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By Elizabeth Wilmer
This essay considers statistical reports on underprepared students, the history of developmental education, the characteristics of underprepared students, and the reasons it is imperative that we provide these students with a college-level education.

Podcasting’s Possibilities
By Mimi Leonard
In 2005, Wytheville Community College developed a Quality Enhancement Plan to emphasize student speaking and listening competencies. This article suggests that podcasting is a promising instructional technique to build oral skills and to enliven teaching and learning.

Using Analogies to Assess Student Learning
By Callan Bentley
The author offers his experiences in using Classroom Assessment Techniques (CATs) in his geology courses to gauge his students’ grasp of course concepts.

Increasing the Success of Online Students
By Ivan L. Harrell II
In this article, the author presents ways that colleges can use student readiness, orientation, and support to increase the likelihood for success of their online students.

Germanna’s Treasure Trove of History: A Journey of Discovery
By Rob Sherwood
The author shares the rich historical setting of Germanna Community College’s Locust Grove Campus, as well as the classroom and college activities and events that have grown alongside his discoveries.
What Would Freud Say to Voltaire? The Use of Dialogues in Survey Courses
By Linda Simmons
In this essay, the author argues that assigning dialogues in survey courses is a viable alternative to traditional research-based essays.

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A Class Project to Study Linguistic Variation in English
By Bruce A. Sofinski with Dyan Hansford, Sue Matthews, Rochelle Taylor, Kathryn Wilson, Rachel Henry, and Lydia Polonofsky
This article explains how a final class project in an American Sign Language course teaches teamwork, critical thinking, and research methodology.

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