

# **Quality Enhancement**

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ON

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING** 

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#### WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are looking for examples of Experiential Learning activities that faculty are incorporating into their classes.

Please send a brief summary and a couple of pictures to <a href="mailto:katia.maxwell@athens.edu">katia.maxwell@athens.edu</a> to have your experience highlighted in the newsletter!

#### INVITATION FROM THE TEAM

Please continue to participate in the multiple discussions happening now on the New QEP Blackboard organization. Students are also encouraged to share their thoughts. If you are a faculty member, you can assist in making them aware of the this opportunity. Greatly appreciated!

We are also still looking for faculty to share their experiences or those from their students in the different EL activities. Dr. Kim Roberts will be featured in the September Highlight and we welcome more submissions.

If you have questions on getting your students involved please email Katia (katia.maxwell@athens.edu)

#### BLACKBOARD

Everyone has access to the QEP Blackboard organization. Please take a look at this account as we will utilize it as one of the means to communicate with the campus community.



### WE NEED YOU!!

The QEP Leadership team is asking all faculty, staff and students to participate in the opportunity to design a LOGO that will be used for our QEP marketing.

All qualifying submitted entires will be entered into a prize drawing!

What qualifies your design?

- 1. Must incorporate Athens State University
- 2. Must tie in all five identified experiential learning categories
- 3. Must incorporate the tag line "Experience | Success"
- Do not include any identifiable information to yourself as part of the logo

Your submission should be sent to:

<u>katia.maxwell@athens.edu.</u> Please be sure that you include a paragraph explanation of your logo.

Submissions will be accepted through Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

Five EL Categories @ Athens State

Workplace Learning – this includes students participating in internships or having the opportunity to job shadow someone in a position that they have interest in making their own career.

**Learning through Research** — this includes students partnering with faculty members to conduct research in topics that are relevant to the community and/or discipline.

**Hands-On Learning** – the classes that incorporate handson projects come in many different forms.

**Learning through Expeditions** – this includes students being able to get out of the classroom to apply their skills and knowledge through activities that may occur during trips that are taken, whether locally, nationally, or internationally.

Community-Based Learning – this includes classes that work in collaboration with a non-profit community sponsor. This type of learning also occurs outside of the classroom through special groups, such as the Student Government Association, and other student organizations and programs, such as the Peer Mentoring program.

Additional information on all of these categories can be found in Blackboard under the New QEP Organization and then by clicking on the link "EL @ Athens State".

## Thank you Athens State Community

On behalf of the QEP Leadership Team, we want to thank EVERYONE who participated in the "talks" held by focus group leaders and also to those who have been going onto the discussion boards and engaging in conversations and sharing their thoughts.

Your feedback is critical in this process. Please continue and encourage more of your students to also join in the conversation as their voice is also extremely important.