

Welcome back! The purpose of this newsletter is to provide faculty with news they can use and bring awareness to teaching, learning, and assessment related issues. This edition provides resources in preparing for the fall semester and ways to continue your professional development in the areas of teaching, learning, and assessment. I hope you find the newsletter helpful, please feel free to contact me with suggestions for future newsletters. — *Scott*

Practical Strategies to Improve Teaching and Learning

Are you looking for some new ways to improve upon your teaching and increase student learning? This white paper will share 23 strategies that will enable you to reconsider your teaching strategies prior to the start of the semester. Click on the purple box on the [TLA homepage](#). You will need your WCU ID and password to access the paper.

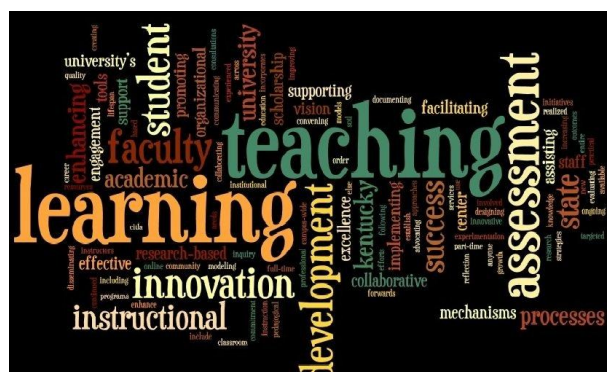
Education Portal

Education Portal is dedicated to using technology to make education accessible. They provide free video lessons with no barriers to access. Use of lessons is not intended to replace your instruction in the classroom. However, you may find these lessons useful as an adjunct to your teaching and/or as a review for students who miss class or may need extra assistance with a course topic. If you are interested in exploring this further click [here](#).

Are you looking for professional development funding?

If yes, apply for the Scholarship of TLA (SoTLA) Initiative. SoTLA is a form of scholarship that makes your work in the areas of TLA public and available to the wider community. If you have a proposal accepted for a professional conference this academic year within or outside of your discipline you should apply. Click [here](#) for more information.

Monday Morning Mentor: The TLA Center is offering a professional development opportunity every week throughout the year and you do not have to leave your office/home! The Monday Morning Mentor provides 20 minute video sessions on current topics related to teaching, learning, and assessment. Videos will be launched each Monday beginning 9/2/13, @ 11 am, from the TLA Center website and will be accessible for one week. To access the Monday Morning Mentor click on the [TLAC website](#) or email [Scott Heinerichs](#) to be placed on a distribution list and have weekly reminders sent to your email.



Quick readings to help you prepare for the semester:

- [Advice for the First Day of Class](#)
- [Five Things to do the First Day of Class](#)
- [How to Get Better Feedback from Students](#)
- [Learner Centered Teaching: Good Places to Begin](#)

Active Learning Teaching Strategies:

Are you interested in learning more about the "Flipped Classroom"? Click on the gold box on the [TLA homepage](#) to access a video from your home or office!

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Upcoming Events: CELT Brown Bag Sessions: Informal sessions on teaching and learning the final Monday and Tuesday of each month. Check out the TLA website calendar for location