



## CTL Fall 2026

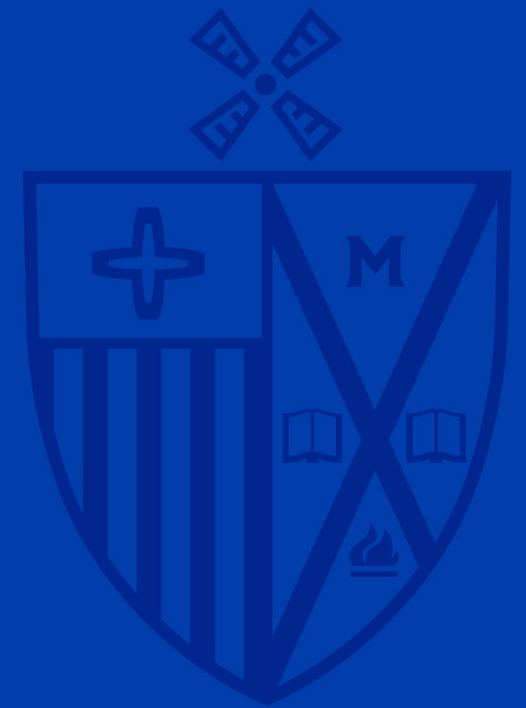
# Calendar of Events

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**Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)**

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# September 2026



| SUNDAY                                                                      | MONDAY                                                                       | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                                         | THURSDAY                                                                                               | FRIDAY                                      | SATURDAY |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                                             |                                                                              | 1       | 2<br>Fall 2026 Classes Begin                                                      | 3                                                                                                      | 4                                           | 5        |
| 6                                                                           | 7<br>Labor Day:<br>University Holiday                                        | 8       | 9<br>Mercy Online:<br>Blackboard Faculty<br>Event @CTL and Zoom<br>10 am-3 pm     | 10                                                                                                     | 11                                          | 12       |
| 13<br>Fall 2026 Faculty<br>Seminar Day:<br>Proposals Due<br>TOMORROW, 9/14! | 14<br>Mindfulness Mondays<br>12:00-12:30 pm<br>"One Word" Workshop<br>2-3 pm | 15      | 16<br>AI Showcase<br>1-3 pm                                                       | 17                                                                                                     | 18<br>AI "Water Cooler"<br>(online), 4-5 pm | 19       |
| 20                                                                          | 21                                                                           | 22      | 23<br>2026 New Faculty<br>Cohort, Meeting #1,<br>1-2 pm<br>President Susan Parish | 24<br>BoodleBox Session #1:<br>Foundational Fluency in<br>AI for Teaching and<br>Learning, 11 am-12 pm | 25                                          | 26       |
| 27                                                                          | 28<br>Mindfulness Mondays<br>12:00-12:30 pm                                  | 29      | 30                                                                                |                                                                                                        |                                             |          |

# SEPTEMBER 2026

**Fall 2026 Classes Begin**  
**Wednesday, September 2nd**

**Labor Day: University Holiday**  
**Monday, September 7th**

**Mercy Online: Blackboard Faculty Event**  
**In-person at CTL and virtually via Zoom**  
**Wednesday, September 9th, 10 am-3 pm**

**Fall 2026 Faculty Seminar Day: Proposals Due**  
**Monday, September 14th**

# **SEPTEMBER 2026 (continued)**

## **Mindfulness Mondays**

**Monday, September 14th, 12:00-12:30 pm**

**Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler**

## **Using “One Word” to Foster Student Engagement**

**Monday, September 14th, 2-3 pm**

**Facilitator: Dr. Lorraine Shikapwashya**

## **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Showcase**

**Facilitators: Dr. Damien Germino, Director of Digital Transformation,  
Mercy University AI Leaders, and the CTL Team**

**Wednesday, September 16th, 1-3 pm**

## **SEPTEMBER 2026 (continued)**

**AI “Water Cooler” (online only)**  
**Friday, September 18th, 4-5 pm**

**2026 New Faculty Cohort (NFC), Meeting #1**  
**Wednesday, September 23rd, 1-2 pm**  
**Guest Speaker: President Susan Parish**

