



IN THE KNOW ACCREDITATION UPDATE

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GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHAT'S GOING ON

Upcoming events in Accreditation

The HLC Annual Conference has gone VIRTUAL for 2021. In an effort to provide essential information to attendees and ensure their health and safety, HLC is planning an engaging, informative virtual event for April 5 – 9, 2021. A virtual conference not only allows greater attendance under reduced travel guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, but expands access for institutions experiencing financial hardship.

The keynote speakers for this year's conference are **Dr. Sanjay Gupta**, Chief Medical Correspondent and Host, CNN (Wed. April 7th) and **Dr. Sarah Lewis**, Associate Professor, Harvard University and Author, *The Rise* (Fri. April 9th). Dr. Gupta will deliver a live session on how higher education professionals can positively impact their communities and students during challenging times while managing stress and work-life balance in a sector undergoing tremendous change. Dr. Lewis will offer new understandings of what really drives transformational

The GCC Assessment Team kicked off the Spring semester with a workshop that focused on helping faculty develop their own course-level assessment projects of Quantitative and Technological Competence. We shared the rubric we developed for our Gen Ed assessment project and encouraged faculty to adapt it to meet their own needs. In addition, we discussed strategies for adapting existing assignments to meet their assessment goals. The workshop concluded with 45-minute work sessions, which were conducted in Zoom breakout rooms. From the work sessions, faculty developed performance indicators and began filling out their assessment planning forms. We will resume weekly meetings next Monday afternoon to finalize our Gen Ed assessment report for Spring 2020 and to continue working on Program assessments. As always, we are available to chat with any faculty via our email address at Assessment@GCC.edu.

HLC Conference Highlights

Dates: April 5th-9th, 2021

Location: Virtual

Theme: Crisis and Community

Workshops: Supporting Student Success

change on both a personal and organizational level. The General Program of the annual conference will be held virtually over the course of four days, April 6 – 9, featuring a combination of live and on-demand presentations. The workshops, including the very popular *Supporting Student Success Workshop*, will be held Monday April 5th.

I will send out more information on registration as it becomes available. Please let me or your direct supervisor know if you are interested in attending.

"Education without morals is like a ship without a compass, merely wandering nowhere"

~Martin Luther King Jr.

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