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# THE IDC INSIDER

Stay up-to-date with what's happening in the Instructional Design Center!

This edition's hot topics include:

- IDC Virtual Hub
- Canvas End-of-Course Checklist
- New Tech: Pilots & Licenses

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#### **OUR TEAM**

Here at the IDC, our primary objective is to provide guidance and assistance to faculty and staff in seamlessly integrating technology to enhance teaching and learning. To explore the list of technologies we currently support, please visit <u>our website</u>. We'll be happy to assist you in setting up and using any of these tools for your course. For immediate help with technology-related issues or questions, submit a help desk ticket by emailing <u>helpdesk@ramapo.edu</u>.

If you're seeking more personalized, one-on-one support, consider <u>scheduling a consultation</u> with one of our instructional design and technology specialists. This is a great option if you require more comprehensive guidance or instructional design recommendations for your course. We are also available to discuss department/program collaboration.



**Dr. Michael Bitz** *Director*Favorite tech tool: Canva



Lauren Burbank Instructional Designer & Trainer Favorite tech tool: Kahoot!



Danielle Howarth
Assistant LMS Admin
Favorite tech tool: Mura

#### **FAREWELL TO RAY!**

Our esteemed colleague, Ray Fallon, bids farewell to Ramapo College at the end of this year with a rich history of achievements and milestones. Celebrating 27 years of dedicated service, Ray has navigated through various roles since joining the college in 1996— from ASB Lab Assistant Technology Coordinator, to Microcomputer Applications Developer, to his current role as the LMS Administrator in the Instructional Design Center. During his time as the LMS Administrator, Ray led faculty and staff through the transition from WebCT to Moodle and eventually to the current Canvas platform. He played a pivotal role in training and supporting faculty, staff and students in remote teaching/learning during the pandemic. Ray's contributions as an individual and valued member of the IDC did not go unnoticed, as he earned the prestigious President's Staff Excellence in Service.



#### **Save The Date**

As Ray embarks on a well-deserved retirement, please join us in extending our heartfelt gratitude for nearly three decades of passion, innovation, and unwavering commitment to the Ramapo College community!

**Date:** December 6 **Time**: 10-11am

Location: Learning Commons, Room 201

### **ACT QUICKLY!**

The Instructional Design Center is gearing up for an exciting Spring 2024, and we can't wait to share our plans with you. We're thrilled to unveil a new offering: an exclusive **IDC Virtual Hub** tailored specifically for the dedicated faculty of Ramapo College. Members will gain access to custom Ramapo resources and Canvas templates, self-paced training modules, and enriching discussions that delve into the exciting realm of instructional technology.

But that's not all! We will also be launching our new Canvas Makeover Service on the **IDC Virtual Hub**. Your Canvas course is a vital asset for your content, and our dedicated team is excited to give it a digital facelift using instructional design principles that keep the user-experience at the forefront. More details about this exciting service to come! Act quickly and secure your place by pre-registering for the **IDC Virtual Hub**.

<u>Pre-Register Now</u>

# CANVAS END-OF-COURSE CHECKLIST

We have compiled an end-of-course checklist to guide you on the essential steps to wrap up your Canvas course this semester, as well as some helpful best practices. You can access this checklist here.

### **RECORDED WORKSHOPS**

Did you miss a workshop this Fall? Would you like to review the material covered in a workshop you attended? You can access all our <u>recorded workshops</u> on our website. Browse through the recorded workshops, click the Watch Recording link, and enter the password to view.

## **NEW TECH: PILOTS & LICENSES**



This semester, we acquired a campus-level Kahoot! License available for faculty and staff to use in their courses and trainings. Kahoot! is a great way to gamify learning, create fun icebreakers, and engage your audience. Don't miss out on this exciting, educational tool! Contact Lauren Burbank at <a href="mailto:lburbank@ramapo.edu">lburbank@ramapo.edu</a> for a Kahoot! license.

Interested in participating in edtech pilots? Let us know! Currently, we are focusing on getting participants to pilot the following tools:

- <u>Gradescope</u>
- <u>Canvas Credentials</u>
- <u>H5P</u>
- VoiceThread

Do you love a tech tool that isn't on this list? We'd love to hear about it! Contact Lauren Burbank at <a href="mailto:lburbank@ramapo.edu">lburbank@ramapo.edu</a> to schedule a time to discuss and share your recommendations.