IDeas: Back to School Tools

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Featured: Launch of the Course Design Showcase

Have you ever wanted to take a peek at someone else's course to learn more about the assessments and activities they do? Now you can! Our team is **excited to release the Course Design Showcase, featuring examples from your courses** that represent high-quality online course design. Check it out and see if there is something you want to try!

Welcome to the New Semester!

We are excited to begin another year collaborating with you! We've got some great tools featured in this issue to get your semester off to a great start. Check out the faculty spotlight, the new AI Course Reflection Tool, and the Course Design Showcase.

Jason Beier, Interim Associate Vice President of Online Learning for UW Extended Campus, shares his thoughts on the launch of the Course Design Showcase website:

"This site is possible because of incredible faculty partners like you. We want to express our sincere thanks for your invaluable expertise and the inspiring ways you bring best practices to life in your online courses. We hope that these examples both celebrate your work and spark new ideas in order to serve students through excellence in teaching and learning".

Faculty Spotlight: Dwight Swenson

See how an idea from **Dr. Swenson led to a collaborative team effort to create something unique** for his course and the Sustainable Management program.

Prepare Your Course for AI

Not sure how to get started with AI in your course? We've created **a quick generative AI reflection tool** to help you think about how this new technology will impact your courses.

Want More?

More Back-to-School Tools

Consider using this **research-based discussion framework** developed by two

Participate in Our Poll on Using AI!

of our instructional designers to deepen critical thinking and energize student dialogue this semester.

What's working? What isn't? These are just a couple of questions you can ask [in a mid-course survey](#) to re-engage students during a semester slump.

If you're struggling with what to post in announcements, check out this [tip sheet on faculty-to-class communication](#). Keeping in touch regularly is one of the best ways to motivate students to do well in a course.

Level Up Courses Update

And, finally, starting this semester, faculty who complete [the three Level Up professional development courses](#) will earn digital badges designed to recognize their skills and showcase their achievements.

How are you feeling about incorporating AI into your course content?

Excited! I can't wait to try it out!

Select

I'm interested in trying some things, but I could use more support.

Select

I don't plan to use AI in my courses.

Select

If you have an idea for an article or would like to contribute to the next issue, let us know!

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