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## **EXPANDING THE NEST** **Cultivating Student Success & Recognition Program**

As you begin the fall semester, we encourage you to set a goal for which level you hope to achieve this semester with the Expanding the NEST recognition program. There are up to 25 NEST practices those who teach can engage in throughout the semester. Some of the practices would occur in the beginning of the semester (e.g., #3 to develop or co-create guidelines or community agreements for interaction during class). Take some time during this first week to review the [menu of NEST practices](#) and set a goal for which level you aim to achieve from the following:

Eligibility	Faculty/Educators*	Non-Teaching Staff
<i>Champion</i>	25 NEST practices	8 NEST practices
<i>Innovator</i>	15 NEST practices	5 NEST practices
<i>Advocate</i>	6 NEST practices	3 NEST practices

\*At least one practice must reflect an institutional initiative

Educators who document the practices they engage will be recognized at our [Celebration of Teaching](#). The questionnaire submission period to be recognized as a NEST Champion, Innovator, and Advocate is October 13 to October 28. The questionnaire will be available on the [Expanding the NEST website](#) during that time period.

We hope to see you recognized at the celebration on November 13!

If your goal is to be a NEST Champion, review one of the following checklists based on your teaching status:

- [For those who teach](#)
- [For those who do not teach](#)

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## WELCOME, NEW FACULTY!

On August 11th and 12th, CETL welcomed over 200 new faculty to Kennesaw State University at New Faculty Orientation (NFO). This was a university-wide effort including the Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Faculty Affairs, Student Affairs, Event and Venue Management, and over 20 campus partners who presented content and provided resources for the success of our new faculty.

The onboarding of the new faculty does not end in these two days. CETL has created a course in D2L for faculty to continue to enhance their skills in teaching and learning, learn about additional resources on campus, and engage with other new faculty.



In addition, faculty will have an opportunity participate in our yearlong onboarding series featuring several campus resources that will aide early career faculty success. All educators are welcome regardless of your time here at Kennesaw State University. Registration is open for the upcoming opportunities this semester:

## Early Career Onboarding Series

### **Getting to Know Our KSU Students**

Friday, Aug. 28 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Wellbeing@KSU**

Monday, Oct. 13 | 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

### **Building and Facilitating a Sustainable Module for Your Course**

Friday, Sept. 5 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### **Celebration of Teaching Day**

November 11-13, 2025

### **Accessing & Navigating uHoo Analytics**

Thursday, Sept. 25 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

### **Data Interpretation & Use of uHoo for Your Annual Review**

Tuesday, Dec. 2 | 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.



# Spotlight on Expanding the NEST

Every month, we will be spotlighting one of the practices for cultivating student success. This is meant to provide tips for implementing the practice.

This month, we are spotlighting:

#25: **Take a deep dive.** Identify one aspect of your course to focus on, contact CETL for support, and make an informed decision for improvement (e.g., identifying the need, collecting data, designing interventions, [creating a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning \(SoTL\) study](#) for eventual publication, involving students as partners in this work).

The beginning of the semester can provide a great start to taking a deep dive. CETL provides a number of services to assist you in this effort. First, you will need to identify what aspect of your course you want to focus on. This may be a particular assignment or an in-class activity. Then, you will contact CETL for support. If you know you are interested in conducting a SoTL study, you should request a [SoTL consultation](#). If you are more interested in improving an assignment or your course design, you should request a [Teaching and Learning Consultation](#).

These are two examples of utilizing CETL Services for support in your deep dive. Here is a list of all our personalized, one-on-one services we provide faculty for their success here at KSU:

- [Teaching and Learning Consultations](#)
- [Classroom Observations](#)
- [Student Focus Groups](#)
- [Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Consultations](#)
- [Educational Grant Consultations](#)



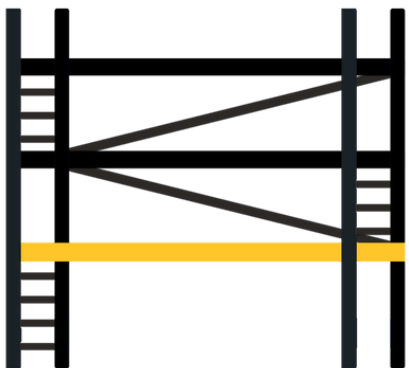


# SoTL Spotlight

This month we are shining our SoTL Spotlight on a brand new CETL program, the [KSU SoTL Scaffold](#), which encourages the KSU community to learn more about SoTL, practice it as scholars, and serve as leaders on campus and within the international SoTL community. Faculty, staff, or graduate students who complete any of the levels below will be recognized at CETL's annual [Celebration of Teaching](#)!

