Welcome to this month’s DE-news! We’ve got some exciting things happening this month. Check them out below.
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Online Learning Consortium Recognizes Purdue Online Programs and Faculty

Purdue’s faulty and programs were very well represented in the Online Learning Consortium (OLC) 2017 awards for advances in digital learning. Purdue was represented in three of the four annual awards!

- Purdue’s online MS in Communications was named one of two national recipients of the John L. Bourne Outstanding Online Degree Program award.
- Jennifer Richardson was one of two recipients of the Online Learning Journal Outstanding Research Award on Online Education Award.
- John LaMaster of IPFW’s Mathematic Department was awarded the Excellence and Innovation in Online Teaching Award.

These awards will be presented at OLC’s annual Accelerate conference in Orlando on November 16. Congratulations to these individuals and to the Purdue departments and colleges they represent.

NSF Grant to Develop STEM Digital Learning Environment
The National Science Foundation announced a funding program for workshops “to produce plans for developing forward-looking, highly adaptable, distributed digital environments that can personalize learning for individual, diverse learners in collaborative settings with potential applications across multiple and varying: (a) domains of knowledge, (b) learning contexts (including formal and informal education), and (c) time spans.” NSF expects to support up to nine workshops on STEM digital learning environments nationwide with up to $100K in funding. The deadline for proposals is January 22, 2018; view the announcement.

Digital Education in the Colleges

- **College of Liberal Arts.** Professor Patty Hart has developed and launched a new FutureLearn course that helps learners explore Hispanic culture through films. The course began October 30 with more than 3,000 world-wide learners enrolled.

- **College of Education.** The online MS Education in Learning Design and Technology LDT has integrated over 50 digital badges into its program. The badges focus on educational technologies that students can apply toward credit in their program according to their own interests.

National Distance Learning Week

Purdue West Lafayette, Purdue Northwest, Indiana University-Purdue Fort Wayne, and Kaplan University are jointly celebrating National Distance Learning Week November 6 through 10 with a whole week of synchronous and asynchronous online events. The theme of the week is Enhancing Teaching in a Digital Age with a focus on reaching and retaining students through online education. The collaboration between campuses will feature six webinars by Purdue and Kaplan digital teaching experts and keynote presentation by a nationally recognized scholar on online and hybrid teaching environments; view more information on Distance Learning Week activities here.
If you have brief news items concerning digital education at Purdue, we would be happy to include them in the Update. Please send your suggestions to Mike Eddy.

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