



CTL Fall 2026

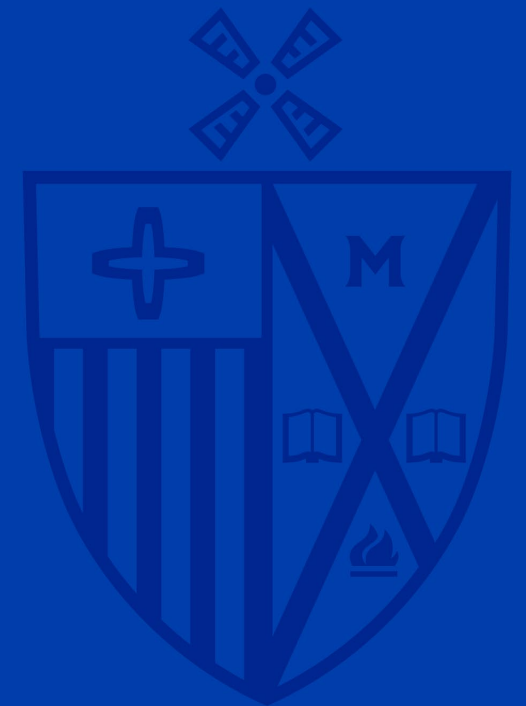
Calendar of Events

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September 2026



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

**Facilitators: Dr. Damien Germino, Director of Digital Transformation,
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

October 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 AI “Water Cooler” (online), 4-5 pm	3
4	5	6	7 Fall 2026 Faculty Seminar Day Westchester Campus 9:30 am-3:30 pm	8	9	10
11	12 Mindfulness Mondays 12:00-12:30 pm	13	14	15	16 AI “Water Cooler” (online), 4-5 pm	17
18	19 BoodleBox Session #2: Teaching About AI When We Don't Teach With AI, 12-1 pm	20 2026 New Faculty Cohort, Meeting #2, 11 am-12 pm, Provost Kristin Curry Greenwood	21	22	23	24
25	26 Mindfulness Mondays 12:00-12:30 pm	27	28	29	30 AI “Water Cooler” (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

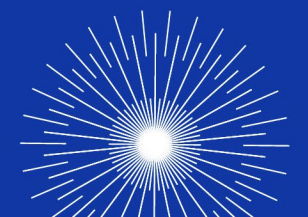
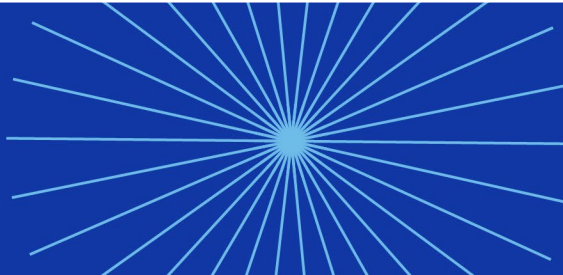


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AI “Water Cooler” (online only)
Friday, October 16th, 4-5 pm

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: Provost Kristin Curry Greenwood





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Mindfulness Mondays

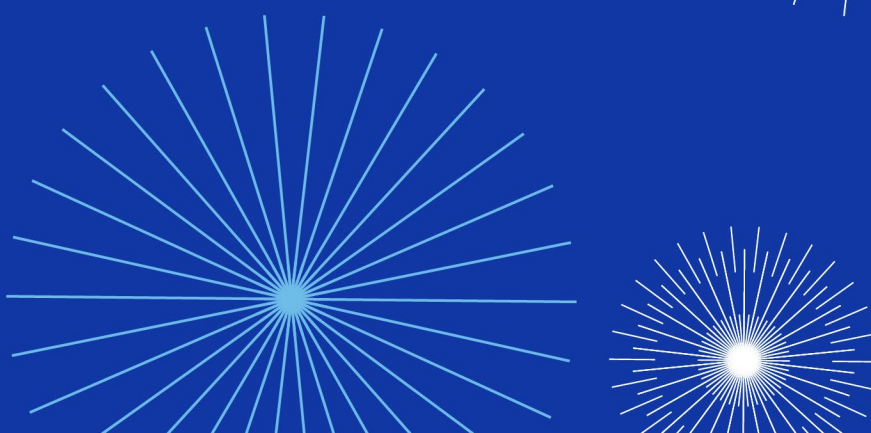
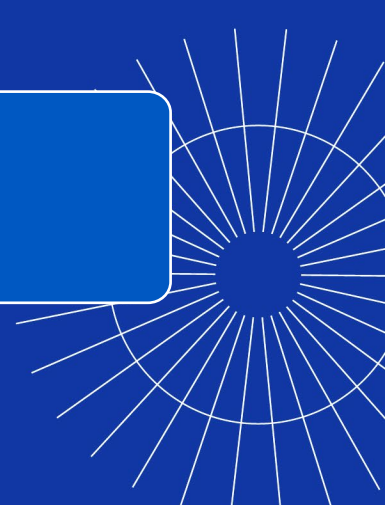
Monday, October 26th, 12:00-12:30 pm

