Raise Your Students’ Grades by Teaching Them Effective Learning Strategies

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Friday, September 26
8:30-9:20 a.m.
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10:30-11:20 a.m.
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1:30-2:20 p.m.
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3:30-4:20 p.m.

Room 50 Milton Hall

Did you know that it might be possible to raise your students’ grades by one letter grade by spending 50 minutes on learning strategies? In this workshop a former professor of chemistry and assistant vice chancellor at Louisiana State University (LSU) will demonstrate how this has been done in chemistry classes. Why? In 2008 Louisiana and New Mexico were in the “top five” states with the worst high school preparation for college. Therefore, a few effective learning strategies can go a long way in helping our students excel.

In 2010 and 2011, chemistry students at LSU raised their test grades significantly after attending a 50 minute session on learning strategies, and finished the course with a B average. In contrast, the control group who did not attend the session but who had comparable ACT scores and high school grades, finished the course with a C average.

Come to this session and get an electronic set of the PowerPoint slides that were used to teach students effective learning strategies. You will get permission to use these slides or revise them to meet your own needs.

Dr. Saundra Yancy McGuire recently retired as assistant vice chancellor and professor of chemistry at Louisiana State University. Prior to joining LSU in 1999, Dr. McGuire spent eleven years at Cornell University, where she received the highly coveted Clark Distinguished Teaching Award. At LSU, Dr. McGuire directed the university learning center, which won the 2004 award for the outstanding learning center in the nation. In 2007, she was recognized for excellence in mentoring with a Presidential Award given by George W. Bush in a White House Oval Office Ceremony. In 2011, she was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. McGuire has been teaching chemistry and working in the area of learning and teaching support for over 40 years, and has presented her widely acclaimed faculty development workshops at over 150 institutions.

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