Spring 2014 All-College Professional Day
“Our Inner Resources- Closing the Achievement Gap: Promoting Success through Inclusive Practices”

Call for Proposals

The spring 2014 All-College Professional Day will feature a conference format with two 50 minute concurrent sessions. All Middlesex faculty and staff are invited to submit proposals relating to the theme of “Closing the Achievement Gap: Promoting Success through Inclusive Practices." (Please note: whenever possible, proposals should include assessment data and/or other forms of evidence that speak to the success and scope of the initiative. Priority will be given to presentations that meet this expectation.)

We are also open to recommendations for speakers from schools and organizations beyond Middlesex Community College.

Here are categories into which proposals may fit.

1. **Community Building** — Practices that help build and/or foster a sense of belonging to the college community. These may include efforts that provide opportunities for meaningful cross-cultural engagement as well as promote a sense of shared responsibility for student success, diversity assessment strategies, civic engagement, retention strategies, mentoring, etc.

2. **Inclusive Pedagogies** — Knowledge of high impact practices used by faculty and staff to create inclusive classrooms and co-curricular learning experiences that promote student success. These include practices that provide opportunities for students to learn about their cultural communities via the curriculum or co-curricular opportunities, universal design, community service, etc.

3. **Power of Stories** — Practices that leverage the expression of personal stories as a strategy to promote a climate of success and inclusion for participants and promote cross-cultural learning. This may also include work in writing, literature, studio art, theatre and music.

4. **Intercultural Conversations** — Strategies that focus on how to have constructive conversations about difficult or polarizing topics in the classroom, in the office or on the telephone. This may include proactive conversational approaches versus reactive ones.

5. **Employee Engagement** — Focuses on inclusive practices that promote employee engagement in the workplace. Possible topics include intrinsic rewards of work, appreciation, onboarding programs, exploring how each individual role connects to our mission, the Vision Project and understanding performance funding, etc.
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Note: Please type into this form; save it under the lead presenter’s name (for example: smithj.prof.day), and email to Peter Shea at sheap@middlesex.mass.edu. When sending the email, please list in the subject line “PD Call for Proposals Application.”

Please submit by Friday, February 28th, 2014.

Please describe content of presentation and then list 1-2 learning outcomes for participants:

Description: Click here to enter text.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Click here to enter text.
2. Click here to enter text.

Lead Presenter: Click here to enter text.

Title: Click here to enter text.

Category of Presentation (from 1 to 5 on page above): Click here to enter text.

Names and Titles of Other Presenters: Click here to enter text.

Please indicate if you need a specific room or location: Click here to enter text.

Number of Participants: Generally, we allow up to 30 participants per session, unless the presentation is in a lab or room that accommodates less. If you must limit participation, please indicate the maximum number of participants: Click here to enter text.