

Lifelong Learning: Recommitment in 2020!



*Good teachers know the value of being humble learners themselves. I know colleagues that devote their inter-semester breaks to research. Thus, becoming students over the course of that period and bringing their renewed perspective and insights to their classrooms. In a recent article, Kevin Dickinson summarizes some basic habits that make us effective lifelong learners. **First**, cultivate a growth mindset; people with a growth mindset recognize that there is always room to set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Action-oriented,*

*Realistic, and Time-defined) goals. **Second**, spend five hours each week learning; Benjamin Franklin set aside an hour each weekday to keep learning after he left school at the age of 10, writes Kevin Dickinson for Big Think. **Third**, test your understanding; our brains remember information better when we interact with it more actively. **The fourth** is to prioritize; you may find that 20% of the content learnt will lead to 80% of your progress. Find motivation, lifelong learners need to find their own motivation, whether it has to improve themselves or advance their careers. **Finally**, Dickinson urges us to celebrate progress, despite the difficulties; reward yourself for reaching milestones along the way. Let us use this time to humbly recommit ourselves to excellence in the New Year. Read more at <https://bigthink.com/personal-growth/self-directed-learning>.*

Sincerely,

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Celebrations

- From November 14 to 17, **Prof. Bruce Marx** was part of the experienced team for ETS developing some of the latest Major Field Tests (MFT). Pictured, second from left to right, on the bottom row, is Prof. Marx.



...Celebrations continued

- The SOB faculty and staff wish you a peaceful and joyful Season!



Announcements

- The [2020 Innovative Instruction Technology Grants](https://innovate.suny.edu/iitg/apply/) (IITG) program request for proposals has posted to the IITG website along with application details and a listing of currently funded projects and posted outcomes. The response **deadline is February 23, 2020**. Read more at <https://innovate.suny.edu/iitg/apply/>
- The **SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC)** is a multidisciplinary event hosted each year by different SUNY institutions. It brings together undergraduate student researchers and faculty mentors from across the SUNY system for activities, including sessions devoted to student presentations—oral, performance, artistic displays, and posters presentations—in ALL academic disciplines. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and **SUNY Old Westbury will co-host SURC 2020 this coming April**. By bringing together students and faculty from across the state, **SURC helps realize the synergistic power of the SUNY system**.
- On **Friday, December 13 from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.** in the **Campus Center Maguire Theater**, at SUNY Old Westbury, there will be a celebration about **Yalda Night** (Winter Solstices – longest night of the year). The event will feature delicious Persian food and music by **Amir Vahab** and ensemble. **The Business and Computer Club**, and the **Persian Cultural Club** cosponsor this event.
- The CPD has two assessment related certificate programs starting **May 21, 2020**. Both programs are online & asynchronous in Blackboard and take about 2-4 hours per week to complete. The programs are [Assessment of Learning Outcomes Certificate](#) and [Institutional Effectiveness Certificate](#).



School of Business Faculty Meeting

- The next **School of Business Faculty meeting** will be on **Friday, December 13**, at 10:30 a.m. in NAB1107

School of Business Engagement, Innovation & Impact Forum

- On **Friday, December 13** the **School of Business Engagement, Innovation & Impact Forum** will be presented by **Prof. Jason Zhu & Prof. Michael Onorato**. The title of the presentation is "**Student Team Leadership Competence Analysis**."

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