Call for Presentations
JCCC Cavalier Conference on Writing & Literature 2017
A Regional Conference for Secondary & Post-Secondary English Instructors

Conference Date: **Friday, April 21, 2017**

Proposals Due: **Tuesday, February 28, 2017 (Deadline has been extended)**

As English teachers, we often celebrate the small victories: students who diligently slug away at an assignment and then suddenly "get it", creating a new assignment that helps students see course material in a new way, engaging in conversation that makes us rethink our attitudes towards evaluating student work, discovering ways to make our classroom experiences more enjoyable, and reinvigorating disaffected colleagues or administrators with innovative approaches to old problems. Yet how often do we share and celebrate these victories outside of our own classrooms or departments?

Those of us who teach English at Johnson County Community College invite you to **SHOWCASE** your achievements and innovations at the 3rd Annual Cavalier Conference on Writing & Literature. We invite you to play an active role in this annual regional conference for secondary and post-secondary teachers of English two ways:

- ★ **Propose a session**. We are accepting proposals for 60-minute sessions focusing on the theme of showcasing. We are especially interested in interactive, hands-on sessions. Potential topics might include the following:
  - Showcasing innovative assignments
  - Showcasing digital workflows
  - Showcasing student creations
  - Showcasing assessment
  - Showcasing student achievement
  - Showcasing scholarship
  - Showcasing professional development
  - Showcasing creative processes

- ★ **Submit a Great Idea for Teaching (GIFT).** Everyone is invited to submit one-page teaching ideas for the Showcase & GIFTs session. We seek innovative and cutting edge practices that stem from the classroom interaction of teachers and students appropriate for secondary and post-secondary classroom use. Accepted submissions will be collected, bound, and distributed during the conference.

Tentative Schedule:

Coffee, Cantaloupe, & Conversation	8:00–8:30 a.m.
Welcome	8:30–8:50 a.m.
Session I	9:00–10:00 a.m.
Session II	10:15–11:15 a.m.
Lunch & Keynote with Tom Averill	11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Showcase & GIFTs	1:00–2:30 p.m.
Closing Remarks	2:30–2:45 p.m.

A registration fee of $30 includes coffee, continental breakfast, and lunch.

Session Proposal Form: **Due Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

Title of Session: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

School/Institution: _____

Work Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

Names of other panel members (if any—note institutions if different from contact person's)

_____

_____

_____

Equipment: Projectors, computers, wireless Internet and will be available in every session space.

Computer classrooms may be available on a very limited basis.

Please indicate other equipment needed for your proposed session:

_____

_____

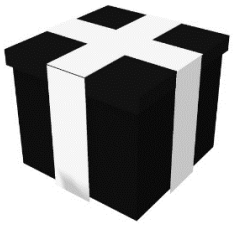
Please attach your proposal, including the following:

- An abstract of your proposed session (250-word maximum)
- A synopsis of your proposed session to be used in the program materials, if accepted (50-word maximum)

Submit your proposal to:

Matthew Schmeer & Ted Rollins
Department of English
Johnson County Community College
12345 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS 66210

Or via email to: cavconenglish@jccc.edu



GIFT Exchange

Great Ideas For Teaching

What is a GIFT? Anything you want it to be!

This year, the Cavalier Conference is calling on all our participants to showcase a short, innovative and sharable Great Idea For Teaching, or GIFT.

Our GIFT wishlist includes:

- Writing Prompts
- Assignment Assessment Rubrics
- Style exercises
- Journal Prompts
- Technology Tips
- Classroom Activities
- Peer Review Techniques
- *That thing we didn't know we needed!*

In the afternoon of the conference, each participant will receive a booklet including all of the GIFTs submitted; the afternoon session will showcase some of the contributions and allow participants to present their ideas with others. If the author gives permission, their work will be published as part of the procedings in JCCC's Scholar Space.

Email your one-page GIFT to cavconenglish@jccc.edu
Please submit your GIFT as a Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or PDF format.

Format for GIFTs:

Fay K'Name
University High School College
Duration: 20 minutes

Journal Prompts for the Midterm Malaise

And so on . . .

Great Ideas for Teaching (GIFT) Submission Form

Please type your responses in the fields below.

Your Name: _____

Your School/Institution: _____

Title of Your GIFT: _____

Description of Your GIFT (In no more than 100 words, please explain what the GIFT involves, why you think it is valuable, the suggested grade level, and the recommended timeframe):

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

Please submit your completed GIFT Submission Form and your one-page GIFT (as a Word or PDF document) via email to cavconenglish@jccc.edu by Friday, April 7, 2017.