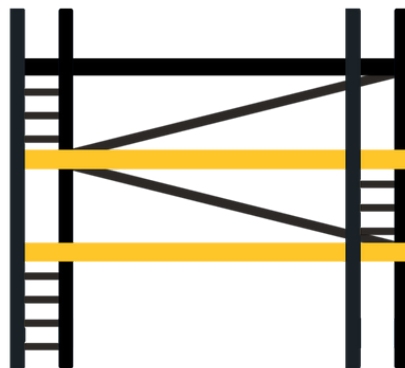
We hope all faculty will consider completing the first level: SoTL Learner, which will introduce you to the concept of SoTL. Those who get more involved in creating and sharing their SoTL studies can achieve the SoTL Scholar level. And those who help to grow SoTL through mentoring and leadership can achieve the highest level, SoTL Leader.

Participating in the KSU SoTL Scaffold is an excellent way to document your commitment to student success and be recognized for your work. SoTL-active faculty may already have completed many of the activities on the list. Visit the [KSU SoTL Scaffold](#) website to learn more.



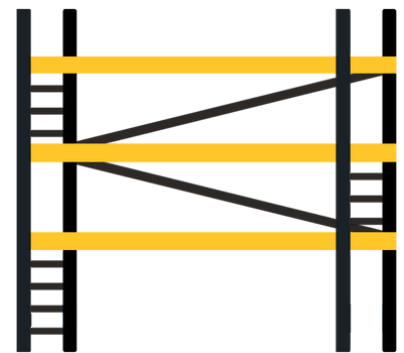
## SoTL Learner

Read, understand,  
and consume SoTL



## SoTL Scholar

Practice and  
engage in SoTL



## SoTL Leader

Serve as a leader  
on campus and  
internationally



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# SUMMIT

September 18-19, 2025

## FREE FOR KSU FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

We invite you to attend the [2025 SoTL Summit virtual conference](#)! Join us for more than 150 peer-reviewed and invited sessions showcasing SoTL research and scholarly teaching innovations.

Registration is **free** for all KSU faculty, staff, and students. You must register with your KSU email address for the free registration. Attending the SoTL Summit is one activity that counts towards becoming a SoTL Learner in the [KSU SoTL Scaffold](#) initiative.

Bonus: as a registrant, you will have the opportunity to return to the program after the conference to view sessions you missed.

Save  
the  
Date

## CELEBRATION OF TEACHING NOVEMBER 11-13

The Celebration of Teaching elevates and amplifies teaching practices and recognizes faculty as they cultivate student success at KSU.

This year, we will host:

- Recognition of Teaching Excellence with President Schwaig and Provost Pulinkala
- Keynote with Dr. Laura Cruz
- Teaching with our KSU Values Workshop Series
- Sustainability Showcase
- SoTL Showcase

Check out more details on our [website](#).



# Upcoming Events

Come join CETL for opportunities to grow and connect with others here at Kennesaw State University. All of our events can be found on this [website](#). Below is a list of upcoming events and deadlines. Please remember our registration process is now handled through OwlTrain. If you have any questions, please email us at [ctl@kennesaw.edu](mailto:ctl@kennesaw.edu)

## **Designing Students Learning Activities**

Tuesday, Aug. 26

3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Virtual

## **Tenured Faculty Enhancement Leave Application Workshop**

Thursday, Aug. 28

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Virtual

## **Designing Students Learning Activities**

Tuesday, Aug. 26

5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Virtual

## **Early Career Onboarding Series: Getting to Know Our KSU Students**

Friday, Aug. 29

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CETL House, Hybrid

## Ongoing Events | Mutual Mentoring Groups (MMG) + More

### **Chairs and Directors MMG - Kick-Off**

Tuesday, Aug. 19

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

CETL House

### **Assistant and Associate Deans MMG - Kick-Off**

Thursday, Aug. 21

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Virtual

### **Assistant and Associate Chairs MMG - Kick-Off**

Friday, Aug. 22

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

CETL House

### **VITAL Faculty Community of Practice Kick-Off (In-Person)**

Monday, Aug. 25

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CETL House

### **VITAL Faculty Community of Practice Kick-Off (Online)**

Wednesday, Aug. 27

5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Virtual

## Upcoming Deadlines

### **SoTL Conference Presentation Funds**

Deadline: Aug. 25 @ 11:59pm

### **Tenured Faculty Enhancement Leave**

Deadline: Oct. 1 @ 11:59pm



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