



SUCCESS THROUGH INQUIRY

QEP Quick Minute Newsletter

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Active Learning in Online Environments! Transforming Your Summer/Fall 2020 Classes!

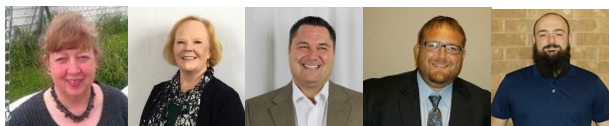
Dr. Bruce A. Johnson has compiled a comprehensive 5-part article series entitled "[Online Teaching Best Practices for a New Normal in Higher Education](#)." Our "Success through Inquiry" QEP is aligned with many of the tenets Johnson posits! IBL is an exciting and engaging active learning opportunity for our students. IBL includes 5 steps: 1) Ask 2) Investigate 3) Create 4) Discuss 5) Reflect. Instructors decide the [level of IBL](#) within the learning objective, and—just like face-to-face contexts, IBL is achievable in online contexts! Check out the article series at the link above!

Spring 2020 QEP Happenings

In the Year 1 QEP launch, faculty completed the 8-week hybrid training course and began implementing inquiry based learning in their target courses! Faculty who trained in Fall 2019 and implemented their lesson plans in Spring 2020 include Cindy Coufal—English Instructor; Gisela Knightstep—Biology Instructor; Shelli Pendleton—ADN Instructor; Steven Underhill, Business Administration/Microcomputer Applications Instructor; and Amber Hunsaker—English Adjunct Instructor. Each faculty member completed a reflective analysis of the experience and submitted student work for assessment purposes. They will implement two more additional terms.



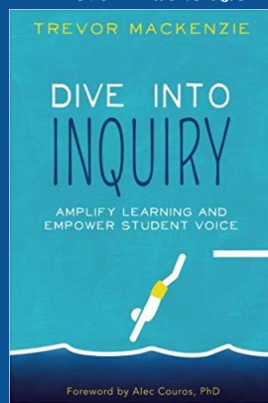
Spring 2020 QEP faculty trainees included Belinda Alberry—Mathematics Faculty; Michelle Alexander—History Faculty; Jason Scheller—History Faculty; Jon Schreiber—English faculty; and Clint Wagoner—Mathematics Faculty. Participants completed the IBL QEP 101 course following IBL prescribed methodology and subsequently came away with an inquiry-based learning implementation plan ([IBLIP](#)) ready to apply in their Fall 2020 courses.



In addition, these "Year One" cohort groups will be ready to mentor and assist other faculty in QEP implementation efforts during this 2019-2024 QEP cycle. QEP course facilitators include Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Dr. Donnie Kirk, and Crystal Tate. See more about the Vernon College "Success through Inquiry" Initiative on the [QEP webpage](#).

"Amplify learning and empower student voice"

~Trevor Mackenzie



Faculty! Contact [Donnie Kirk](#) for your free copy today!

Spring 2020 Friends of the QEP!

During the Spring 2020 term, three Vernon College employees were named "Friends of the QEP"! Those employees include Tracy Catlin, Testing Center Coordinator for the Century City Campus; Ruth Rascon, Health Information Management Coordinator/Instructor at the Century City Campus; and Crieggett Scott, Student Success Pathway Director, Vernon Campus/Century City Campus! Tracy Catlin requested and received QEP posters early Spring 2020 to "decorate" the Century City Testing Center. Both Ruth Rascon and Crieggett Scott regularly visit the [Vernon College "Success through Inquiry" QEP Page](#), "liking and commenting on relevant QEP and professional development related content! Each "friend" received a light-up "Success through Inquiry" QEP tumbler! Thanks, Friends!

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Investigate and discover more regarding the "Success through Inquiry" QEP Initiative at the [QEP Facebook page](#) or at the [QEP Webpage](#)!

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For professional development and awareness events, look for QEP related sessions offered in the Fall 2020 term. Thanks for supporting our Success through Inquiry QEP initiative at Vernon College!