

Innovation Center Open House



What is the latest word on the Instructional Palette?
What new gadgets can make teaching and learning more interactive and immersive? How can our students find our online courses and learn how to access them through the GCC web site? The answers are at our Open House!

Where: Innovation Center (HT2-130) and nearby rooms

When: Thursday, August 17, 2006, 10:30am-7:30pm

See advancements in BioTech...

Imagine being in a research lab, or even on an outdoor site far away, and being able to record data (temperature, light levels, etc. by probe) and verbal notes (by microphone) directly into your Tablet PC and have it organized into a graphic presentation – all with the most streamlined equipment. Lee Fancher will demonstrate this latest technology for GCC's **Biotechnology** program.

Visit the Critter Farm...

Mike Aragon will show you how you can use the online **Critter Farm reservation page**. The page will allow you to select available equipment such as laptops and cameras for the period you desire (within our standard checkout limits, of course!), and will automatically generate reminder notices, too.

Imagine if the white board were your PC...

Crystie Lopez will demonstrate how you can deliver your material in a new, attention-grabbing way. The **SMART Board** connects to a computer and data projector to turn the projection into an interactive screen, thereby allowing you to manipulate materials or even make notes with the touch of your finger!

Experience 3-D learning with GeoWall...

A good understanding of spatial relationships is fundamental to Earth Sciences, Astronomy, Anatomy, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Art. **GeoWall** displays 3-D images so that student can understand concepts more quickly. John Roberts will demonstrate this projection system with several 3-D images.

Catch up on online course resources...

Michelle Shivnani will show how faculty are improving their courses with **Blackboard** and demonstrate online conferencing with students. Also, learn about sharing content across sections with **Master Courses**, and preview the upcoming **Content Management System**. Mike Aragon will also present the new **GCC Online** web site, maintained by faculty to help their students find key information about their online course work, such as how to start their Online, Hybrid, OE/SP, MIDAS or Blackboard courses. Bobby Sample will demonstrate additional web-based resources for faculty and staff, including **FormWiz** and **WebScribe**.

Find more help for students...

Debbie Gilsdorf has built up the **Online Tutorial Project** throughout the year, so that it now includes Blackboard, MIDAS, Outlook Express, Student Web-mail, File Management, Word, and PowerPoint. More tutorials to support the new "eGCC" user are in development, including help with the Library's Online Tools and Excel. If you notice we have not included one that would benefit our students, please let us know!

Come and spend some time with us, refreshments will be available.