna Randall-Gay. Contact Tina Duke in Continuing Ed for more information and/or to register. Course Fee: \$57. See your direct supervisor for course payment reimbursement availability. Click here for a full listing of Computer and Office Technology short courses available through the Continuing Education Department at the Century City Campus.	10 Hours
				
Thursday, January 30, 2020	1:00PM— 2:00PM	Online Webinar	NISOD Webinar Series: White Privilege: What is It Really? How Can It Be Used to Help Others Who Lack That Privilege? In this webinar, Dr. Fuller explains the term “white privilege”—who has it and why. Anthropologists use the term “enculturation” to describe how we learn what family, community, and society look like. The norms we enculturate as children may incorporate implicit biases which become invisible to us as adults. Until recently, white men predominantly created institutions and set the agenda in United States government, business, and higher education. For much of the population, there may be comfort in this familiar norm. However, this frame of reference chafes and harms many others. The term “white privilege” is used to raise awareness that one person’s norm can be another person’s harm. No cost webinar to all Vernon College campus employees. Register here.	1 hour
				
Friday, February 07, 2020	Online	Online	Growing with Canvas. Growing with Canvas is a self-paced online workshop that includes five modules of content and activities that take users through everything they need to know about using Canvas at Vernon College. The course uses a combination of the Canvas Video Guides and Canvas Guides to teach the content. Participants in the workshop will try out a number of the concepts through practice activities. For more information, or to sign up for the Spring 2020 “Growing with Canvas” workshop, please send an email to ctate@vernoncollege.edu . Appropriate all faculty interested in learning more about Canvas.	5 hours
				



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Tuesday, February 11, 2020	12:30PM— 1:30PM	Vernon Campus, rm. 427	 <p>Using Canvas as a Supplement to Face-to-Face Courses. To bolster student success and streamline course grading documentation procedures, all faculty across the college are encouraged to adopt/implement use of the Canvas gradebook in 2020. In this session, participants will learn easy strategies to integrate Canvas into their courses and the benefits of using Canvas as a supplement to the courses they teach face-to-face. Facilitator: Crystal Tate, Director of Distance Education and Learning Technology. Appropriate for Vernon College faculty! Sign-up to attend!</p>	1 hour
February 10- 19, 2020	6:00PM – 8:00PM	Century City Campus, rm. 512	 <p>Excel Refresher. Monday-Wednesday, facilitated by Arwyna Randall-Gay. Contact Tina Duke in Continuing Ed for more information and/or to register. Course Fee: \$45. See your direct supervisor for course payment reimbursement availability. Click here for a full listing of Computer and Office Technology short courses available through the Continuing Education Department at the Century City Campus.</p>	8 Hours
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	2:30PM— 3:30PM	Century City Campus, rm. 600	 <p>Live Well Wichita County “Take Back Your Health” Workshop Series (Part 1): Heart Attack and Stroke Risk. Approximately 1 in 2 adults live with chronic disease of some sort. The mission of the Wichita County Public Health District is to aid individuals in ‘taking back their health’ through a series of interactive, educational workshops. In this introductory session, Samantha Mayfield and colleagues from the Wichita County Public Health District will discuss heart attack and stroke risk within adults in the Wichita County area. Additional sessions later in the term will cover nutrition, stress management, and sleep management for optimal health in order to prevent heart attack and stroke risk, thus allowing attendees to “take back their health!” Appropriate for all employees! Sign-up to attend!</p>	1 hour



