

From: The Director's Desk

Hello and welcome back to the academic year of 2011-2012. We are off to a great start, especially if you attended our QEP Mini-Conference on August 10, 2011. Our theme for this year's conference was "Creating a Campus Culture of Critical Thinking and Analytical Reasoning: Millennial Students = Millennial Faculty and Staff." We are appreciative of the support and cooperation from faculty and staff. Our number of presenters increased by three fold compared to last year presenters. We had topics ranging from "Why Appreciative Advising is Appropriate for the Millennial Student?" to "Why Don't Millennial Student Remember Anything?" We are especially grateful for the group of presenters representing "Pathway to Greatness." Pathway to Greatness is our new campus Initiative which works in collaboration with Student Academic Success and the QEP.

The Center is looking forward to a busy, productive, dynamic, and innovative year. We are here to serve and enhance your professional and pedagogical skills. A monthly calendar is found on the facdev.edu website with a listing of the events for the month. The events include webinars, Special presentations, training, sandbox sessions, conferences, New Faculty Orientations, and other academic workshops. One of FD/QEP Center's goals is to provide resources to enhance your 'Critical Thinking and Analytical Reasoning Skills', thus enhancing those skills in our students. We have a numbers of books on **Critical Thinking, Assessment, Research Essentials; Empowering Students with Technology; Theses and Dissertations; and Federal Grants and Loan Directory (2011 Edition)** by the American Publishing Company, Inc. listing more than 5000 Programs (*Printed and CD*).

We welcome any suggestion(s) to make this Center a better and more productive place for all. We hope to see you, soon.

Regards,

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