Critical Thinking Thursday

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Action Items Accomplished
Since last month’s newsletter, two of the three action items have been accomplished:

1. Train QEP Implementation Committee members to facilitate Critical Thinking Learning Society (CTLS) focus groups
2. Plan CTLS training for upcoming academic year

Focus Groups
On April 24th and May 6th, Dr. Deborah Posner, District Director of Institutional Effectiveness, facilitated the QEP focus groups using the Unfolding Matrix model. Librarian Suzette Spencer served as the recorder for one session and Professor Matt Rocco for the other. The purpose of the QEP focus groups was to identify the most “promising practices” found by faculty for increasing students’ critical thinking skills across various disciplines at Broward College. The QEP Implementation Committee and Critical Thinking Learning Society will use the findings to make improvements.

Training
The training for the upcoming academic year has been planned. Not only will the training impact the teaching and learning of critical thinking skills, but it provides an opportunity for faculty to engage in meaningful conversations about teaching and learning and issues in higher education.

“A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words”
Congratulations to South Campus Librarian, Chris Casper for winning the Critical Thinking Care Package drawing at South Campus’ QEP roundtable discussion. Dr. Jeff Nasse won the care package at North Campus’ QEP roundtable and Suzanne Page of BC Online won the care package at Central’s QEP roundtable discussion.

Training Topics
- QEP Process
- Paul-Elder Critical Thinking Model
- Learning-centered Environment
- Significant Learning
- Bloom’s Taxonomy
- Metacognition
- Growth Mindset
- Critical Thinking Scoring Guide
- Classroom Assessment Techniques

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.
—Eleanor Roosevelt

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Alice Murillo, PhD
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The spotlight is on Alice Murillo for her unwavering and continued support of the QEP. Some examples of this support include the 5th Annual Literary Feast, “Question Every Possibility Through All Avenues of Creativity”; attending several QEP workshops conducted by external experts; and inviting QEP director to departmental meetings. Dr. Alice Murillo and her department’s engagement in the QEP represents an exemplary model for QEP success.

Dr. Deborah Posner

Chris Casper