**BoodleBox Session #1: Foundational Fluency in AI for Teaching and Learning; Facilitators: The BoodleBox/HumanWise Team**  
**Thursday, September 24th, 11 am-12 pm**

**Mindfulness Mondays**  
**Monday, September 28th, 12:00-12:30 pm**  
**Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler**

# September 2026

## Mercy Online: Blackboard Faculty Event

Wednesday, September 9th, 10 am-3 pm

Facilitators: Mercy Online Team and Blackboard Representatives

- [Confirm in-person attendance](#)
- [Zoom participation link](#)

## Mindfulness Mondays

Monday, September 14th, 12:00-12:30 pm

Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler, SLA

- [In-person registration form](#)
- [Zoom registration link](#)

## **September 2026 (continued)**

### **Using “One Word” to Foster Student Engagement**

Monday, September 14th, 2-3 pm

Facilitator: Dr. Lorraine Shikapwashya, SHNS

- [In-person registration form](#)
- [Zoom registration link](#)

### **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Showcase**

Wednesday, September 16th, 1-3 pm

Facilitators: Dr. Damien Germino, Director of Digital Transformation, Mercy University AI Leaders, and the CTL Team

- [In-person registration form](#)
- [Zoom registration link](#)

## **September 2026 (continued)**

### **AI “Water Cooler” (online only)**

Friday, September 18th, 4-5 pm

Facilitators: The CTL Team

- [Zoom participation link](#) (no registration required)

### **2026 New Faculty Cohort (NFC), Meeting #1**

Wednesday, September 23rd, 1-2 pm

Guest Speaker: President Susan Parish

- [In-person registration form](#)
- [Zoom registration link](#)

## **September 2026 (continued)**

### **BoodleBox Session #1: Foundational Fluency in AI for Teaching and Learning**

Thursday, September 24th, 11 am-12 pm

Facilitators: The BoodleBox/HumanWise Team

- [In-person registration form](#)
- [Zoom registration link](#)

### **Mindfulness Mondays**

Monday, September 28th, 12:00-12:30 pm

Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler, SLA

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# October 2026



| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                                                                      | TUESDAY                                                                               | WEDNESDAY                                                                      | THURSDAY                                                              | FRIDAY                                      | SATURDAY |
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|        |                                                                                             |                                                                                       |                                                                                | 1                                                                     | 2<br>AI “Water Cooler”<br>(online), 4-5 pm  | 3        |
| 4      | 5                                                                                           | 6                                                                                     | 7<br>Fall 2026 Faculty<br>Seminar Day<br>Westchester Campus<br>9:30 am-3:30 pm | 8                                                                     | 9                                           | 10       |
| 11     | 12<br>Mindfulness Mondays<br>12:00-12:30 pm                                                 | 13                                                                                    | 14                                                                             | 15                                                                    | 16<br>AI “Water Cooler”<br>(online), 4-5 pm | 17       |
| 18     | 19<br>BoodleBox Session #2:<br>Teaching About AI<br>When We Don't Teach<br>With AI, 12-1 pm | 20<br>2026 New Faculty<br>Cohort, Meeting #2,<br>11 am-12 pm,<br>Dr. Samuel Schechter | 21                                                                             | 22<br>Lunch and Learn: RSI in<br>Asynchronous Courses,<br>11 am-12 pm | 23                                          | 24       |
| 25     | 26<br>Mindfulness Mondays<br>12:00-12:30 pm                                                 | 27                                                                                    | 28                                                                             | 29                                                                    | 30<br>AI “Water Cooler”<br>(online), 4-5 pm | 31       |

