Pirate CREWS faculty learning communities engage more than 75 faculty members from more than 30 program areas who serve well over 1,500 students in exploring instructional practices aligned with the principles of UDL (cast.org) and evaluating the impact of these instructional approaches.

**What are CREWS?**

In collaboration with the Office for Faculty Excellence (OFE), College STAR provides faculty with a forum to conduct shared research linked to the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and students with learning differences, and mentor/be mentored in the development or use of outstanding instructional practices. Participants in these informal learning communities commit to active engagement and follow-through with a group-defined project with support from OFE and College STAR.

**The expectations of CREWS:**

- Crew members agree to meet weekly to study the impact of an instructional practice that supports UDL.
- Host one presentation through OFE to share research findings with peers
- Attend College STAR Shared Learning Conference to share lessons learned
- Submit a manuscript, conference presentation, and/or conference poster about this study

**Benefits of being a CREWS member:**

- Structured research support system including access to a floating graduate assistant, connection with the College STAR evaluator, and assistance from the OFE researcher
- A space and structure for standing weekly or bi-weekly meetings
- Hospitality at some meetings
- Financial support for research supplies directly related to the research plan (when possible and appropriate)
- Travel support for the College STAR Shared Learning Conference
- Formal letter of participation for supervisor and/or Personnel Action Dossiers

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