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## NEW HORIZONS SHOWCASE

This year's New Horizons conference, the premier annual teaching and learning event of Virginia's community colleges, was cancelled due to the rapid spread and impact of COVID-19. This year's conference theme Imagine the Possibilities encouraged the nearly 1,000 college faculty, staff, and administrative leaders statewide to share and engage in innovations, technological findings, pedagogical strategies, and creative solutions in and out of the classroom to improve equity and promote student success.

What we could not have expected was that teachers, researchers, and professionals across the Virginia Community College System would be imagining the possibilities of a new reality for higher education, one in which socially distanced, online and Zoom-based teaching and learning replaced traditional forms of communication and interaction. As a means of capturing this vital conversation and the originally intended conference presentations, those whose proposals were accepted to participate at New Horizons were solicited to share their findings in a special *Inquiry* showcase.

The following showcase works by Lauren Foster, Melissa Stange, and Matthew "Seth" Helmandollar seek to keep our New Horizons tradition alive virtually and sustain conversations about problem-based learning, preparation for students entering digital era careers, and the implementation of Canvas in student coaching and advising, respectively.

We hope that this glimpse into the conference stimulates discussion and encourages readers to pursue their own scholarship, research, and exchange of ideas in future issues of *Inquiry* as well as New Horizons conferences.