# OCTOBER 2026

**AI “Water Cooler” (online only)**

**Friday, October 2nd, 4-5 pm**

**Fall 2026 Faculty Seminar Day**

**Westchester Campus**

**Wednesday, October 7th, 9:30 am-3:30 pm**

**Mindfulness Mondays**

**Monday, October 12th, 12:00-12:30 pm**

**Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler**

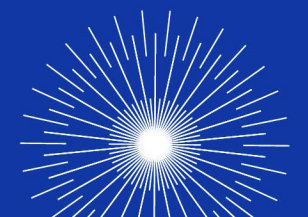
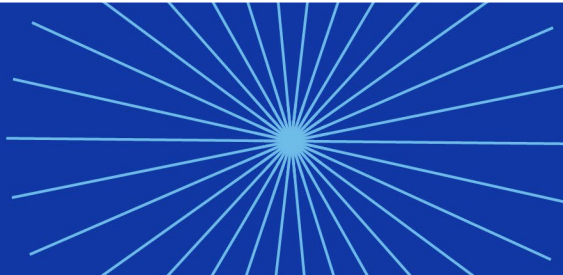


## OCTOBER 2026 (continued)

**AI “Water Cooler” (online only)**  
**Friday, October 16th, 4-5 pm**

**BoodleBox Session #2: Teaching *About* AI When We Don't Teach *With* AI**  
**Facilitators: The BoodleBox/HumanWise Team**  
**Monday, October 19th, 12-1 pm**

**2026 New Faculty Cohort (NFC), Meeting #2**  
**Tuesday, October 20th, 11 am-12 pm**  
**Guest Speaker: Dr. Samuel Schechter**



## **OCTOBER 2026 (continued)**

**Lunch and Learn: Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) in  
Asynchronous Courses**

**Thursday, October 22nd, 11 am-12 pm**

**Facilitators: Dr. Justin Louder, Associate Vice President for Academic  
Innovation at Blackboard, and Mercy Online**

**Mindfulness Mondays**

**Monday, October 26th, 12:00-12:30 pm**

**Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler**

**AI “Water Cooler” (online only)**

**Friday, October 30th, 4-5 pm**

**October 2026**

*Session descriptions, as well as in-person and Zoom registration links for all planned events for this month, are coming soon!*

# November 2026



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| 15     | 16<br>2026 New Faculty<br>Cohort, Meeting #3,<br>2-3 pm , Provost Kristin<br>Curry Greenwood | 17<br>Lunch and Learn:<br>Mavs RESPONSE<br>11 am-12 pm | 18<br>BoodleBox Session #3:<br>Reimagining Online<br>Teaching in the Age of<br>AI, 1:00-2:30 pm | 19                                             | 20                                          | 21       |
| 22     | 23<br>Mindfulness Mondays<br>12:00-12:30 pm                                                  | 24                                                     | 25                                                                                              | 26<br>Thanksgiving Recess (University Holiday) | 27                                          | 28       |
| 29     | 30<br>Lunch and Learn:<br>Using Reflection as a<br>Learning Tool<br>12-1 pm                  |                                                        |                                                                                                 |                                                |                                             |          |

