Faculty Recognition Ceremony Thursday!

2012 saw the revival of the Faculty Recognition Ceremony at Chicago State University, and the CTRE is looking forward to realizing it once again!

May 2 from 12:30-3:00 in the Library Auditorium, and will celebrate the remarkable achievements of CSU faculty over the past year.

Awards for Faculty Excellence, Professional Advancement Increase, and service to the university will be presented to over 30 faculty members from departments across campus.

So come cheer on your fellow faculty!

Questions can be directed to James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

Getting to Know Audacity

The spring semester will be finishing up soon, affording many faculty members the opportunity to take a fresh look at some previously unexplored teaching tools.

Oftentimes, pre-made video, lectures, and podcasts can be found online. But what about those instances when they can’t? What tools are available to help faculty members create their own media?

One great option is Audacity. It’s a program that allows users to create and edit audio files—and it’s all free!

Audacity allows for maximum flexibility, across file types, operating systems, and user functionality.

To learn more about how to use Audacity in your own teaching, schedule an appointment with the CTRE at 773-995-2960.

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Monday Morning Mentor

Beginning in August, the CTRE will be launching a new weekly series for the CSU community called “Monday Morning Mentor.”

Every Monday morning, the CTRE will showcase a 20-minute program on a different topic, followed by small group discussion exploring the possibilities of how to apply the concepts covered therein. Topics will be chosen from the following areas:

- Academic Integrity
- Classroom Management
- Grading and Feedback
- Issues with Students
- Student Engagement
- Syllabus and Course Design
- Teaching with Technology

...and more!

Monday Morning Mentor will take place in the CTRE’s Faculty Technology Lounge (LIB 318). Watch future newsletters for updates on exact dates, times, and topics.

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Congratulations!

The CTRE would like to congratulate the College of Education’s Department of Elementary & Middle Level Education and Graduate Reading on its recent success at the Center for Scholastic Inquiry International Academic Research Conference. The conference, which took place April 17-19 in Scottsdale, Arizona, awarded the Best Presentation Award and Best Paper Award to Drs. Cynthia Valenziano, Miguel Fernandez, Timothy Harrington, and to student researchers Mark Wesolowski, Diana Carrasco, and Angela Biggins-Logwood.

The achievements of the Department of Elementary & Middle Level Education and Graduate Reading has once again set an inspiring example for all of us at CSU. We look forward to seeing their future work!

Wikispaces Classroom

April 16 saw the unveiling of Wikispaces Classroom, a new product from the Wikispaces team designed to do one simple thing: help educators help students. It is built around the concepts of simplicity, engagement, and student outcomes.

Learn more about Wikispaces Classroom with an upcoming introductory webinar on Tuesday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m. Click here to register.

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