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Sep 30th, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## The Future of Learning World Cafe

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## The Future of Learning: Kickoff Week

Monday, September 27th marks the start of Future of Learning Kickoff Week. There are three ways you can participate:

- **World Cafe on Thursday, September 30th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in Kryzsko Ballroom** (Winona Campus). Stop by at your convenience and share your thoughts with friends, new and old on the future of learning at WSU.
- **Daily TLT 20-Minute eClinics and Learn Labs on the EDUCAUSE New Horizon Report: Teaching and Learning Edition.** Check your email for an invitation to Join in person, via Zoom, or watch the recording. We will focus on the role of technology in the future of learning and the emerging trends of artificial intelligence, hybrid courses, learning analytics, badging, open educational resources, and quality online learning.
- **Learning Technology Innovation Challenge.** Check your email for an invitation to an online challenge. How might WSU leverage technology in new and exciting ways to improve learning in the future? Submit your idea, comment on the ideas of others, and you might just win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card!

### Join the World Café This Thursday

An open, ongoing conversation will be happening in person in the Kryzsko Ballroom (formerly the East Room) this Thursday. Bring a friend, make new ones, and share your thoughts, feelings, and ideas about the future of learning at WSU. You do not need to stay for the entire event. Join us whenever you can and plan to spend about 30 minutes. We will use a [World Café format](#) that emphasizes welcoming, open, dialog. Respond to pre-established questions or go off in another direction. Don't feel like talking? There will be other ways to share, including writing down your thoughts or doodling or sketching a picture. Students, faculty, and staff are all encouraged to participate!

**Thursday, September 30th**

**11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Location: Kryzsko Ballroom (formerly East Room), Winona Campus**

# Learning Technology Innovation Challenge

Do you have an idea for how WSU could use technology to better support teaching and learning in the future? Is there an emerging technology that will transform learning or an existing technology we are not using to its full potential? Visit our online idea board and submit your idea. You can also comment on the ideas of others and like them. You only have 10 likes, so use them wisely. We will award three \$50 Amazon gift cards to three people with the highest score on the challenge. The link to the idea board is posted as an announcement on D2L and will be sent to you via email. Use **StarID@go.minnstate.edu** (student) or **StarID@minnstate.edu** (employee) and your StarID password to sign in. The application will use your name and profile picture to identify your ideas and comments.

Generate ideas in one of the following categories:

- Artificial intelligence
- Blended or hybrid course models
- Learning analytics
- Microcredentialing or badging
- Open educational resources
- Quality online learning
- Extended reality
- Other

Above text captured from the University Theme Kickoff Week web page, January 20, 2023

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## About

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# The Future of Learning: 2021-2022 University Theme

The world is experiencing a period of rapid transformation. The pandemic disruption, systemic racism, social injustice and unrest, generational shifts, climate change impacts, science denial, anti-intellectualism, and rapid technological advances are among the mega-trends driving significant change. In particular to higher education institutions, cost, demographic, and revenue worries aren't going away. Individuals, groups, and organizations are already stretched as they struggle to respond to these unprecedented challenges. The gap that was already present between how we are organized, and the needs of the future, is widening rapidly.

WSU will confront these challenges and identify opportunities to transform our campus and community by exploring together The Future of Learning as the 2021-2022 University Theme. This Theme will mesh with institutional planning work that will be occurring from July 2021 through the end of the 2021-2022 academic year. This institutional planning will anticipate probable future scenarios and lead WSU to a preferred future that is equitable, resilient, carbon positive, and regenerative. The desired outcome is a framework to guide our learning approaches, operations, infrastructure, and facilities that facilitates and enables at every level achievement of WSU's strategic values and our vision for the future of learning.

For this work to be successful, we will need to collectively determine possible futures for the WSU campus from a staggeringly wide range of possibilities. This will require an in-depth exploration of the various forces affecting learning delivery as well as the psychology of learning, student needs and desires, and their connections to spatial and social experiences. We will need to consider mega-trends within the local, regional, national, and worldwide scales and apply these to inform decisions related to the campus' academic programming, physical facilities, and business and operational models.

Most importantly, we must meaningfully engage an oftentimes skeptical campus around uncertain future-oriented work. By organizing our campus around a Theme of The Future of Learning, we as an institution can develop aspirational but actionable plans that accommodate alternative scenarios to the ideal or probable future and define the attributes of campus and community environments that matter, that inspire, and that create a unique sense of place.

## Theme Team Members

The members of this year's theme team are working hard to provide experiences, resources, and opportunities to learn and work together to meet the future of learning. Contact any of these individuals with questions, ideas, and suggestions.

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