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Thursday, February 20, 2020	1:00PM— 2:00PM	Online Webinar	 <p>NISOD Webinar Series: Dante Meets Einstein at Café Paradiso: Renewing the Vows Between Humanities and Science. Dante's narrative poem The Divine Comedy and Einstein's Theory of General Relativity were both inspired by the octagonal mosaic ceiling of the Baptistry of Saint John in Florence, Italy. Gazing upward, both Einstein and Dante realized the same beauty in two different but unified worlds: the arts and the sciences. Over time, this union has dissolved into the arts or the sciences. Grab your seat at Café Paradiso and watch Dante and Einstein meet for the first time in this webinar! Participate in a conversation that renews the vows between beauty, art, poetry, science, and mathematics, demonstrating how the humanities and social sciences are a critical component in inspiring curiosity and creativity within the sciences. No cost webinar to all Vernon College faculty. Register here.</p>	1 hour
February 24- March 04, 2020	6:00PM – 8:00PM	Century City Campus, rm. 509	 <p>Intermediate Excel. Monday-Wednesday, facilitated by Arwyna Randall-Gay. Contact Tina Duke in Continuing Ed for more information and/or to register. Course Fee: \$45. See your direct supervisor for course payment reimbursement availability. Click here for a full listing of Computer and Office Technology short courses available through the Continuing Education Department at the Century City Campus.</p>	8

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Friday, February 28, 2020	10:00AM— 11:00AM	Skills Training Center, rm. 427	Using Canvas as a Supplement to Face-to- Face Courses. To bolster student success and streamline course grading documentation procedures, all faculty across the college are encouraged to adopt/implement use of the Canvas gradebook in 2020. In this session, participants will learn easy strategies to integrate Canvas into their courses and the benefits of using Canvas as a supplement to the courses they teach face-to-face. Facilitator: Crystal Tate , Director of Distance Education and Learning Technology. Appropriate for Vernon College faculty! Sign-up to attend!	1 hour
				
Friday, February 28, 2020	11:00AM— 12:00PM	ITV VER423/CCC 717	Student Success Pathways: WHY (Part 1). Student Success Pathways presents WHY...gain Wisdom, think Holistic, incorporate Your WHY. This 3-part series examines academic coaching strategies to find motivation and fulfillment for you and your students at Vernon College. Session 1 is focuses on faculty, Session 2 focuses on students (includes a student panel), and Session 3 combines faculty, staff, and students. Facilitator: Criquett Scott , Student Success Pathway Director. Appropriate for Vernon College personnel dedicated to student success! Sign-up to attend!	1 hour
				



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Thursday, March 05, 2020	3:00PM— 4:00PM	Online Webinar	<p>NISOD Webinar Series: Writing the World. This webinar explores how a student-managed daily writing practice, within and beyond the classroom, transforms teaching and learning in composition and literature classes. Learn how daily writing can help students write across disciplines, polish critical and creative thinking, become empowered, and live with more intention. No cost webinar to all Vernon College faculty. Register here.</p>	1 hour
				
Friday, March 06, 2020	10:00AM— 11:00AM	ITV VER423/CCC 717	<p>Faculty Roundtable: Tools for Creating an Exemplary Canvas Course. Join in and contribute to the discussion regarding tools for creating an exemplary Canvas Course, including the comprehensive Canvas Course Evaluation Checklist (CCEC) and the VC Rubric for Online Instruction. The CCEC is a collaborative creation from members of the Education Services department at Instructure. By combining their expertise in Canvas, sharing knowledge of Universal Design for Learning principles, and applying pedagogical best practices, the CECC is a tool that will elevate the quality of your Canvas courses. The VC ROI is the tool used to assess fully online and blended courses at Vernon College. Facilitator: Crystal Tate, Director of Distance Education and Learning Technology. Appropriate for all Vernon College faculty! Sign-up to attend!</p>	1 hour
				
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	8:45AM- 11:00AM	Wichita Falls MPEC 1000 5th St, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301	<p>Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce Quarterly BOSS Program. In this interactive networking session, learn essential business tips for navigating the 21st Century business world! Various panelists from area business and industry scheduled to present! For attendance to this fun and impactful BOSS event, RSVP with Donnie Kirk.</p>	2 hours
				



