



**2024 Best Practices Symposium**  
**“You Don’t Need to Re-Invent the Wheel...  
 Paying it Forward”**  
**College of DuPage**  
**Friday, April 5, 2024**



<b>Breakfast &amp; Registration:</b> 8:00 – 8:45 AM	<b>SRC 2000 D-G</b> Turner Conference Center	
<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> 8:45 – 9:00 AM	James Allen, Interdisciplinary Chair for Learning Communities, College of DuPage Dr. Jorge Nieto, Associate Vice Provost, Assessment and Student Success, College of DuPage Charles Pastors, CILC Acting Executive Director	
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<b>Plenary Roundtable</b> 9:00 – 9:45 AM	“Life’s Lessons from Those Who Have ‘Been There, Done That’,” Representatives from College of DuPage, Harper College, Waubensee Community College, and McHenry County College	
<b>SRC 2000 A</b>		<b>SRC 2000 B</b>
<b>Breakout I</b> 10:00 – 11:00 AM	“Planning to Start or Expand an LC Program,” Charles R. Pastors, Professor Emeritus, Northeastern Illinois University; Principal QUEST For Student Success	“Foster Belonging: A Learning Community to Cultivate Inclusion,” Toni Countryman and Shiela Venkataswamy, McHenry County College
<b>Breakout II</b> 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	“Paying it Forward: Options for LC Curriculum Design,” Faculty from College of DuPage	“SuperTwofer, Phase III: Pilot Launch at the Community College for High Impact Practices,” Kate Middy, McHenry County College
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<b>Lunch:</b> 12:15 – 1:45 PM	Learning Communities Café—Menu entrée items: Discussion Tables (Topics TBA)	
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<b>Breakout III</b> 2:00 – 3:00 PM	“Growing an ESL Learning Community Garden - Flowers, Thorns and Weeds,” Ashley Fifer and Cara Tuzzolino, Nassau Community College	“Not Your Grandpa’s Assessment Tool,” Kate Middy, et. al, McHenry County College
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<b>Continuing the Conversation</b> 2:45 – 3:30 PM	Learning Communities Café--Dessert Menu: Building on items coming out of the Lunch Discussion Tables and Symposium Sessions Opportunities to Connect with Presenters and For Further Elaboration on Earlier Sessions	