Facilitator: Professor Justin Kessler



AI “Water Cooler” (online only)

Friday, October 30th, 4-5 pm



November 2026



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8	9 Mindfulness Mondays 12:00-12:30 pm	10	11	12	13 AI "Water Cooler" (online), 4-5 pm	14
15	16 2026 New Faculty Cohort, Meeting #3, 2-3 pm Dr. Samuel Schechter	17	18 BoodleBox Session #3: Reimagining Online Teaching in the Age of AI, 1:00-2:30 pm	19	20	21
22	23 Mindfulness Mondays 12:00-12:30 pm	24	25	Thanksgiving Recess (University Holiday)		
29	30 Lunch and Learn: Using Reflection as a Learning Tool 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: Dr. Samuel Schechter

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

December 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 AI “Water Cooler” (online), 4-5 pm	5
6	7 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction for the End of the Semester 12-1 pm	8	9 CTL’s 2 nd Annual Holiday Cookie Bake-Off 12-3 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Fall 2026 Classes End	19
	Finals Week					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Winter Holidays Recess (University Holiday), through January 1, 2027		
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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

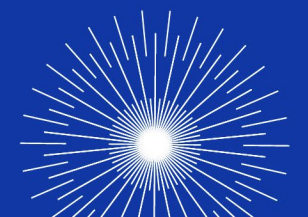
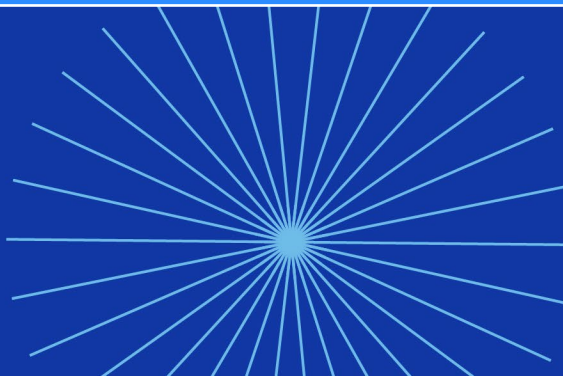
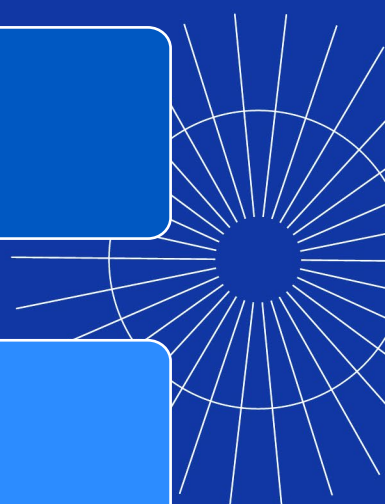


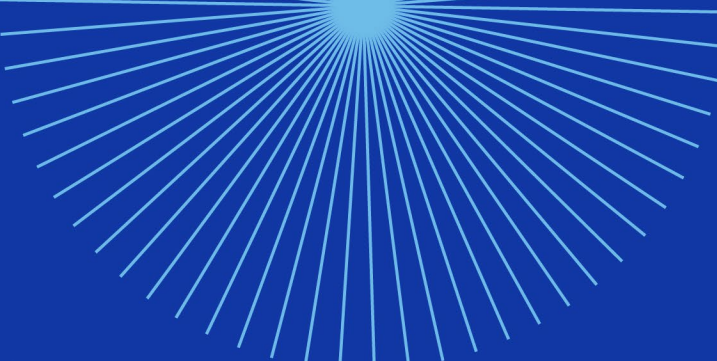
Fall 2026 Classes End

Friday, December 18th

Winter Holidays Recess: University Holiday

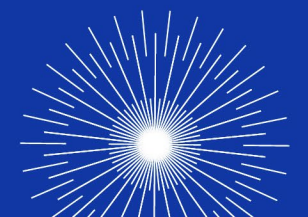
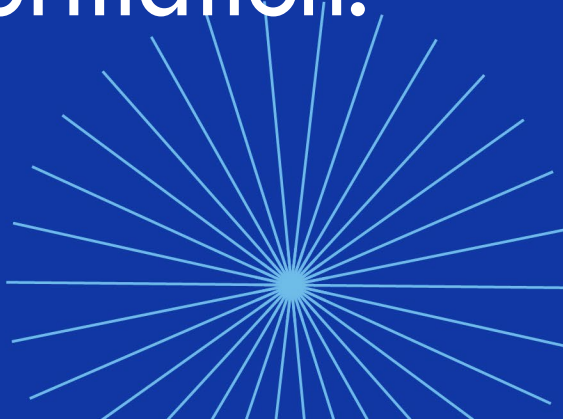
Thursday, December 24th, through Friday, January 1st, 2027





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
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