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Hello and welcome. Our monthly newsletter shares short but useful news. We appreciate you sharing your valuable time.

LinkedIn Feature of the Month: Click on the Promotions tabs for surveys and other opportunities. Follow us at our **online portal** <http://www.hetl.org> on **Twitter** @HETLportal, and on **Facebook** at <http://www.facebook.com/HETLPORTAL>

## Message from the President

Dear colleagues,

I would like to pay the tribute to the memory of Steve Jobs. His death did not leave a single one of us indifferent. Steve Jobs was an era; he connected us all and brought so much humanity into the virtual world, which he innovated not only with computer and iPod, but with love and spirit. "his genius leveraged cultural differences for maximum result" and "many key innovations in universities can be traced to him" - those and many other tributes to Steve Jobs at <http://www.facebook.com/HETLPORTAL>. I wish all of us to be well, and to stay connected.

Yours,

Olga Kovbasyuk

## Message from the Director

The Blackboard company recently announced its plan to open its application (<http://chronicle.com/blogs/wiredcampus/in-victory-for-open-education-movement-blackboard-embraces-sharing/33776>) by adding a share button. This will give instructors who use Blackboard the option of sharing certain content on those courses with the public. This is part of a wider trend called the open education movement that seeks to share educational resources freely. More about open education and about how it is being deployed at NYU can be found at (<http://www.nyu.edu/academics/open-education.html>).

Regards,

Patrick Blessinger

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*Please invite your colleagues to join our discussion group at <http://bit.ly/bgnlig>*

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## Research Collaborations

Select Subgroups under the More tab on the group homepage. Then select the **Scholarship Subgroup**. A teaser... Changes in HE administration and curriculum will look like.....???

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*Research collaborations can be found in the Scholarship subgroup.*

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## Events and New Items

New on HETL.org: Read Dr. Dee Fink's "Creating Significant Learning Experiences: An HETL Interview with Dr. Dee Fink".

We're now in **Portal 2.0**: improved organization of information; easier way to submit articles, and a slideshow feature highlighting important announcements.

Submit Your Own Article: Consider what you could add to our growing base of articles by submitting your own article. Please see <http://hetl.org/submission-instructions/> for submission requirements & themes.

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Collaborating Across Borders III (CAB III), will be held November 19-21, 2011 in Tucson Arizona, USA. The theme is Interprofessional Collaboration: From Concept to Preparation to Practice. Dr. David Bugay & Dr. Cyndy Woods-Wilson will host a poster session on our group. More details are here: <http://www.cabarizona2011.org/> Tucson, AZ, where Novembers are spectacularly warm!

Higher Ed Organizations: Canadian Alliance for Community Service Learning: <http://www.communityservicelearning.ca/> and Council on Undergraduate Research: <http://www.cur.org/>.

Higher Ed Conferences: Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience: <http://www.sc.edu/fye/> and Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy: <http://www.cider.vt.edu/conference/>.

Higher Ed Journals: Interdisciplinary Journal of Problem-based Learning: <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/ijpbl/> and International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning: <http://www.irrodl.org/index.php/irrodl>.

Teaching & Learning Centers: Lincoln University, New Zealand: <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/tls> and Wright State University: <http://www.wright.edu/ctl/>.

Do you have question or ideas for us? Contact Cyndy Woods-Wilson or David Bugay. For research collaboration queries or queries about article submissions to The HETL Review (our e-journal), contact Patrick Blessinger.