EXPANDING THE NEST
Cultivating Student Success & Recognition Program

Expanding the NEST* is a menu of 25 easy to use, evidence-based practices for educators to cultivate student success. These practices are connected to areas within the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

CETL acknowledges this is not an all-inclusive list. The suggested practices are intended as a menu, and we do not expect faculty to implement all 25 practices. On the other hand, many of us already use some of these practices. This document may serve to validate beneficial practices around cultivating student success that you are already using, while also offering new suggestions.

Connected with this menu of practices, educators can document the practices they engage in to be recognized at our inaugural **Celebration of Teaching Day**. Please see the table below to see which level you aspire to attain this semester, check out this **resource**, and identify the practices you plan to implement to meet your goal level.

Eligibility	Faculty/Educators*	Non-Teaching Staff
Champion	25 NEST practices	8 NEST practices
Innovator	15 NEST practices	5 NEST practices
Advocate	6 NEST practices	3 NEST practices

*At least one practice must reflect an institutional initiative

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WELCOME, NEW FACULTY!

On August 5th and 6th, CETL welcomed over 250 new faculty to Kennesaw State University at New Faculty Orientation(NFO). This was a university-wide effort including the Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Faculty Affairs, Event and Venue Management, and over 20 campus partners who presented content and provided resources for the success of our new faculty.

This year, our V.I.T.A.L. (particularly our part-time and limited-term) faculty also had the option to attend NFO online. WIth this option, we saw a 25% increase in our participation from last year.

At CETL, we believe faculty success is student success. Faculty onboarding does not happen in two days or even a week. To help set our faculty up for success, we are offering a yearlong series to provide timely training for faculty. All faculty are invited to attend the following hybrid sessions with registration opening soon.

Building and Facilitating a Sustainable Module for Your Course
Tuesday, Aug. 27 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wellbeing@KSU
Monday, Oct. 21 | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Getting to Know Our KSU Students
Thursday, Sept. 12 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Celebrate Teaching Day & James Lang
Wednesday, Nov. 20 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
University Rooms, Kennesaw Campus

Accessing & Navigating uHoo Analytics
Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Data Interpretation & Use of uHoo for Your Annual Review
Friday, Dec. 6 | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

31st Annual
SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING
SUMMIT
September 19-20, 2024

FREE FOR KSU FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

We invite you to attend the 2024 SoTL Summit virtual conference! Join us for more than 150 peer-reviewed and invited sessions showcasing SoTL research and scholarly teaching innovations.

This year, registration is **free** for all KSU faculty, staff, and students. You must register with your KSU email address for the free registration.

As mentioned in Taking Flight (Kennesaw State University's Strategic Plan), we aim to "become a leader in the scholarship of teaching and learning" (Goal #1 within *Foster Pedagogical Innovation and Inquiry*). Attending the SoTL Summit can inspire you to engage in a SoTL study of your own.

Bonus: as a registrant, you will have the opportunity to return to the program after the conference to view sessions you missed.

FACULTY POSTER PRINTING SERVICE

CETL is excited to announce a new service for KSU faculty. If you are a KSU Faculty member presenting a poster at an academic conference, you can request one (1) 36" x 48" poster to be printed free of charge from CETL.

Please provide a minimum of five (5) business days for printing.

For more information on our procedures and the request form, please visit this **webpage**.

Spotlight on Expanding the NEST

Every month, we will be spotlighting one of the practices for cultivating student success. This is meant to provide tips for implementing the practice.

This month, we are spotlighting:
#8: Use KSU's **uHoo Analytics** to monitor students' progress so you can take evidence-based actions to support them

uHoo is KSU's new learning analytics tool that helps you visualize and uncover existing patterns in your D2L data. It's a great tool for promoting student success, allowing you to review frequently missed quiz items, see patterns of student attendance, quickly identify students who need extra help, and more. It can also be a great source of data for your SoTL project. To opt in, please visit **the uHoo Analytics website**. To learn more, see **this presentation** about how uHoo can help you document student success.

There are also a number of professional development opportunities to enhance your knowledge of uHoo Analytics including micro-credentials you can earn. Please visit this **website** to learn more about the micro-credentials.

CETL is partnering with Digital Learning Innovations to provide additional training opportunities throughout the semester. Registration will be open soon. You can subscribe to our CETL listserv by emailing

CETL-SUBSCRIBE-REQUEST@list.kennesaw.edu from your KSU email account

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Upcoming Events

Come join CETL for opportunities to grow and connect with others here at Kennesaw State University. All of our events can be found on this underline. Below is a list of upcoming events and deadlines. Please remember our registration process is now handled through OwlTrain. If you have any questions, please email us at cetl@kennesaw.edu

Building Rapport: Faculty-Student Interactions that Improve Connection
Monday, Aug. 19
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Webinar

Creating Your Individual Development Plan as a Graduate Student
Wednesday, Aug. 21
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Academic Learning Center

Design Your SoTL Project with Hopscotch
Tuesday, Aug. 20
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
CETL House

Tenured Faculty Enhancement Leave Application Workshop
Thursday, Aug. 29
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Webinar

Save the Date - Celebration of Teaching Day & James Lang

Nov. 20
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

An event designed to elevate and amplify teaching practices and recognize faculty as they cultivate student success at KSU

Ongoing Events | Mutual Mentoring Groups (MMG) + More

Early Career Onboarding Series: Building and Facilitating a Sustainable Module for Your Course
with DLI
Tuesday, Aug. 27
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Hybrid

BIPOC MMG - Kick-Off
Tuesday, Aug. 20
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Hybrid

Early Career Lecturers MMG - Kick-Off
Thursday, Aug. 22
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Hybrid

Write Here, Write Now
Wednesday, Aug. 21
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid

Chairs and Directors MMG
Friday, Aug. 23
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid

Write Here, Write Now
Friday, Aug. 30
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Hybrid

Pre-Tenure MMG
Monday, Aug. 26
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Online

Upcoming Deadlines

SoTL Conference Presentation Funds
Deadline: Aug. 19 @ 11:59pm

Tenured Faculty Enhancement Leave
Deadline: Oct. 1 @ 11:59pm

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