

"Teaching with Fire: (Re) Igniting the Passion for Teaching"

An assessment of the 3rd Annual Teaching Day

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SOME WAYS TO MAINTAIN FIRE (from surveys of participants):

"Ask questions, encourage curiosity."

"Learn new teaching strategies and talk with students about their expectations in the classroom."

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The NAU Teaching Academy and the staff of the Faculty Professional Development Program convened the Third Annual NAU Teaching Day from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for over 200 pre-registered participants. The visiting speaker was Dr. John Pollard, a faculty member at the University of Arizona, who talked about his work on teaching students to think within their discipline ("thinking chemically" in his case). Following his presentation, a series of round table discussions was convened, each focusing on a different topical area related to university teaching.

This event was supported by the Office of the Provost and the Faculty Professional Development Program.

"Fire" Prediction Today

"Re examine your courses EACH year."

"Periodically become a student again - remembering how it feels to be on the other side of the classroom can give you new ideas."

"Visualize students remembering important concepts from your class after graduating NAU."

"Try at least one new thing in each class each semester."

"Try out new ideas and see them improve learning."

"Listen to and get to know your students and colleagues. Share ideas regarding innovative solutions to obstacles in learning."

"Reinvent the curriculum on a regular basis based on current methods of learning and current state of the discipline."