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Tuesday, March 10, 2020	12:30PM— 1:30PM	Vernon Campus, rm. 427	<p>Using Media in Canvas. Want to liberate your course from the monotony of plain text? Immerse your students in your course material using video and audio and give them more personalized feedback with media comments. In this workshop, we will cover the different types of media you can use in your Canvas course, from content you create using TechSmith Capture, to content found online, such as YouTube videos, and to user-created content in Canvas's media comments.</p> <p>Facilitator: Crystal Tate, Director of Distance Education and Learning Technology. Appropriate for all Vernon College faculty! Sign-up to attend!</p>	1 hour
				
Wednesday, March 11, 2020	2:30PM— 3:30PM	Century City Campus, rm. 600	<p>Live Well Wichita County “Take Back Your Health” Workshop Series (Part 2): Nutrition for Optimal Health. Approximately 1 in 2 adults live with chronic disease of some sort. The mission of the Wichita County Public Health District is to aid individuals in ‘taking back their health’ through a series of interactive, educational workshops. In this session, Samantha Mayfield and colleagues from the Wichita County Public Health District will discuss aspects of nutrition for optimal health—thus allowing attendees to “take back their health!” Appropriate for all employees! Sign-up to attend!</p>	1 hour
				
March 2020	NA	Online	<p>SAFE COLLEGES TRAINING: Online. March —Week 4 Suggested Session: <i>Pandemic Flu</i> (located within the “Health” Category). Participate in this online training and discover the value of precaution over panic! See how this training content aligns with our current situation! Use your Vernon College e-mail to login, select “Extra Training” arrow, select the “Health” category, select “Pandemic Flu,” and complete the course! Print your certificate! <u>Appropriate for all employees!</u> Log-in here to get started!</p>	1 hour
				



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March 2020	NA	Online	<p>SAFE COLLEGES TRAINING: Online. March —Week 4 Suggested Session: <i>Cybersecurity Overview</i> (located within the “<i>Information Technology</i>” Category). Participate in this online training and gain a better understanding of cybercrime and cybersecurity—including the basics of cybersecurity along with the effects of cybercrime, the types of cyber threats, and how you may be susceptible. Use your Vernon College e-mail to login, select “Extra Training” arrow, select the “<i>Information Technology</i>” category, select “<i>Cybersecurity Overview</i>,” and complete the course! Print your certificate! <u>Appropriate for all employees!</u> Log-in here to get started!</p>	1 hour
				
March 2020	NA	Online	<p>SAFE COLLEGES TRAINING: Online. March —Week 4 Suggested Session: <i>Implicit Bias and Microaggression Awareness</i> (located within the “<i>Social and Behavioral</i>” Category). Participate in this online training and gain an understanding of what implicit bias and microaggressions are, the science behind these concepts and how to prevent imposing them on students and coworkers. Use your Vernon College e-mail to login, select “Extra Training” arrow, select the “<i>Social and Behavioral</i>” category, select “<i>Implicit Bias and Microaggression Awareness</i>,” and complete the course! Print your certificate! <u>Appropriate for all employees!</u> Log-in here to get started!</p>	1 hour
				