# NOVEMBER 2026

## **Mindfulness Mondays**

**Monday, November 9th, 12:00-12:30 pm**

**Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler**

## **AI “Water Cooler” (online only)**

**Friday, November 13th, 4-5 pm**

## **2026 New Faculty Cohort (NFC), Meeting #3**

**Monday, November 16th, 2-3 pm**

**Guest Speaker: Provost Kristin Curry Greenwood**

## **Lunch and Learn: Mavs RESPONSE**

**Tuesday, November 17th, 11 am-12 pm**

**Facilitator: Salaha Kabir, LMSW**

# **NOVEMBER 2026 (continued)**

**BoodleBox Session #3: Reimagining Online Teaching in the Age of AI**

**Facilitators: The BoodleBox/HumanWise Team**

**Wednesday, November 18th, 1:00-2:30 pm**

**Mindfulness Mondays**

**Monday, November 23rd, 12:00-12:30 pm**

**Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler**

**Thanksgiving Recess: University Holiday**

**Wednesday, November 25th at 4 pm through Friday, November 27th**

**Lunch and Learn: Using Reflection as a Learning Tool**

**Monday, November 30th, 12-1 pm**

**Facilitators: The CTL Team**

**November 2026**

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# December 2026



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|                                                                      |                                                                                      | 1       | 2                                                                       | 3                                                                    | 4<br>AI “Water Cooler”<br>(online), 4-5 pm | 5        |
| 6                                                                    | 7<br>Mindfulness-Based<br>Stress Reduction for the<br>End of the Semester<br>12-1 pm | 8       | 9<br>CTL’s 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual<br>Holiday Cookie Bake-Off<br>12-3 pm | 10                                                                   | 11                                         | 12       |
| 13                                                                   | 14                                                                                   | 15      | 16                                                                      | 17                                                                   | 18                                         | 19       |
|                                                                      | Finals Week                                                                          |         |                                                                         |                                                                      | Fall 2026 Classes End                      |          |
| 20                                                                   | 21                                                                                   | 22      | 23                                                                      | 24                                                                   | 25                                         | 26       |
|                                                                      |                                                                                      |         |                                                                         | Winter Holidays Recess (University Holiday), through January 1, 2027 |                                            |          |
| 27                                                                   | 28                                                                                   | 29      | 30                                                                      | 31                                                                   |                                            |          |
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# DECEMBER 2026

**AI “Water Cooler” (online only)**  
**Friday, December 4th, 4-5 pm**

**Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction for the End of the Semester**  
**Monday, December 7th, 12-1 pm**  
**Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler**

**CTL’s Second Annual Holiday Cookie Bake-Off**  
**Wednesday, December 9th, 12-3 pm**  
**Come join us in the CTL Hub (Main Hall, Suite G5)!**



# **DECEMBER 2026 (continued)**

**Finals Week**

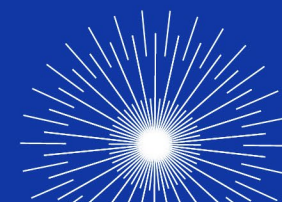
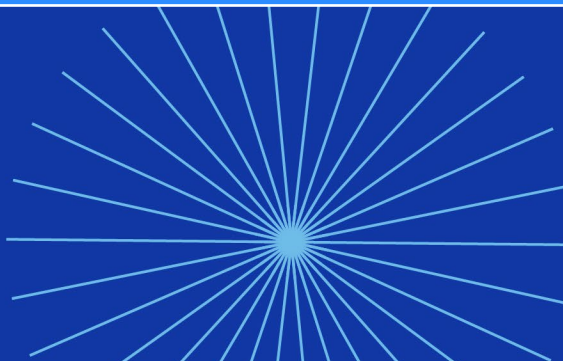
**Thursday, May 7th through Wednesday, May 13th**

**Fall 2026 Classes End**

**Friday, December 18th**

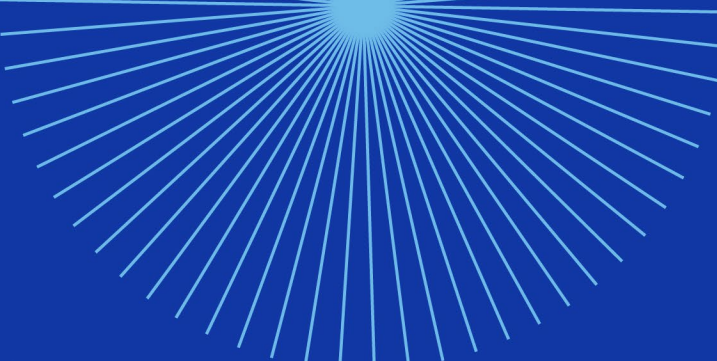
**Winter Holidays Recess: University Holiday**

**Thursday, December 24th, through Friday, January 1st, 2027**



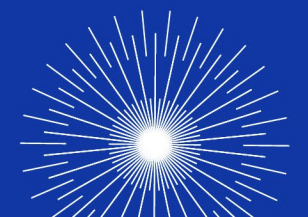
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Dates and events may be subject to change,  
including the addition of more sessions.

Visit our Blackboard Organization,  
[CTL Faculty Professional Development Resources,](#)  
for updated event information.



# Thank you!

Please reach out to us with any questions,  
and you are always welcome to visit us in  
Main Hall, Suite G5!

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