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Pathways and Program Articulation

By School of Business Dean, Dr. Dennis Bromley



Dr. Dennis Bromley,
School of Business Dean

I am pleased and excited to announce the Program Articulation Agreement between the SLCC School of Business and the Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business at Westminster College. The agreement is based upon the completion of the Business AS or AA degree program. While

the agreement prescribes the courses to be taken, the purpose in doing so is to assure students are prepared for upper division studies. This is different from other articulation agreements where the focus is on course equivalencies. A major advantage of program-level articulation is that it enables the development of pathways that lead to upper-division tracks. For example, in the area of

upper division studies. In addition, we identified 6 elective credits for each of 5 different upper division tracks. The culmination of this effort is the agreed-upon stipulation that students who complete the prescribed curriculum, earning the AS, Business or AA, Business degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 will be automatically admitted as a matriculated student with upper division status. This stipulation is a major breakthrough to assure seamless, efficient transfer for business students. A second, and equally exciting, provision of the agreement is that students who transfer under the terms of the agreement will automatically qualify for a scholarship ranging from \$12,000 to \$15,000 per year, renewable for up to 4 years. Cost is one of the obstacles, historically, for students going to Westminster. We discussed “cost to attend” in our initial meeting with Westminster College officials. We presented information about SLCC



Business AA/AS



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**Bachelor
Degree**

Business, a student may opt to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing, etc. Ideally, the associate degree will include a common set of courses appropriate to any of the upper division tracks. Additionally, the program will, through the use of electives, provide foundational knowledge and skills aligned to the student’s bachelor’s degree goal. Through a collaborative effort with Westminster College faculty and administration, we accomplished exactly that. We identified the appropriate general education courses, and business core courses that would best prepare students for success in their

Promise and they (Westminster College officials) challenged themselves to meet it, or come as close as possible. The scholarship package contained in the agreement met the challenge. Here is how. A 2017 graduate with a GPA above 3.5 qualified for a \$15,000 scholarship. This, coupled with her Pell Grant eligibility, resulted in 0-cost tuition and fees. The terms of the agreement provided her with continued access to higher education, where she can achieve her dream to earn a bachelor’s degree. It doesn’t get any better than that. Seeing this type of success is what inspires me to come to work.

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Westminster College is a great option for our graduates. Their focus, like ours, is on teaching and learning. Their class size, like ours, is relatively small. I believe Melissa Koerner, Dean of Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business said it best: “We want to make it easy for SLCC business graduates to transfer to Westminster, and we know they will thrive here. We care about our students’ individual needs. We prepare our students to lead meaningful lives. The interactive teaching approaches used at Westminster and SLCC are similar, so we’re confident that SLCC business graduates will fit right in when they transfer to Westminster.”

Going forward, the agreement is new. We will promote it in every way possible. The pathway will be loaded into DegreeWorks. Academic Advisors

will be informed about it. We will have it on the monitors in the Business Building and across all of the campuses. But, most importantly, I need you to spread the word. Faculty should tell students in their classes. It can become a conversation point whenever the question of “What is happening?” comes up. We can tell our friends, relatives, and neighbors. Certainly we will work with Concurrent Enrollment faculty in high schools to inform high school students about the pathway from Concurrent Enrollment to the Associates, Business

to a Bachelor’s degree at Westminster College. As we embark on this effort we can begin to move the needle in terms of AA/AS Business completion and conversion to the bachelor’s degree. To quote President Huftalin, “You guys, this is HUGE!”



Contact Brynn Thomas for more information at bthomas@westminstercollege.edu

Adjunct Training Event

By Business Management Assistant Professor, Dr. Cindy Briggs

The School of Business believes in professional development for all employees. One way this was evident was with the first annual Adjunct Faculty Training event that was held on Friday, June 9, 2017. In the past, adjuncts were trained at different times by their respective departments. This event allowed us to pull all of these trainings together to have one large event. Over 40 School of Business adjuncts gathered together to network, and also receive training from full time faculty on their specific classes.

