

# ***The Stetson Teacher-Scholar***

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*The Stetson Teacher-Scholar, published by the Brown Center for Faculty Innovation and Excellence, is a monthly electronic newsletter that contains important updates about programming and other professional development opportunities for members of the Stetson teaching community.*

***"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world."  
 -Nelson Mandela***

## **Switch to Canvas**

The university will transition to the Canvas LMS platform in time for the beginning of summer classes. The Office of Online Learning and Educational Technology (OOLET) has created a [Canvas](#) resource webpage to post information about workshops and resources such as tutorials. Bookmark OOLET's Canvas resource page and check it regularly for updates and scheduling information. Contact the [OOLET](#) team to learn how to get create a Canvas sandbox so you can begin to familiarize yourself with this LMS. The Brown Center will supplement OOLET's Canvas programming by creating a resource library of tutorials and recorded webinars. Keep an eye out for announcements about the availability of these resources.

## **A New Supercomputer is available**

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, Associate Provost Rosalie Richards informed faculty via faculty-discuss of an announcement by University of Florida Provost Joe Glover that the university's new HiPerGator AI NVIDIA supercomputer will be available for use by faculty and students across the state of Florida! Read more about this exciting opportunity at <https://news.ufl.edu/2021/01/-nvidia-supercomputer-/>. This information was shared with Stetson University through its membership in the Florida Research Development Alliance (FloRDA). FloRDA consists of research development professionals and administrators from Florida universities, colleges

and other institutions engaged in research. FloRDA members share best practices and facilitate collaborations in order to foster multi- and interdisciplinary research efforts within the state. Stetson queried eligibility for free access by all universities and colleges across the state. Access was granted on March 1, 2021. Faculty, department chairs and deans interested in getting access for themselves, teams or faculty should contact Erik Deumens directly at [deumens@ufl.edu](mailto:deumens@ufl.edu). Dr. Deumens will work with interested parties to determine readiness and/or steps to ensure ability to use the HiPerGator AI. Make sure to keep an eye out for announcements about requirements, training and the process for applying for computing time.

### ***Faculty Spotlight***

Join Brown Center Faculty Fellow Melinda Hall as she hosts the [Stetson Spotlight Series](#), a showcase of research, creative inquiry, and other scholarly engagement of the campus community. Keep an eye out for announcements which contain the link to access the online session. The presentations and conversations have been wonderful. So, please do your best to attend a Spotlight presentation and learn some cool things about the amazing work of our colleagues. Upcoming sessions are scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Erin Nickell, Accounting, School of Business), 17<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Thomas Farrell, Dept. of English), and 24<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Jesse Fox, Counselor Education). Presentations begin at 12:00PM and run until 1:00PM.

### ***Let Us Know What You Need***

As the semester unfolds and we approach the end of the spring semester, we are interested to learn about your experience teaching during the school year. We need your input. Let us know what we can do to help you become a better educator and scholar. Do you need specific readings? Would you prefer video tutorials when learning about new approaches to teaching? Do you have ideas about workshops? Do you seek peer mentorship or coaching? Is there information you are seeking but cannot find on the Brown Center website? Do you want to talk about how the semester is going for you? These are just a few of the myriad of questions one could ask. Your input allows us to refine existing programming and create new programming to better meet your needs. So, please let us know what you need. Send your input to [browncenter@stetson.edu](mailto:browncenter@stetson.edu) and enter "Faculty development feedback" on the title line. Remember, faculty development needs input like plants need water.

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