11,664 kilometers across the sea: Bridging the student support gap to the Pacific Islands

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UNT DISTANCE PROGRAMS

Distance Learning

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• Importance of indigenous librarians
• Grant
  – Scholarship
  – Computer and connectivity
  – Travel to Institute and Graduation
  – Professional Memberships
  – Evaluation
RECRUITING STUDENTS

Driving to recruits

Jane Barnwell, potential recruits, and Dr. Yvonne Chandler
The Web Institute: Establishing Relationships

Rosalind Unpingco and Beth Avery

Julia Martin, Jane Barnwell, and Dr. Yvonne Chandler

Cindy Batman, Jean Thoulag, Elvis Zodiacal, and Melissa Gentapanan
IT WAS DIFFERENT

The Best of Both Worlds

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Wednesday to Friday, August 10 - 19, 2011

Get up and wake up moves: Elvis Zodiacal, Wai Yi Ma, and Imengel Mad.

Dr. Larry Enoch, UNT Faculty, teaching class at the Outriggers’ beach in Tumon.

Team work project during class
What are your impressions of the Web Institute?
CLASSES and WORKSHOPS
during the Web Institute

Justin Maga, Elvis Zodiacal, Imengel Mad students

Jefrey Libao, Jessejoe Tedpahogo, and Amy Kranz
Communication & Cultural Issues

Rosalyn Ajoste, LEAP student, far left

Jennifer Hainrick, LEAP Student
Getting to know the students

Imengel Mad talks about life in Palau

Interviews were conducted with students during the program

Meena Benavente describes the Northern Mariana Islands
THE MENTORING PROGRAM

UNT Librarians at Mentors meeting: Frances May, Lilly Ramin, Gayla Byerly, Erin O’Toole, and Randy Wallace

Jane Barnwell, PREL and Cindy Batman, UNT
Reaching Across the Miles

FW: LEAP Mentor program

Avery, Beth

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To: McEathan, Sabrina

Message

Cindy and beth at work.jpg (3 MB)

Your mentee is initaenori, initaenori@ymail.com The first assignment is due soon.

There are photos of the trip: http://www.lis.unt.edu/leap/photos/index.php

There is a LEAP Cohort Blackboard site. Where students can chat without the faculty seeing it, ask questions about library resources, just keep in touch with one another and the mentors. As things arise there will be tutorials there on how to use resources, etc. You should be able to see it on your Blackboard screen.

I sent my mentees my short vita so they knew about my background and then discussed a little about my job and research/presentation interests the letter to them.

Let me or Cindy know if you have any questions.

Beth

Mentee reminders

Avery, Beth

Sent: Wed 10/12/2011 1:56 PM

To: Batman, Cindy; Bloechle, Marie; Byerly, Gayla; Downey, Annie; Enoch, Todd; Heney, Mark; Hoffman, Starr; Leuzinger, Julie; May, Frances; McDougall, Christopher; McEathan, Sabrina; Monahan, Jo; O'Toole, Erin; Remin, Lilly; Wahl, Diane; Wallace, Randy

Might give the students some encouragement and a reminder not to procrastinate on their 5600 midterm due the end of the month!

Beth Avery
Coordinator. Collection Development
Reference Channels

Beth Fuseler Avery
yes click on the boxes in the middle of the screen and you can change it to 2009

Rosalyn Ajoste
ok i see them...they don't all have dbms in their titles but i'll read through them...dr. enoch said we only needed three
scholarly articles...these look fine...

Beth Fuseler Avery
I'll email you if I find others. Gotta run or I won't get a parking space within a mile of where I'm going!

Rosalyn Ajoste
ok thank you so much beth~
you saved me once again...i was having serious writer's block...
I've got approximately ten hours left!

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Class Assignments

Library Database Access
Several people have been having difficulty getting into the library databases. I suggest you try using the VPN first -- http://vpn.unt.edu. After you have been authenticated then put in the library url http://www.library.unt.edu
If when you try to access the VPN it doesn't recognize your password you can change it at http://ramo.unt.edu

Scholarships

5000-TrendTissue Bibliography, scholarly & professional sources
See Erin O'Toole's fantastic response on TrendTissue Bibliography assignment

Time management
We're now almost halfway through the semester. Many of you have talked about how overwhelming it can be to keep up with classes.

How about sharing some of the successful and not successful strategies you are using to make sure those assignments are in on time?

5500 Midterm
How is everyone doing? Remember it has to be turned in on time and DON'T WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE -- yes i'm shouting since several of you still talk about those time management issues.
Communication
Technical Issues

http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:InternetPenetrationWorldMap.svg
Sustainability & Mentoring & Alumni Status

Front row: Angelina Yobech, Rosalyn Ajoste, Meena Benavente, LEAP students at graduation celebration.

Pacific Island students at PIALA Conference, August, 2013
Visualizing a Bright Future

Pacific Island students and the LEAP Cohort
Graduating class of the University of North Texas August 2013
College of Information’s program: Master’s of Library and Information Sciences