

NEWS LETTER

“Information You Can Use”

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A message from Dr. Rader!



Greetings from Missouri State Online!

I hope you will enjoy the new look of the spring 2015 newsletter. We are always working on improving the way in which we bring to you news you can use about online education at MSU. In this issue are informative articles. I would like to specifically mention our Master Online Course Recognition Award (MOCRA) recipients for 2014. Please help us honor them by attending in May the Faculty Recognition Award Ceremony.

This fall, during Distance Education Week, the recipients will share their award-winning courses with colleagues on campus and beyond by participating in the Innovation Showcase. The Showcase is a collaborative virtual conference involving MS Online, OTC Online and Evangel University. This tri-campus forum will allow our MOCRA winners to display their courses and discuss with others synchronously and face-to-face about best practices in teaching and learning online.

I will be visiting my counter-part at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks later this spring to invite their direct participation in this collaborative effort. MS Online will provide more information and details about this conference in the near future.

Best Regards,

Dr. Gary Rader

Meet the MOCRA Winners!

Each year faculty and students nominate online instructors who have shown distinction in teaching excellence. The submissions are reviewed by a selection panel comprised of instructional designers, faculty and students. Courses nominated for the award are evaluated on the basis of best practices in online teaching and learning.

Join us in congratulating our 2014 winners at this year's All Faculty Recognition Reception to be held Tuesday, May 5, 2015.



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New Online Orientation

Beginning Summer 2015, all students taking at least one online course will be automatically enrolled in a new Blackboard-based Online Orientation Course for online students. This orientation covers basic practices for success in online learning, functions of our Blackboard course management system, and Missouri State resources for distance students. While we designed the orientation for new online students, experienced online learners may find helpful information as well. We will continue to update this orientation and will use the orientation as a means to increase student success and retention in online courses.



If you are interested in developing a new online course, please consult the procedures on the Missouri State Online website at [Stipend Form](#). To qualify for the Provost-funded development stipend, all conditions stated on the website and application form must be met.

For further questions on developing an online course please contact Dr. Rader.

New Evaluation Interface

The spring 2015 online courses will continue to be surveyed by EvaluationKit. However, there will be a “New Look” when faculty visit the website to download their evaluations. The new dashboard provides new functions allowing you to see a general response rate tracker and daily results of your course survey response rate. This will provide you with information in real time about your response rate and give you the opportunity to urge and nudge your students to fill out their survey! Remember all responses to EvaluationKit will remain completely anonymous.

Your final results will, as always, be available after the all grades have been submitted. MS Online will send you the usual email communication with instructions how to download your current survey results. Past results will be available to you for 1 year once they are posted.



Proctoring Center

Faculty who have PROCTORED EXAMS need to be aware of the procedures for students at a distance. Follow the link below for proctored exam procedures for faculty.

[Proctoring Center Procedures](#)

Nasser Darabi, the coordinator for test proctoring, can be reached at NasserDarabi@MissouriState.Edu with any questions.

New Online Degrees and Certificates Available

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BAS in Hospitality and Restaurant Management• Graduate Certificate in Management• Graduate Certificate in Leadership | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate Certificate in International Business• Graduate Certificate in Computer Info Systems• Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity |
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