



Catalyst

teaching conference

jan. 25, 26, 27

Catalyst is Mesa College's teaching conference held every spring Flex week hosted by Mesa's Faculty Professional Learning Committee (FPLC). The goal of Catalyst is to provide just-in-time support to Mesa faculty preparing spring courses. This year, Catalyst will be held fully online, incorporating both synchronous and asynchronous professional learning opportunities over a three-day period.

MONDAY

Jan. 25

10:00AM - 10:30AM

Welcome

Faculty Professional Learning Committee

10:30AM - 12:00PM

Keynote: Humanizing Online Learning

Michelle Pacansky-Brock

12:10PM - 1:00PM

Successful Synchronous Sessions

Jason Kalchik & Jordyn Smiley

We're Not Bots: Welcoming Our Students in Canvas

Christina Crosby & Katie Palacios

TUESDAY

Jan. 26

10:10AM - 11:00AM

From Vinegar to Honey: Student-Focused Syllabus Language and Policy Choices

Mariam Kushkaki

Doing the Desmos(t): Engaging Students in the Learning Process with Desmos

Kelly Spoon and Rachel Russell

11:10AM - 12:00PM

Digital Whiteboards: Google Jamboards and Slides for Collaborative Student Experiences

Mariam Kushkaki & Kelly Spoon

Online Discussion Boards *Can* Cultivate Student Agency and Inspire Authentic Engagement (We Promise!)

Cara Smulevitz & Christen McGaughey-Gilreath

12:10PM - 1:00PM

Using Zoom to Its Full Potential

Stevi Colby & Tasha Frankie

Hello? Is it me you're looking for?: Connecting with Students Asynchronously

Donna Cecil & Rachel Russell

WEDNESDAY

Jan. 27

11:30AM - 12:00PM

No Camera? No Problem!

Kim Lacher & Gretchen Gilman

Grading for Learning: Standards-Based Grading

Tasha Frankie & Allan Schougaard

12:10PM - 1:00PM

Going Beyond the Grade: Effective and Viable Feedback Strategies

Blythe Barton & Rachel Russell

Assessments that Don't Feel Like Punishment

Cara Smulevitz & Jennifer Snyder

REGISTRATION OPEN!

bit.ly/regcatalyst21

Registrants will be given access to a Catalyst Canvas shell on Friday, Jan. 22nd, with the Zoom links for the sessions and further details.

For questions, please reach out to **Katie Palacios** (kpalacio@sdccd.edu), a member of the FPLC subcommittee for Catalyst planning.