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
  - ePortfolio Project ePortfolio

- ePortfolio Blog
  - 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:
  - Izzy
  - 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?