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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 LinkedIn Learning: Supporting Faculty & Students, 3-4 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

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

SEPTEMBER 2026 (continued)

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

LinkedIn Learning for Mercy University: Supporting Faculty & Students
Monday, September 28th, 3:00-4:00 pm
Facilitator: Pamela Daum, Mercy's LinkedIn Account Director

October 2026

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				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, Dr. Samuel Schechter	21	22 Lunch and Learn: RSI in Asynchronous Courses, 11 am-12 pm	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

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
Monday, October 19th, 12-1 pm
Facilitators: The BoodleBox/HumanWise Team

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

November 2026

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1	2 Diversity Dialogues Community of Practice, *Time to be determined*	3	4	5	6	7
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 , Provost Kristin Curry Greenwood	17 Lunch and Learn: Mavs RESPONSE 11 am-12 pm	18 BoodleBox Session #3: Reimagining Online Teaching in the Age of AI, 1:00-2:30 pm	19 Grammarly for Mercy Faculty 11 am-12 pm	20	21
22	23 Mindfulness Mondays 12:00-12:30 pm	24	25	26 *Thanksgiving Recess (University Holiday)*	27	28
29	30 Lunch and Learn: Using Reflection as a Learning Tool 12-1 pm					

NOVEMBER 2026

Diversity Dialogues Community of Practice
Monday, November 2nd, *time to be determined (btw. 1-4 pm)*

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

NOVEMBER 2026 (continued)

Lunch and Learn: Mavs RESPONSE
Tuesday, November 17th, 11 am-12 pm
Facilitator: Salaha Kabir, LMSW

BoodleBox Session #3: Reimagining Online Teaching in the Age of AI
Wednesday, November 18th, 1:00-2:30 pm
Facilitators: The BoodleBox/HumanWise Team

Grammarly for Mercy Faculty: Live Training and Q&A
Thursday, November 19th, 11 am-12 pm
Facilitator: Anna Leporte, Grammarly Liaison

NOVEMBER 2026 (continued)

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

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		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 2nd Annual Holiday Cookie Bake-Off 12-3 pm	10	11	12
13	14 Finals Week	15	16	17	18 Fall 2026 Classes End	19
20	21	22	23	24 *Winter Holidays Recess (University Holiday), through January 1, 2027*	25	26
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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 Main Hall, Suite G5!

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