



Grants at KC

Kilgore College Faculty & Staff:

Kilgore College has been notified of continued funding for Year Two of its Title III, Part F, *Strengthening Institutions* grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Funding for Year Two is \$599,954, for purchases of technology equipment and the implementation of enhanced student support services.

KC faculty and staff are invited to a ***Ribbon Cutting and Open House*** at the faculty innovation center, in the ***Woodfin Center for Instructional Technology on Friday, October 12, beginning at 1:30.*** Faculty are invited to tour the facility and visit with eLearning Design Team members. Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be awarded.

In Year One of the grant, three online courses were redesigned.

In Year Two, six general education courses, five computer information technology courses and four criminal justice courses will be designed for online delivery.

In addition, an online course readiness assessment will be piloted and new online orientation and advising processes will be piloted as well as online tutoring for courses implemented in Year One.

"When I came in for my initial consultation, (it wasn't actually intimidating enough to be called a consultation), William and Michael showed me all of the exciting options available to us: from the innovative to the just plain weird! They let me sit in front of the equipment as they moved the "instructor" from table-top size to riding a rollercoaster. ... I immediately felt at ease and comfortable just sharing the experience with William, Michael, and Kathryn. They helped me to look less awkward than I am on screen, they didn't laugh at me when I experienced a few Freudian-slips, and they helped me to feel respected and human amongst them. ... It may just be the beginning, but I can already see the immediate value in the videos I have uploaded for my class. I look forward to sharing my sessions with students and collecting feedback from them regarding the videos to continue improving my instruction."

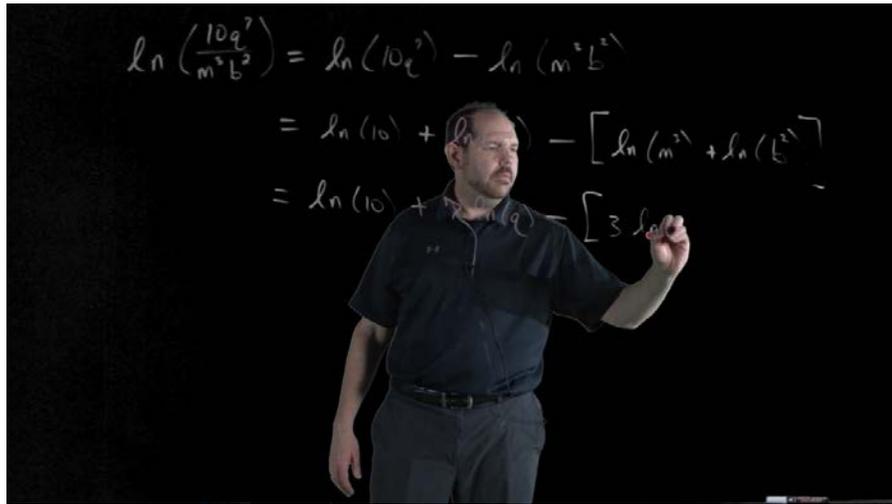
- Stephanie Laszik, Instructor, English

"I was so impressed with how easy it was to record my voice over the top of my slide shows for chapter introductions. The Innovation Center was able to help me script and record 3-minute videos to introduce each of my modules in my online course. I was able to embed my discussion topics in these introductions and all assignments. The upload process to get these into blackboard was painless and easy to find for my students as they begin each module. It is wonderful to be able to connect to my online students in a slightly more personal way."

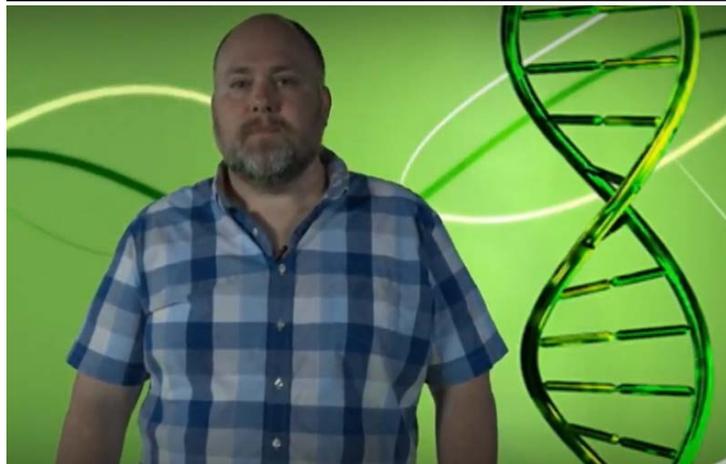
- Nicholas Simpson, Instructor, Biology

"In order to improve the quality of my on-line course, I spent time at the Innovation Center this summer making video lectures. Before the Innovation Center, I would not have been able to make videos where students could see me while working out examples. My hope is that these videos will be more engaging for students than previous videos I have used."

- Brandon Walker, Department Chair/Instructor, Math



Above, Brandon Walker demonstrates an algebra equation for a class utilizing a light board that reverses the written image so that students see it correctly online. Below, Stephanie Laszik and Nicholas Simpson provide introductions for their new online courses.



KC Police Department Awarded Grant for Reporting System

The Kilgore College Police Department was recently awarded a \$28,855 grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor.

Grant funds will be used to purchase and implement National Incident-Based Crime Reporting Software. The universal application for NIBRS data collection, management, and automated report generation addresses the problem of not having technology infrastructure to support NIBRS data collection and reporting.

The KCPD is taking steps to become compliant with House Bill 11 of the 84th Regular Session, requiring transition to NIBRS by 2019; thus seeking funding to implement the collection of NIBRS reportable data, extracted and placed in Texas standard report format acceptable by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

By becoming compliant with NIBRS requirements, the KCPD will also be eligible for other State grants that award federal pass-through funds to law enforcement agencies.