



## ***Collaboration and Connection: Building Community***

**Welcome Back! Join us for our CELT January workshops  
Wednesday, January 15 and Thursday, January 16, 2025**

*Welcome to Spring Semester! This year's CELT theme is **Collaboration and Connection: Building Community** and we are continuing to share ideas and build community. Join our faculty led program of workshops this week and throughout the semester for the sharing of best practices to help all of our students learn. Please **register** for January CELT events by clicking the link **Register for January Events** on the [CELT home page](#).*

### **Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

**11:00 am – 11:50 am Communities of Practice: Learning from Each Other CB - Brunswick Room**

Start the spring semester by talking to your colleagues! A community of practice is an informal group of colleagues with similar interests who come together to share ideas and learn from each other. Join your colleagues in small groups to discuss discipline specific strategies to support your teaching. When you arrive, we will break up into groups, and each group will direct the conversation to their interests and concerns. Groups can decide if they would like to continue to meet informally over the semester and CELT will help facilitate these meetings.

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Enjoy your lunch on your own before joining us for afternoon workshops**

**1:00 pm – 1:50 pm Differentiation in the College Classroom: Small Changes That Make a Big Impact, Pattiann McMahon CB – Amboy Room**

This workshop will introduce recent research regarding differentiation which can lead to significant transformations in the college classroom. The workshop is designed to equip faculty with practical strategies for meeting the diverse needs of our students. Regardless of your experience with differentiation, this session will provide actionable steps you can easily implement to enhance engagement, foster inclusivity, and improve course learning outcomes. Don't wait, differentiate!

**2:00 pm – 2:50 pm 1:00 pm – 1:50 pm Getting Your Next Promotion While Leading CELT Mentoring Team CB – Raritan Bay Room**

While we may be subject experts in our respective fields, one part of the promotion process requires service and often leadership at the college. This session will offer some management & leadership basics to help you navigate the waters of chairing search committees, task forces, and much more. Pick up some tips & skills that will better prepare you to serve.

**3:00 pm – 3:50 pm Quizzes Made Easy: Canvas LMS Essentials Michael Sullivan & Megan Elliot, eLearning CB – Amboy Room**

This session dives into the updated New Quizzes feature and moderation tools within Canvas. Participants will also learn how to integrate publisher-provided quiz questions. Faculty will learn practical tips to optimize workflow and provide time-saving solutions with quiz creation.

## Thursday, January 16, 2025

10:00 am – 10:50 am **Workplace Yoga for a Balanced Body and Mind** Arianna Illa CB - Brunswick Room

Explore the benefits of yoga to help decrease stress and start your semester off strong! Yoga is a great way to help energize your body and relax your mind. This will be an introductory level class that will include breathwork, meditation, and a full series of yoga postures. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring your own mat if possible.

11:00 am – 11:50 pm **Building Community on the First Day: Ice Breakers and more!** Susan Altman  
CB – Amboy Room

Ready to change how you engage your students on your first day of class? Tired of the same old ice breakers and want to try some new ones? Besides going over the syllabus, how can you get students excited about your course and involved with content on day one? Join us to learn new ways to build community and engage your students. Whether teaching in person or online, this interactive workshop will help you to re-think the first day of class and discover new strategies to start the spring semester.

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1:00 pm – 1:50 pm **Triple T: Tech, Tips, and Tricks** CB – Raritan Bay Room

This session will present short tech tricks to help you learn new features of Microsoft Office, Zoom, and Canva. Join us for new strategies to use in your classes or a refresher on what you already know.

2:00 pm – 2:50 pm **Igniting the Spark: Engaging Students in Research & Knowing When IRB Approval is Needed** Shannon Pullaro CB – Amboy Room

In this profession, one of the most inspiring moments is when we have truly ignited a spark in a student who not only “gets it” but who also actively seeks to learn more. Research projects that students find meaningful can help inspire them and their faculty guides alike. Some research requires prior approval from Middlesex College’s Institutional Review Board (or IRB) to protect not only those we study but also those conducting the research. Learn more about igniting that research spark while also complying with the IRB Process.

3:00 pm – 3:50 pm **Collaborative Canvas Tools: Streamlining Group Work Assignments**  
Michael Sullivan & Megan Elliot, eLearning CB – Raritan Bay Room

Interested in assigning group work in your Canvas course? Join us for a CELT session on utilizing the tools in Canvas for collaborative assignments. From providing each group with their own mini-Canvas shell to having one submission to grade per group, Canvas has it all. We're here to give you the tips and tricks to streamlining the process for both you and your students.