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Thursday, March 30, 2020	2:00PM— 3:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Personalizing the Reading Experience. Learn skills that you and your students can use to personalize digital reading experiences. How to adjust display features and text-to-speech will be included. All platforms will be addressed. If you have time before the webinar, we suggest that you explore the options in the Settings or Preferences for your device, and note questions you wish to have answered during the webinar. Appropriate for all Vernon College faculty! Register here!</p>	1 hour
Thursday, April 02	10:00AM— 11:00AM	Webinar	 <p>“10 Ways to Maintain Your Health (and Spirit) While Working from Home.” Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) has developed a new, interactive webinar entitled, <i>“10 Ways to Maintain Your Health (and Spirit) While Working from Home.”</i> This webinar will shed light on specific strategies that may help with the teleworking transition. If you are new to teleworking (or not), you are encouraged to participate in this webinar presentation. Register here.</p>	1 hour
Monday, April 06, 2020	2:00PM— 3:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Creating High-Quality and Accessible Video. Learn skills for creating high-quality videos that also engage learners and promote understanding. Strategies will include the Top Ten Tips for Creating Quality Videos. If you have time before the webinar, we suggest that you review Why Is Accessible Video Important? Appropriate for all Vernon College faculty! Register here!</p>	1 hour
Tuesday, April 07	12:00PM— 1:00PM	Webinar	 <p>“10 Ways to Maintain Your Health (and Spirit) While Working from Home.” Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) has developed a new, interactive webinar entitled, <i>“10 Ways to Maintain Your Health (and Spirit) While Working from Home.”</i> This webinar will shed light on specific strategies that may help with the teleworking transition. If you are new to teleworking (or not), you are encouraged to participate in this webinar presentation. Register here.</p>	1 hour

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Thursday, April 09, 2020	10:00AM— 11:00AM	Webinar	   <p>SACSCOC & COVID-19 Webinar (Webinar). The Texas Success Center is hosting a webinar on April 9 at 10:00 a.m. Central regarding the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on accreditation. Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, will share guidance from SACSCOC and answer questions from participants. The session is facilitated by Dr. Brenda Kays, President, Kilgore College. Appropriate for administrators at Vernon College. Register here! The webinar will be recorded and posted for later viewing on the event page of the Texas Success Center website.</p>	1 hour
Thursday, April 09, 2020	2:30PM— 3:30PM	Webinar	  <p>“Using Technology to Support Postsecondary Student Learning.” In collaboration with the Institute of Education Sciences, the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) will host a webinar featuring expert panelists who created the Using Technology to Support Postsecondary Student Learning Practice Guide. The webinar will focus on strategies for applying the evidence-based recommendations from the Practice Guide to support remote postsecondary teaching and learning during the current global health crisis. Participants will hear from three expert panelists during the session. Appropriate for all Vernon College faculty! Register here!</p>	1 hour



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Friday, April 10, 2020	10:00AM— 11:00AM; 1:00PM— 2:00PM	Webinar	 <p>“Intro to Mindfulness: What, Why and How.” To address the stress that the pandemic may be causing, the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) has developed a new, interactive webinar entitled, “<i>Intro to Mindfulness: What, Why and How.</i>” In this 60-minute, interactive, web-based workshop, you will explore the science and practical application of mindfulness. This evidence-based skillset is available to all of us and has been proven to improve productivity, reduce blood pressure, improve sleep, decrease anxiety and depression, improve immune function. This workshop provides an overview of why and how mindfulness can help you effectively manage stress. You will leave with strategies to help you apply this skill every day. The webinar will be conducted twice on Friday, April 10th, 10:00AM—11:00AM or 1:00—2:00PM. Click on the time that works best for you to register. Save the link, and access the webinar via the same registration link.</p>	1 hour
Monday, April 13, 2020	2:00PM— 3 :00PM	Webinar	 <p>Creating Accessible Documents and Slide Decks. Learn skills for creating documents and slide decks that are usable for all learners, including students who use assistive technology. Skills will include personalizing display options and activating text to speech. If you have time before the webinar, consider reviewing the video, Understanding Accessibility in Digital Learning Materials. Appropriate for all Vernon College faculty! Register here!</p>	1 hour

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Tuesday, April 14, 2020	2:00PM— 3:00PM	Webinar	<p>We're All in this Together: Communication and Collaboration In-the-Trenches. In this webinar, CITES leaders host a conversation with CITES advisors in-the-trenches to take a closer look at Communication and Collaboration—two of the essential elements for working together to support students and their families during the COVID-19 crisis. The discussion will include examples of how communication and collaboration are helping to ensure that students with disabilities and their families have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from learning opportunities using technology and other strategies. There will be time for questions at the end of the presentation. Appropriate for all Vernon College faculty! Register here!</p>	1 hour
				
