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WANTED: Bright Teaching Ideas

The CTL's 2001 brochure Best Practices in NEIU Teaching was very popular, and we believe it is finally time for a follow-up edition. Many new faculty and instructors have joined our campus, and the faculty who were around four years ago have had time to experiment with additional teaching ideas. You can still read the old Best Practices edition on the CTL website at: <http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/teaching/bestprac.html>.

This year we are changing the title to Bright Ideas because Best Practices might suggest an overly normative approach to teaching. Whatever the title, the purpose of this brochure remains the same: to showcase the creativity of teaching at NEIU. Faculty are each other's best resources for ideas, and this publication wants to provide another forum for that. We are asking for a teaching technique that works well for you, not something that has never been tried by anybody else!!

Send us a short description of your most interesting teaching technique.

Describe it so that other instructors can judge how applicable it would be to their own classes. Possible topics include but are not limited to: Interesting assignments; creative use of grading rubrics; effective use of technology; writing activities in or out of class; in-class demonstrations; setting high expectations; keeping a teaching journal; assessment techniques that assess and teach at the same time; strategies for getting to know your students; problem-based learning; working on group dynamics; team-teaching; reading guides, etc.

Your entry should include the following information (preferably in the format shown on the above website):

- Your name
- Your department
- Description of your teaching technique (100 words or less)
- The course(s) in which you have used the technique
- A brief rationale for why you think this technique works

We want to showcase what our faculty and instructors do that works particularly well with our students here at NEIU. Your entries will be compiled and published for all faculty members and instructors on campus, so people who read about your teaching idea can contact you if they have further questions.

In mid November, we will invite all participants to a luncheon combined with a **drawing for valuable book prizes.**

Who can participate? Any instructor and any tenured or tenure-track faculty member at NEIU

Please send your entry to:

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Or e-mail it to: e-hansen@neiu.edu.

Entries must be received by: Friday, Nov. 4, 2005