

# *Empowerments for Student Learning*

## *Exclusively for Adjuncts*

**Honoring learner-centered teaching activities and supportive teaching environments  
in a changing paradigm of higher education**

*Expand your knowledge. Broaden your resources. Spark students' inspiration.*



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The next 2 issues will feature tips to guide faculty in supporting student learning. The tips below are from Dr. Ali Esmaeili, Dean of Bachelor Programs and University Relations at South Texas College, NISOD, May 15, 2012.

- **Get to know your students.** Continue learning their names, majors, academic backgrounds, and interests.
- **Help students' dreams become a reality.** Students are coming to your class with hope. Welcome students and foster their enthusiasm.
- **Create a comfortable learning environment.** Reducing students' stress makes for a better focus on learning and reduces worry about personal problems they may be facing.
- **Be flexible.** Utilize several teaching techniques and methodologies to reach students with different learning styles. Not all students learn the same way.
- **Don't work hard; work smart.** Draw on the most resourceful students in your class to assist other students, and facilitate cooperative learning. Many times, the best tutor is a peer tutor.
- **Provide timely feedback to your students.** Students need to know and understand their outcomes as students in order to augment their goals and study strategies.
- **Make things practical.** Students learn better by understanding the underlying purpose of what they are learning.

With Best Regards,

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