



Center of Teaching Excellence & Learning

Learning Connections: It's All About Partnerships!

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Who are We?

After the COVID19 global pandemic, the Center of Teaching Excellence & Learning was established to meet the growing needs of faculty in the area of professional development to ensure student success. The CTEL will be spearheaded by faculty under the leadership of Dr. Elizabeth C. Rodriguez, Dean of Academic Innovation & Technology. The faculty spearheading the program have been identified as champions within their areas of discipline. These include: Prakash Mansinghani, Lourdes Gutierrez, Linda Ramirez, Michelle Perez, Dr. Jodie Sandel, and Dr. Orlando Patricio. The team will also partner with Dr. Veronica Martinez, Interim Dean of Assessment & Research to align efforts from our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).

Dean's Message



It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Center of Teaching Excellence & Learning (CTEL) at Laredo College. The faculty selected to spearhead the CTEL will be working closely with faculty to ensure success in the following key goals; effective pedagogy, evidence-based practices, collaboration, leadership, innovation, scholarship, and advocacy.

At Laredo College, we are committed to student success, therefore, these goals along with Laredo College's Mission, Strategic Plan, and Core Values will be at the forefront of everything we do at the Center of Teaching Excellence & Learning.

We are excited about bringing this new center to Laredo College faculty and we look forward to collaborating with each of you!

Dr. Elizabeth C. Rodriguez
Dean of Academic Innovation & Technology

One Team, One Goal!

What can you expect from the Center of Teaching Excellence & Learning?

The Center of Teaching Excellence & Learning will work to align its goals to Laredo College's Mission & Strategic Plan. The main focus of the center will be to foster a community of faculty and staff devoted to improving teaching strategies, best practices, and increasing student learning.

The two main focuses:

- (1) **Instruction** – course design (learner-centered), assessing learning, student engagement, and technology tools for teaching
- (2) **Student Learning** – teaching specific student populations and equity, diversity, and inclusion

What We Do for You

In addition to hosting workshops throughout the year, the CTCL will offer a variety of teaching strategies, tools and tips, teaching excellence academy and research on pedagogical best practices.

The Center of Teaching Excellence & Learning will provide faculty with a workspace to collaborate, engage, and learn from each other. Stay tuned for details on the Grand Opening!

Calling all Trailblazers & Innovators!!

The CTCL will be highlighting faculty who are currently doing amazing things in the classroom (face-to-face, online & hybrid).

If you would like to nominate a faculty member, please email CTEL@laredo.edu and include a photo along with a short description of what amazing things they are doing!

Nominate Your Fellow Faculty Today!!!

WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO.

**EXCELLENCE, THEREFORE,
IS NOT AN ACT BUT A HABIT.**

-ARISTOTLE

We Want to Hear from YOU!

Be on the look out for a faculty survey which is scheduled to go out during the week of October 25, 2021.



- CTCL Grand Opening - TBA
- CTCL Website
- 2-Minute Mentor Videos
- On-Demand, Self-paced Workshops
- Faculty Surveys
- Student Surveys
- Teaching Excellence Academy - Anticipated Date: Summer 2022

Visit us at
www.laredo.edu/ctel
to stay informed!

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? We'd love to hear from you!

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