

Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaching & Learning Academy – we hope that this conference provides you with opportunities to “Get Your Gears Going”! In keeping with our Metacognition focused workshops, we are excited to host Dr. Sandra McGuire, a distinguished professor and author of Teach Students How to Learn.

This conference has transitioned into a gathering that focuses on approaches and practices that support teaching & learning and assessment.

We have over 125 people registered for the conference and several of you are from one of our sister Alamo Colleges as well as fellow educators from neighboring colleges and ISDs.

In addition to Dr. McGuire's keynote address, please check your program for her break-out session about strategies for increasing student motivation as well as several other break-out sessions that include a "think tank" model of collaborative student engagement to embedding Metacognition into your classroom using TAT 101: Thinking about Thinking.

We are excited to once again recognize our adjunct faculty with years of service awards as well as provide you an opportunity to meet with your divisions in the afternoon.

## Info about the conference:

- 1) It helps us meet the desire to support faculty and staff professional development objectives as well as specific SACS standards (C.S. 3.4.9 and C.S. 3.4.12)
- 2) It is sponsored by the Division of Learning Resources. Funds have been set aside by the VPAS from our professional development money to pay for a high-caliber presenter and the materials / food to support the conference
- 3) We have an advisory committee with representation across the college that help us make decisions on theme and programs to be presented
- 4) We start planning in March for this conference
- 5) This year, we secured funding from the professional development committee to purchase some of Dr. McGuire's books as giveaways as well as some Bloom's Taxonomy sliders.
- 6) We assess the conference every year with regards to satisfaction and it has been very well received in the last few years.