

Southwest Virginia Education & Training Network—SVETN



Elite Learning Spring Classes Open for Enrollment

January 5, 2008

Elite Learning Spring Semester classes are now open for enrollment. Guidance counselors are being asked to enroll new students as soon as possible, since classes are filling up quickly. If your students were enrolled at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, then you will not need to reenroll them in their courses. The course line up for the Spring semester is as follows:

- Creative Writing
Instructor: David Burns
- English 111/112
Instructor: Melissa Wilson
- Appalachian Folklore
Instructor Melissa Wilson
- Business Law I & II
Instructor Dawn Hutton
- International Business Management
Instructor: David Hite
- Civil War/Reconstruction Era
Instructor: Joey Shipley

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Elite Learning Spring Semester Beginning
- ✓ Elite Learning Students Go To Jail!?
- ✓ Elite Learning 2009-2010 class list released.
- ✓ New Developments in the ITV program.
- ✓ ITV Program Developments
- ✓ Instructor Opening

Elite Learning Students Go To Jail!?

Elite Learning's newest course is Survey of Criminal Justice, taught by Gina Hamm. The course was well received and filled up in record time.

In order to give students a

first hand view of the law and criminal booking procedures, Mrs. Hamm organized a field trip to Abingdon Regional Jail. Several of her students were able to attend, Everyone found the trip to be very interesting



and it allowed them to make some connections between their class material and real life situations.



Elite Learning—English Instructor Opening

Elite Learning has an opening for an English instructor for the 2009-2010 school year.. Eligible candidates should hold a Masters degree that includes 18 credit hours of English. The new instructor will be assigned 9 credits of English 111/112 in each semester during the year.

There are many advantages to being an instructor for Elite Learning including:

- Classes are asynchronous so there is no set schedule.
- There is a maximum class role of 16 students.
- Pay of up to \$2,000 per 6 credit course.
- Work can be done from any computer with online access.

- Free training on course-ware
- Great support team

If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for this position, please send a resume to the program administrator, Dawn Hutton via email at dhutton@swcenter.edu or call 276-619-4363.

ASCD Conference—A Successful Event!

SVETN co-sponsored the second annual SW Regional ASCD Conference held at the Higher Education Center on September 25, 2008. Co-sponsoring this event qualified employees of SVETN partners for a discount on registration.

More than 250 educators attended. This year's theme

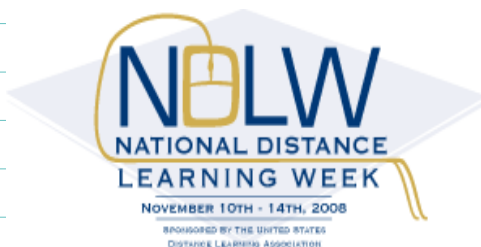
was *Maximizing Student Engagement*. Featured speakers were John Antonetti and Crystal Kuykendall.

It was a highly successful event and the 2009 conference has been scheduled for next September at the Southwest Va. Higher Education Center in Abingdon.



Learn More about the Virginia ASCD by visiting their website.
www.vaascd.org

National Distance Learning Week Recognized



National Distance Learning Week was celebrated November 10-14, 2008.

SVETN celebrated by thanking all the Elite Learning instructors and guidance counselors with handwritten notes expressing appreciation for their hard work.

Without our dedicated instructors and guidance counselors, Elite Learning would not be possible.

SVETN also issued a letter to superintendents reiterating the value SVETN provides and thanking them for their support.

Did your school celebrate National Distance Learning Week? Send us a short summary of your activity and photo . We'll feature it in the next SVETN Newsletter!

Fall 2008—Student Feedback Highlights

Elite Learning staff has been working on a new feedback reporting system in Moodle. We are extremely pleased at the comments we are receiving from students.

Administrators and instructors will be using all of the feedback reports to assess course content, instructor effectiveness and program performance. It is the goal of Elite Learning to be student centered and provide classes that are challenging and re-

warding to our students.

Here are some excerpts from our students responses.

- ◆ "...even though it was online [my instructor was] able to keep it interesting. It has been one of my favorite courses in high school and I learned a lot. "
- ◆ "I liked being able to see my grades at all times, being able to communicate with other students, and being able to access

the class at home."

- ◆ "This class has been really fun. I was afraid it was going to be too hard and really boring but my instructor made it fun. She also let us get creative.



Tentative Elite Learning Courses for 2009-2010

FALL 2009

- ▽ English—ENG 111/112
- ▽ US History—HIS 121/122
- ▽ Business Law I & II—BUS241/242
- ▽ Introduction to Business—BUS 100
- ▽ Survey of Criminal Justice/Intro to Forensics—ADJ 100

▽ Personal Finance—FIN 107

▽ Elementary Statistics—MTH 146

SPRING 2010

- ▽ Civil War & Recon, America in the Gilded Age—HIS 269/270
- ▽ International Business Mgt.—BUS 280

▽ Criminology—ADJ 107

▽ Creative Writing—ENG 211

▽ English—ENG 111/112

▽ US History—HIS 121/122

▽ Business Law I & II—BUS 241/242

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English—ENG 111/112

Spring 2009 ITV Schedule Reporting

SVETN is currently compiling a listing of all ITV classes in participating schools for the Spring 2009 semester. This information is collected for several purposes.

First and foremost, it allows SVETN to facilitate inter-county and college class

scheduling. We also use this information in our grant reporting and application procedures. Many times, class size and the volume of network activity dictates grant availability and amounts. Lastly, it allows our staff to perform maintenance and

repairs at a times when your ITV room is not in use. This reduces class interruptions.

To report your ITV schedule, email Valerie Nutter at vnutter@swcenter.edu or call (276) 619-4399.