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The official newsletter of Humber's Teaching + Learning Team

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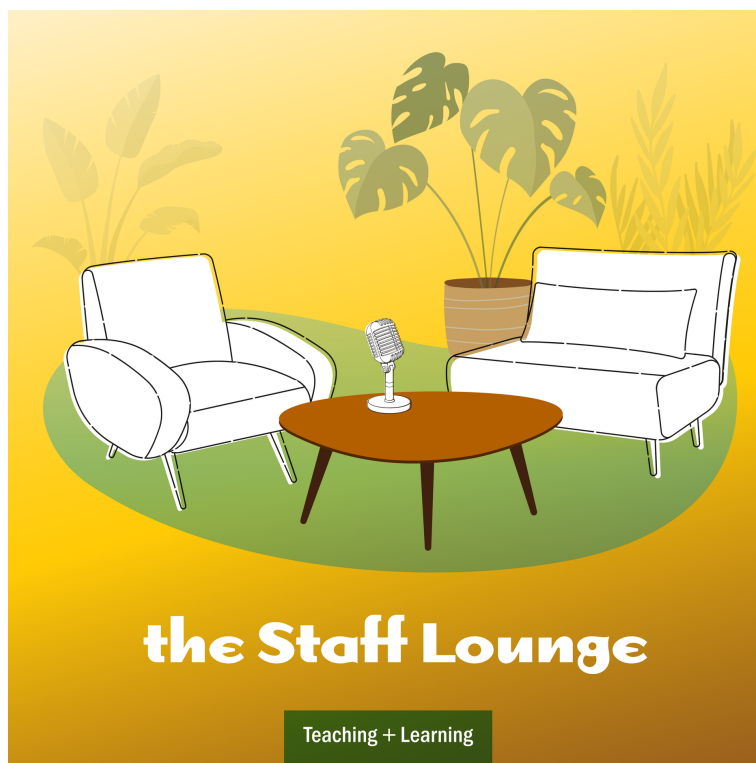
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Your Teaching + Learning Team is proud to present The Staff Lounge Podcast - A place to reflect and connect with staff from Humber College. We bring you interviews, panel discussions and tips from local and global educators, providing a platform to explore best teaching practices. [Click here to hear a sneak peak of the podcast and to learn more!](#) Episodes will be uploaded every other week to this website. **Mark your calendar...** The first episode will be released Thursday, January 21st!

## Upcoming 3-part Online Mini-Series

[For more information or to register click here.](#)

### **Taking Care of You! Promoting Faculty Wellness in stressful times**

**Jan 28, Feb 4, 18 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

The Covid 19 pandemic has significantly altered the college experience. Rapid changes in work life, training, new modes of delivery, and concern for students, add to faculty's stress. A recent study of almost 600 faculty and students found that the pandemic's impacts are far-reaching, with more faculty expressing feeling extreme stress (Flaherty, 2020). This 3-part mini-series will explore how faculty are coping, and help develop strategies for wellness and community-building.

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### **Create Beautiful and Engaging Content with Adobe Spark**

**Feb 3, 10, 17 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Join us in this 3-part mini-series in which we explore Adobe Spark's three fabulous tools: Post (for Graphic design), Page (for websites) and Video. Adobe Spark is flexible and easy to use and available to all Humber Faculty and Staff!

## Blackboard Support!

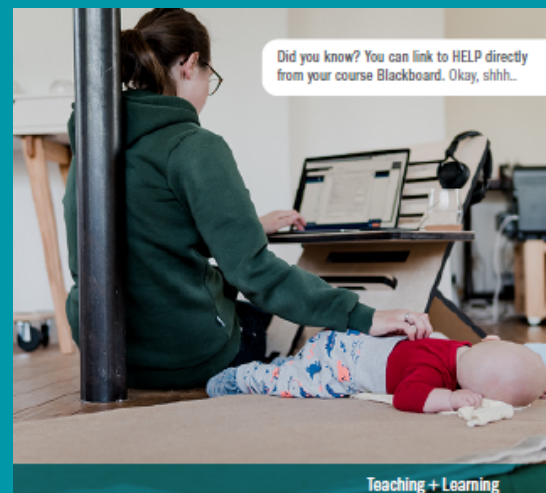
Live Blackboard Training Sessions are being offered this January. [Please visit our website for more information and to register.](#)

### Blackboard Assignments

January 21 10am - 11:30am

### Blackboard Groups

January 28 3pm - 4:30 pm



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## Improving learner engagement in online sessions

Trying to find ways to improve learner engagement in synchronous sessions? Plenty of resources are available to help you maximize meaningful interaction in a digital learning space, but Boland and Major (2021) keep it simple focusing on the human element of online learning. [Click here to read more](#) or to see the full article.

## Culturally Inclusive Educator Certificate (CIEC)

There is still room to sign-up for the **Culturally Inclusive Educator Certificate (CIEC)** - designed for those interested in the field of teaching or private sector training. The courses within this certificate program provide participants with an opportunity to enhance their intercultural knowledge, communication skills, curriculum development and differentiated teaching skills essential for supporting international students in higher education. [For more information click here.](#)



## Innovation of the Year Award 2021

Celebrate and recognize the great work that your colleagues are doing! Nominate them for the Innovation of the Year Award 2021. The innovation may demonstrate that a considerable collaboration effort has occurred between faculty/or college teams resulting in positive impact on students' learning. Deadline to apply: March 1, 2021. [For more information click here.](#)

## Teaching Innovation Fund (TIF)

The fund includes \$1,400 per investigator and support in developing and conducting a research project about teaching and learning. There are typically two types of projects: "Build" projects, in which you develop and build a new, evidence-based teaching tool or approach, and "Impact" projects, in which you measure the impact of an innovative teaching tool or approach with your students. Deadline to apply: January 29, 2021. [Click here to apply.](#) More information on the next page!



## A note of thanks

To all of our wonderful Humber Faculty,

As you may know, I will be leaving Humber at the end of this month to join the Teaching and Learning Exchange at George Brown College. Though I am excited for this next chapter, it is also bittersweet for me, as I prepare to say goodbye to our world-class Humber Teaching + Learning team, and to the many wonderful and innovative faculty members that I have had the privilege to work with, serve, and be inspired by. Whether we crossed paths through the Teaching Innovation Fund, Showcase, Geneva Park, or the hallways of Humber, please know how much your spirit, innovation, and passion for teaching have buoyed me. The best part of my job at Humber has been engaging in conversations with faculty, listening to you excite one another with your ideas and support one other with your challenges. Your dedication to your students is unparalleled, and has been particularly evident during this past year.

The good news is that the college scene in Toronto is pretty small, and so I hope that our paths will cross again in the future. In the meantime, thank you for your engagement with our team, your excitement for our initiatives, and your support and encouragement of me in my work here over the past six years. I will miss each of you, and I look forward to watching all of the amazing things you will continue to do with and for your students in the future. Keep in touch!

Heidi Marsh

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