Letter from the Editor:
In reflecting on a semester marked by natural disasters and violence, it is of utmost importance to be empathetic and flexible with our students. This may include extending deadlines, modifying our unit plans, reteaching material, and connecting our students with campus resources. As you navigate these teaching challenges in response to this semester’s events, we want you to know that PIE is here to support you.

Book Recommendation:
Creating Self-Regulated Learners by Linda B. Nilson
Learn how to promote student learning by empowering students to become lifelong learners by developing self-awareness and self-regulation of their learning. This practical text includes tips on how to introduce these skills - it provides charts and sample activities to encourage students to think about their performance in classes across multiple disciplines.

Teaching Tip:
One-Minute Papers
Students write for one minute on a specific question (which might be generalized to “what was the most important thing you learned today”). Best used at the end of the class session.

Adapted from the UCF Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning

The PIE Hotline Q&A:
Dear PIE,
I am a new TA and I am teaching a class of 125 students. I am having a hard time engaging my students and I am interested in learning about activities that are well suited for large class sizes?
Sincerely,
Too many students

Dear (Never) too many,
One of our favorite ways to engage large classes of students is through the think-pair-share activity. In this activity, the instructor poses a question to the class and gives everyone some time to think about the question. Then the instructor asks students to pair up and discuss the question. Finally, the instructor asks for volunteers to share their thoughts with the class.

For more ideas on how to engage students in large classes, come to our next PIE Coffee Hour & Teaching Workshop on Friday, November 16th.

TA Spotlight: Paige Wallace
Paige Wallace, a Doctoral student from FSU’s English Department, is our PIE “TA of the Month” for November/December! As instructor of record, Paige currently teaches ENC-2135 Research, Genre, & Context and LIT-3383 Women in Literature. Paige was nominated for the 2017-2018 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award at FSU. Through her teaching, Paige aims to build a community of students who think critically about the world around them. One of Paige’s students had this to say after taking a class with her: “I am more confident in my writing skills and hope to grow as a writer and a person. If I cannot make a difference in this world with my actions, I hope to become a talented enough writer to make a difference with my words.” Thank you, Paige, for all you do for our students at FSU!

To nominate a TA to highlight in our PIE Newsletter, please email us at PIE-info@fsu.edu.

Campus Resources:
Looking for something to help your students get through the end of the semester push? Check out the University Counseling Center’s RENEW program. RENEW (Realizing Everyone’s Need for Emotional Wellness) is an undergraduate mental health advocacy and peer-education program that provides outreach, presentations, and individual instructional sessions on emotional wellness topics. You can invite them to your class to give tips on study habits, self-care, stress, etc.
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER EVENTS

FRIDAY 11/16 - ENGAGING STUDENTS IN LARGE CLASSES

Teaching a large class can be a challenging experience. What are some best practices to keep students actively learning and participating? This workshop will cover ways to keep lectures engaging and activities you can include to add variety to your teaching techniques.

Presenters: J. T. Bandzuh, PIE Associate, Geography; Amanda Kowalsky, PIE Associate, Psychology

Click here to register.

TUES 12/4 - MINDFULNESS IN THE CLASSROOM - WHY AND HOW?

Mindfulness is not just a trendy term, it’s also a growing area within higher education research. Discover why more and more instructors are incorporating mindfulness into their classrooms and how it can help your students’ learning process.

Presenter: Ebone Amos, PIE Associate, Dance

Click here to register:

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PROGRAM FOR INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE (PIE) - VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE EVENT DETAILS & REGISTRATION LINKS: PIE.FSU.EDU
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