Additionally, training was presented on Canvas and the use of e-portfolios in classes. There was great information, food, and some amazing door prizes for the attendees. The event was put together by a committee of full-time faculty members. If you are interested in learning more about this event, or the plans for next year, contact Dr. Cindy Briggs. Cindy.Briggs@SLCC.edu



Outstanding Student Reception

Every year the School of Business selects one graduating student from each degree as an Outstanding Student. The selected students were chosen by their departments based on their school or community involvement, class performance, or GPA.

The students were recognized in a reception where they receive their awards while enjoying lunch with family and faculty.

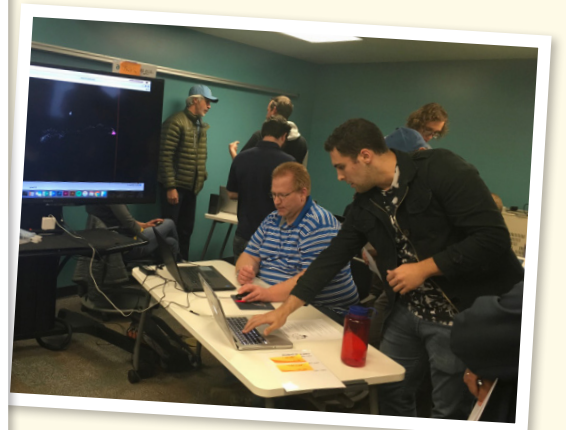
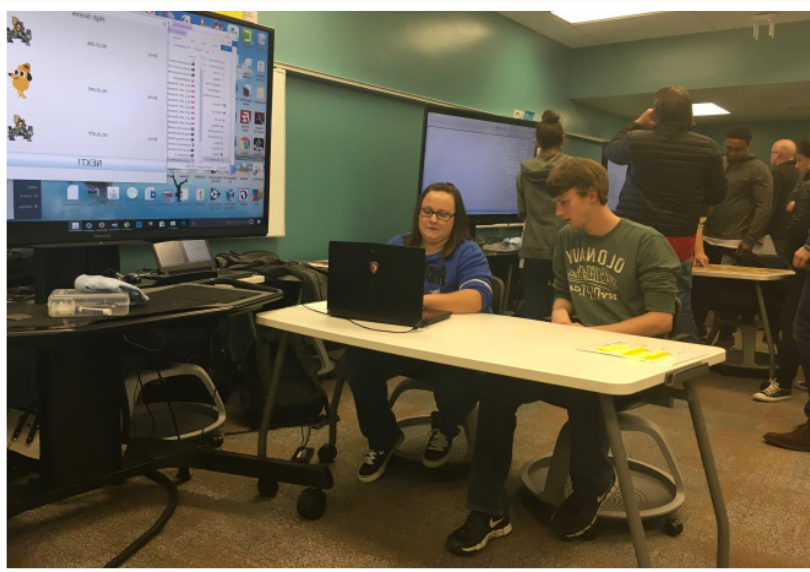
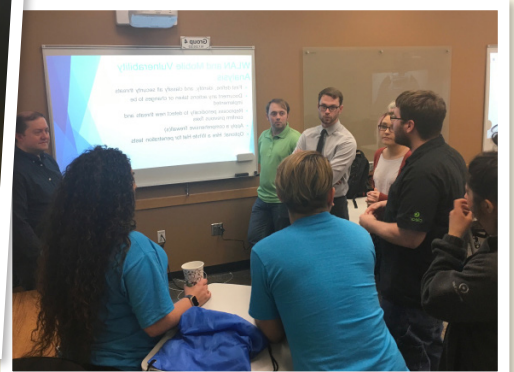


Spring Semester Finals JAM

The School of Business sponsored the Spring Semester “Finals JAM” on April 28th. The event was held from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The purpose of the event was to help students prepare for finals or work on group projects. Final projects were presented, several group and individual study/tutor sessions were held throughout the Business Building. The Computer Sciences & Information Systems department showcased many of their students’ programming projects in their Jamboree.