Friday, April 17, 2020	1:00PM— 2:00PM	Webinar	<p>Designing High-Impact Practices for Equity and Impact in New Contexts High-impact practices are known to deepen learning and engagement and to promote student success, but how readily do they translate to new contexts? Can faculty design similarly impactful teaching and learning practices even as they adapt to the sudden and massive shift to virtual environments now underway? Join the conversation to share strategies for supporting student success and advancing equity in new contexts—during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. There will be time for Q&A during the webinar. Please send all webinar inquiries to webinars@aacu.org. The webinar will be recorded, and the recording will be available online. Register here.</p>	1 hour
				
April 2020	NA	Online	<p>SAFECOLLEGES TRAINING: Online. April —Week 3 Suggested “Browser Security Basics.” Session: (located within the “<i>Information Technology</i>” Category). Participate in this online training and gain an understanding of browser security and ways to browse the web safely. Use your Vernon College e-mail to login, select “Extra Training” arrow, select the “<i>Information Technology</i>” category, select “Browser Security Basics,” and complete the course! Print your certificate! Appropriate for all employees! Log-in here to get started!</p>	1 hour
				



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April 2020	NA	Online	<p>SAFECOLLEGES TRAINING: Online. April —Week 3 Suggested “<i>Texas Cybersecurity Awareness for Employees Program.</i>” Session: (located within the “<i>Information Technology</i>” Category). Vector Solutions is the provider of this course and has been reviewed and certified for 2 hours by the Texas Department of Information Resources (TX DIR) to meet the cybersecurity requirement. Use your Vernon College e-mail to login, select “Extra Training” arrow, select the “<i>Information Technology</i>” category, select “<i>Texas Cybersecurity Awareness for Employees Program</i>” and complete the course! Print your certificate! Appropriate for all employees! Log-in here to get started!</p>	2 hours
				
Monday, April 20, 2020	12:00PM— 1:00PM	Webinar	<p>North Texas Community College Consortium Lunch and Learn Series: "Students in Crisis—Tips for Educators." As our faculty, staff, and students transition to remote teaching and learning, and as all of us cope with the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is increasingly important to know how to serve our students in crisis. Give yourself a break to step away from the day's work, eat a meal, and spend some time connecting with others for personal and professional enrichment. Presenter: Dr. Ticity Medley is the Director of Advising and Counseling on the South Campus of Tarrant County College, where she was previously a full-time Psychology faculty member for 10 years. She holds licenses in Texas as a Marriage & Family Therapist and Professional Counselor. Her passions are life-long learning, social advocacy through building inclusion awareness, and creating mental health awareness. Register here.</p>	1 hour
				



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Tuesday, April 21, 2020	2:00PM— 3:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Making Math Notation Accessible. Learn about the latest technologies for making math accessible to diverse learners. Math is its own language, and the ability to perceive and process the information in math content can be a barrier for some students. If you have time before the webinar, we suggest that you explore Teaching with Accessible Math on the AEM Center website. Appropriate for all Mathematics faculty at Vernon College! Register here!</p>	1 hour
Thursday, April 23, 2020	10:00AM— 11:00AM; 12:00PM— 1:00PM	Webinar	 <p>“Intro to Mindfulness: What, Why and How.” To address the stress that the pandemic may be causing, the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) has developed a new, interactive webinar entitled, “<i>Intro to Mindfulness: What, Why and How.</i>” In this 60-minute, interactive, web-based workshop, you will explore the science and practical application of mindfulness. This evidence-based skillset is available to all of us and has been proven to improve productivity, reduce blood pressure, improve sleep, decrease anxiety and depression, improve immune function. This workshop provides an overview of why and how mindfulness can help you effectively manage stress. You will leave with strategies to help you apply this skill every day. The webinar will be conducted twice on Thursday, April 23rd, 10:00AM—11:00AM or 12:00—1:00PM. Click on the time that works best for you to register. Save the link, and access the webinar via the same registration link.</p>	1 hour
May 2020	NA	Online	  <p>COVID-19 Awareness: SafeColleges Edition. If you are feeling anxious during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially anxious about returning to work—do something proactive to ease your anxiety! Raise your awareness of the origin, spread, and safety precautions regarding this pandemic--and gain professional development credit at the same time! SafeColleges, our comprehensive, web-based training management system for staff and faculty has developed 6 training sessions designed to maximize awareness regarding COVID-19 issues. Simply use your Vernon College e-mail to login, scroll down and select the “Extra Training” arrow, select the “Health” category, then select and complete the course of your choice! Print your certificate! Appropriate for all employees!</p>	Various Times



