

Saddleback College Professional Development Opportunities

AVID for Higher Education Practicum and Peer Academy

AVID for Higher Education (AHE) at Saddleback College is a professional development opportunity for faculty from across all disciplines. AHE focuses on high-engagement teaching and learning strategies that help students improve academic and personal skills necessary for success at the college level.

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Basic Skills Initiative

The mission of Saddleback's Basic Skills Initiative is to explore, identify, and address the needs of basic skills students. BSI funding allocations directly support a coordinated expansion of academic and student support services that will facilitate the successful transition of basic skills students into college-level coursework.

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Committee on Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning

This is an Academic Senate Committee focused on addressing multi-cultural issues in classrooms.

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English Department Retreats

Organized by English department chairs for department faculty to discuss major changes and other issues concerning English courses.

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English Professional Learning Council (PLC)

The English PLC brings together English faculty from the Saddleback Valley USD, Capistrano USD, and Saddleback College to develop strategies that improve the high school to college transition for students from local districts.

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Faculty Center for Student Success

The Faculty Center provides faculty workshops and training that promote excellence in teaching to ensure the highest level of student learning for on-campus, blended, flipped, or fully online classes.

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Great Teachers Seminar

Great Teachers Seminar is a 3 day conference at the UCLA Conference Center in Lake Arrowhead, CA hosted each year mid-January. The purpose of the seminar is to bring together faculty to discuss and share best teaching practices, ideas, innovations and strategies.

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Leading from the Middle

Through project and problem-based learning, Leading from the Middle academies help participants hone individual and collaborative leadership skills needed for this transformative work.

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One Book, One College

One Book, One College (OB1C) is a shared college read designed to promote discussion and understanding of the broader issues we face, both locally and globally. The program aims to create a community of readers and to engender a vibrant and engaging dialog on campus and beyond.

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Online Educator Certificate

The Online Educator Certificate Program offered at Saddleback College is an opportunity for instructors in to expand and/or improve their effectiveness in their online classrooms.

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- <https://goo.gl/forms/JPJBzrKCLsP1Tkt2>

Open Education Resources

OER are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others. OER are high quality, no-cost, accessible textbook alternatives and course materials. As the cost of traditional textbooks rise, the use of OER can remove a barrier to education that many students face.

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