The Committee over Finals JAM, Dean, Associate Deans, Staff/Faculty, and volunteers interacted with students and ran the different activities. An estimated 150 students, 52 Staff/Faculty participated throughout the evening. Thank you to all those who contributed.





CSIS Game Jam

By CSIS Assistant Professor Margret Posch

On the weekend of May 6-7th we hosted our first CSIS Game Jam. It was a friendly programming competition where students from different courses and colleges came together to build computer games.

The event opened with a magic trick, that revealed the theme: keys.

Different teams came up with their own unique ways to build a game around the given theme. Some required the players to find and collect keys in various locations, others used a key to indicate that a riddle was unlocked; one team decided to build a musical game that involved piano keys.

Students had two days and one night to turn their ideas into running programs. Everyone brought in their own strengths, many were willing to try something new, and team

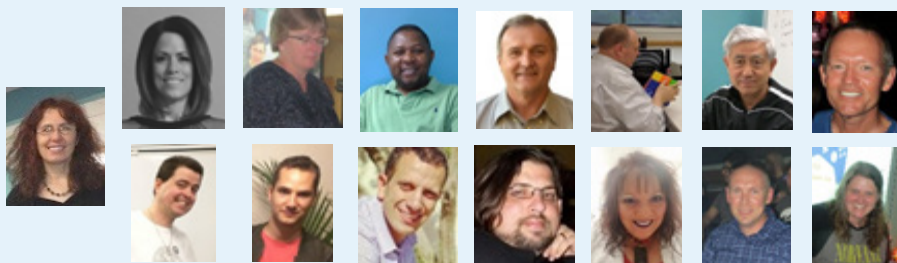
members supported each other. We also had two mentors, who offered to help overcome the occasional roadblock.

For a change of pace students had the opportunity to relax on beanbags, play a round of ping pong or do some juggling.

It was remarkable to see the level of skill and perseverance in the room and I feel proud of the games that students were able to build.

At the end, every team presented their project and the Game Jam concluded with an award ceremony that recognized the most outstanding games.

Thank you to all of you, who helped in so many ways. Without you, the Game Jam would not have been possible.



Bytes of Brilliance

By CSIS Secretary, Ermina Mustafic

The Computer Science and Information Systems Division hosted their annual girls technology camp. The summer camp was held from June 12th-15th and allowed young girls an opportunity to learn about coding, engineering and additional computer sciences. The aim of this program each year is to encourage young women, ages 10-17, into the computer sciences field. This year, the girls were introduced to 3 women who play key roles at L3 Communications. Azita, Jenna and Pei-Jung, all work together to produce reliable products that are used by the U.S. Navy, Army and government agencies. The women led an activity where each girl was given the tools to make a tiny robot, but were not given the instruction manual. This activity forced the girls to think critically and engage with their peers to find solutions to problems, much like real world scenarios. Toward the end of the camp the girls visited the Microsoft Store at the City Creek Center. The girls spent time learning how to code and were able to earn their Girl Scout Computer Expert badge. The final day of the camp the girls heard from Associate Dean Kim Cosby, who is a leading female figure in the School of Business at SLCC. The camp concluded with each student receiving an award for completing the technology camp.





5 Years

Wendy Gunn
Eric LeDuc
Margarethe Posch

10 Years

Pook Carson
Monte Sleight

20 Years

Susumu Kasai

25 Years

Randy Koziatek

30 Years

Lynnette Yerbury

35 Years

Lorna Wells

45 Years

KT Magnusson

Employees Years of Service

On April 21st a College wide Employee Recognition ceremony was held to acknowledge the years of service and Star Staff recipients. Our Academic Advisor Lee Martinez was selected as a recipient of the Star Staff award. Give Lee a congratulations the next time you see him.

For the School of Business we have the following years of service among our employees (see to the right). We are grateful for their contributions over the years.