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May 2020	NA	Online	 <p>Microsoft Teams for Education Webinar Series. Faculty are invited to participate in free webinars tailored specifically to educational contexts. The content covers best practices using Microsoft Teams as a digital hub that brings conversations, assignments, and apps together in one place. Hosted directly by the Microsoft Teams Product Group, select from the on-demand trainings and/or live webinar trainings provided within the link below. Be mindful that Microsoft Teams is a free application for students and faculty. Available Microsoft Teams Trainings</p>	1 hour Sessions
Wednesday, May 06, 2020	3:00PM— 4 :00PM		 <p>Addressing the Social and Emotional Needs of Students During and After COVID-19. As we all adjust to our new normal one thing has become clear, our highest priority needs to focus on the social and emotional needs of students. Students are experiencing a wide range of emotions and will continue to as they head back to school. During this session, Venola Mason, Senior Fellow, ICLE & Dr. Tawana Grover, Superintendent, Grand Island Public Schools, NE, will share powerful strategies to help students explore and express emotion and build relationships during this challenging time. Please register here to participate!</p>	
Thursday, May 07, 2020	3:00PM— 4:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Differentiating and Personalizing Learning for ALL Kids. Presented by the International Center for Leadership in Education, the need to differentiate and personalize instruction is more important than ever. In this session, Dr. Robert Zywicki, Superintendent, Mt. Olive School District, NJ, will share best practices, tips, and ideas for virtual instruction, differentiation, and student engagement. Please register here to participate!</p>	1 hour
Thursday, May 07, 2020	10:00AM— 11:00AM; 12:00PM-1:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Smashing Stigma and Supporting Mental Health Before, During, and After Crisis. This discussion will focus on some of the myths surrounding mental health, and will provide tangible steps one can take to promote mental wellness individually, within families, and within their own organizations. This ERS webinar will be conducted twice on Thursday, May 07 at 10:00AM—11:00AM and 12:00—1:00PM. Click on the time that works best for you to register. Save the link, and access the webinar via the same registration link.</p>	1 hour



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Tuesday, May 12, 2020	3:00PM— 4:00PM	Webinar	 Evolving and Thriving in Remote Learning. Educators across the country should be commended for making the quick shift to remote teaching and learning. With little to no training or preparation, they have stepped up to keep learning going. During this session, Eric Sheninger, Associate Partner, ICLE Reid Newey, Superintendent, Davis School District, UT will share key strategies and practical ideas for not only surviving but thriving in remote teaching through a personalized learning approach. Please register here to participate!	1 hour
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	10:00AM– 11:00AM; 12:00PM-1:00PM	Webinar	 Financial fitness for your future! Financial education is key to understanding and knowing the importance of good credit, how to manage debt, and how to build wealth. It can provide tools and skills that will help you make informed financial decisions that impact your financial, physical, and mental health. This ERS webinar will be conducted twice on Wednesday, May 13 at 10:00AM—11:00AM and 12:00—1:00PM . Click on the time that works best for you to register. Save the link, and access the webinar via the same registration link.	1 hour
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	3:00PM— 4:00PM	Webinar	 Remote Teaching– How are Your Teachers really doing? When schools closed due to COVID-19, a very different reality set in for educators. Teachers had to quickly jump onboard with remote teaching and learning which put a new kind of stress on them. During this session, Dr. Jason Andrews, Superintendent Windsor Central School District, NY will share strategies and tips for supporting your teachers mentally, emotionally, and physically. Please register here to participate!	1 hour



