Using ePortfolio for Student Learning, Showcase and Assessment: Can We Have It All?

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Background

- Located in Farmington, CT
- 4,600 students
- Working with ePortfolio since 2005
- Part of "Making Connections" program with LaGuardia Community College
- 2700 student ePortfolios in Digication



ePortfolio and Career Programs

- Currently used in Computer Information Systems, Dental Hygiene, Business Office Technology, Early Childhood Education
- Goals
 - Increase student success
 - Connection and reflection
 - Increased retention
 - Showcase ePortfolio



- To create a comprehensive assessment system for programs
 - General Education Abilities
 - Program Outcomes

ePortfolio and Liberal Arts and Sciences/General Studies

- Two largest programs on campus
- Majority of students transfer to a four-year institution
- Focus on using ePortfolio to
 - Develop a plan of study
 - Develop a more consistent advising experience at Tunxis
 - Better prepare students for transfer
 - Create an environment for them to showcase their learning
 - Work with advisors from 4-year schools
 - Increase graduation rates

ePortfolio: Strategies for Success

- Faculty Professional Development
 - Seminar Series
 - 4-part semester-long workshop series
 - Topics include ePortfolios, reflection, assessment and student learning
 - Center for Teaching Workshops
 - One hour introductory presentations
 - Adjunct Presentations
 - Faculty Meeting Presentations

ePortfolio: Strategies for Success

- ePortfolio Lab
 - Student Technology Mentors
 - Classroom visits
 - Open training sessions
 - Walk-in Lab Hours



ePortfolio: Strategies for Success

- Faculty and Student Resources
 - <u>ePortfolio Project ePortfolio</u>
 - <u>ePortfolio Blog</u>
 - FAQ
 - Step-by-Step Help Guides
 - Lab hours
 - Login links
 - ePortfolio Templates
 - Tunxis Template
 - Tunxis CIS Template

ePortfolios for Student Learning

- Faculty have integrated the use of ePortfolio into their courses
 - Assessments have a reflective component
- Examples:
 - <u>Izzy</u>
 - Jenna



ePortfolios as a Showcase Tool

• Students in career program capstone courses create a showcase ePortfolio

Student Showcase Events

• Kim



ePortfolios for Assessment

- Ability-Based Education
 - Ten General Education Abilities
 - Every course at Tunxis assesses for at least one General Education Ability
- General Education Passport
 - Tunxis template
 - Examples:
 - Composition

ePortfolios: Can We Have it All?

- Yes! Things to Remember...
 - Culture Shift
 - Time and patience needed!
 - Roadblocks
- In the end, our students will reap the rewards.
- Final Thoughts / Questions?

