Connecting Students

It has been a challenging year for our student, and many are eager to connect with campus and each other. Consider ways you can help your students connect with campus resources, and with their fellow students:

1. Teambuilding activities help students understand the importance of working together.
2. Peer mentorship programs and peer to peer tutoring programs.
3. Virtual coffeehour gatherings.
4. Virtual discussion groups.
5. Virtual study sessions.

Malcolm and Marjorie are students who have expertise in course design, assessment, pedagogy, and assist in your course design and delivery. ACT members are available to consult on course design, Blackboard, Webex, Microsoft apps, technology tools, and online course development.

ACT Consults

Please remember that all ACT members are available to consult on your course development, Blackboard, Webex, Microsoft apps, technology tools, and online course design.

ACT Technology Guides

Note that Respondus does not support for students, but for faculty on using the YSU app to manage tests, or questions, in Blackboard.

More info is available on the Student Support and Connecting Students ACT page!

Academic Integrity

With the end of exams coming up in the next few weeks, some of you may be considering how to maintain academic integrity in your assignments, particularly in hybrid or online environments. Consider these three basic approaches to supporting academic integrity:

1. Virtue integration: encourage students to strive for excellence and integrity. Guide them to values.
2. Focus on higher order skills, assignments, and exams.
3. Reflect on professionalism, ethics, and careers.

Prevent cheating opportunities for students with these practices:

1. Encourage students to use the YSU app to manage tests, or questions, in Blackboard.
2. Require drafts and use turnitin.com to prevent academic dishonesty.

Make students aware of technology tools that can help prevent academic dishonesty:

1. Blackboard Safe Assign: limit opportunities for student cheating. Good practices include:
2. Material test security by using the YSU app (see below). Good practices include:
3. Let students know they can connect virtually, work on group projects, or socialize.

Let students know that they can use all of the YSU collaborative tools for free. Here are links for student tools.

1. Reflect on cheating.

YSU’s Proctoring Tool-Respondus

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