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Welcome Back from DFI

Dear Colleagues,

As summer days start to wane, and as many of you have been taking much needed refuge in the slowed down pace of summer, your colleagues at the Digital Futures Institute have been busy planning some exciting new programming for the coming year. For example, look out for more information about these innovative developments:

- Tech Playground - an opportunity to play and experiment with new technologies
- Teachers Supporting Teachers - a collaboration with the [Office of Teacher Education](#) aimed at supporting the technology planning efforts of 1st and 2nd year K12 teachers
- How's School? - a new podcast from DFI about issues that impact young people for the people who care about them

Additionally, we'll be sharing information about orientation workshops and an official launch to the newly renovated Russell Hall Innovation Space that houses a design studio, a gallery, and mixed-use space where DFI will hold workshops and demonstrations aimed at supporting the broader TC community.

Finally, we continue to support the College's digital innovation needs in teaching, research, and public engagement. Most immediately, you'll see our Instructional Support Associates checking on classrooms as the semester gets underway, to provide assistance with the use of classroom technologies. And you can always [submit a request for assistance](#) with your fall courses, a budding idea for a project idea that needs digital assistance, or another need that may arise. We're here to help, collaborate, and build with you.

On behalf of DFI, I wish you an energized return to the new semester!

Lalitha
Vice Dean for Digital Innovation

What's Going on at DFI?

DFI Tech Playground

We're excited that our new DFI Tech Playground series will begin this October. On the first Wednesday of each month, between 11am and 1pm, you can stop by one of our DFI spaces for hands-on play with technology you might not have used previously. The technology themes of our first three sessions are:

- October 5: Immersive learning
- November 2: Making your own media
- December 7: Assistive technology

Tech Tuesdays

This fall, be on the lookout for Tech Tuesdays with Brianne. Our team will be providing interactive 30-minute mini-workshops around various tech ideas that you can use within your courses! These workshops are designed to help you create engaging experiences within your courses, as well as provide quick and easy tech tips to help throughout the semester! Topics include Zoom features, Padlet, GSuite, Nearpod, and many more!

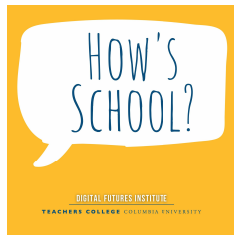
Course Support

Our instructional support associates have been working hard to help faculty get their fall Canvas courses ready. The number of requests is increasing substantially. If you need any support with Canvas, please [submit your request here](#) as soon as possible.

Instructional Update Videos

Stay tuned for more Instructional Updates this semester! We will continue to work to provide you with exciting content in a creative way. Keep an eye out for the Instructional Updates by following [our playlist on YouTube](#) or reading our monthly faculty newsletter that is sent out the first Tuesday of each month!

How's School? DFI's new podcast

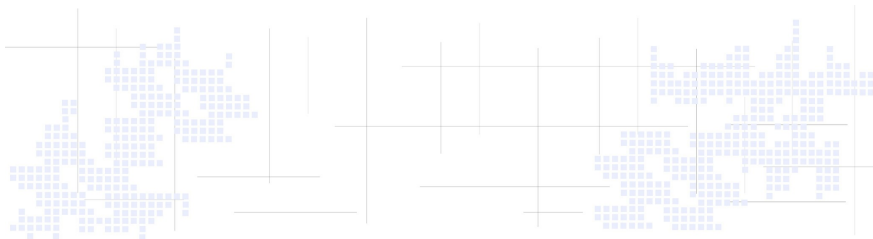


How's School? is our new podcast coming this fall about the issues that face young people, for the people who care about them.

Follow now on [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Spotify](#).

Studio Hours

DFI is excited to launch "Studio Hours" in Macy Studio (Macy 259) on September 6th. Studio hours will include access to a recording station designed for faculty, staff and students to record quality webcam presentations with the aid of lights, backdrops, a green screen, and a studio microphone. We will also have a podcast station with four microphones and a mixer for those looking for a place to record quality audio. Look for an announcement at the start of September and check tc.edu/dfi for a calendar with time slots to come make media, where a DFI representative will be available to provide support!



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