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Thursday, May 14, 2020	10:00AM– 11:00AM; 12:00PM-1:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Managing Relationships During Challenging Times. Relationships of all kinds can be hard. Whether it's with your spouse, parent, child, friend or colleague, maintaining healthy relationships can be challenging. Two of the most important things to remember in managing relationships are setting healthy boundaries and maintaining healthy communication. Due to our restricted movement during the COVID-19 pandemic, some of us are spending more time than usual with our roommates/family and are struggling to maintain healthy boundaries. Others are struggling to stay connected with outside friends, family and work colleagues. This webinar is designed to address these challenges and to offer tips and suggestions on how to overcome these challenges to managing relationships. This ERS webinar will be conducted twice on Thursday, May 14 at 10:00AM—11:00AM and 12:00—1:00PM. Click on the time that works best for you to register. Save the link, and access the webinar via the same registration link.</p>	1 hour
Thursday, May 14, 2020	3:00PM— 4:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Supporting Students with Disabilities in Remote Learning and Services. Educators are facing difficult and enormously impactful decisions, especially how to continue to deliver services for students with disabilities. During this session, Dr. Adam Drummond, Director of Professional Learning, ICLE Dr. Tom Mahoney, Superintendent, Oregon CUSD220, IL will share strategies and guidance for creating effective and high-quality learning environments for all during COVID-19. Please register here to participate!</p>	1 hour



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Tuesday, May 19, 2020	3:00PM— 4:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Community School Partnerships During and After COVID-19. School closures during COVID-19 have far-reaching economic and societal consequences. Creating and sustaining community partnerships during this time is key to lessening the impact on students and families. During this webinar, Dr. Michael Conner, Superintendent, Middletown Schools, CT will share the partnerships that his district has created to support the students, families and community. Please register here to participate!</p>	1 hour
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	4:00PM— 5:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Aligning Systems and Structures to Support the Shifts in Teacher, Content, and Student Focus. Perhaps some of the innovations we're developing today may lead us to new and powerful solutions in the future that can help overcome the persistent challenges in education. During this session, Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent Mineola Public School District, NY will share how his district is approaching the new normal of teaching and learning. Please register here to participate!</p>	1 hour
Thursday, May 21, 2020	10:00AM— 11:00AM; 12:00PM-1:00PM	Webinar	 <p>Quick Exercise Breaks. We all know that exercise and physical activity is beneficial. Yet finding effective means that are easy to implement into one's day can seem challenging . . . until this webinar. During the interactive session, participants will gain insight into a variety of types of effective workouts and be provided links to exercise sessions that can be utilized following the session. Participants will leave with knowledge of how to put their own workouts together based on the discussed components and the examples provided. This ERS webinar will be conducted twice on Thursday, May 21 at 10:00AM—11:00AM and 12:00—1:00PM. Click on the time that works best for you to register. Save the link, and access the webinar via the same registration link.</p>	



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Wednesday, May 27, 2020	3:00PM— 4:00PM	Webinar	<p>Taking a Trauma-Informed Approach to Teaching during COVID-19. There is no doubt that moving to remote learning during COVID-19 will have a significant impact on our most vulnerable students. During this session, Anthony Colannino, Senior Fellow, ICLE, Dr. Kyle Health, Superintendent and Dr. Andrea Hensley, Assistant Superintendent, Cleburne ISD, TX will share key points educators need to understand about stress, trauma and their effects. They will also share specific approaches to support student during this crisis. Please register here to participate!</p>	1 hour

