Building a community among virtual learners (Rovai & Wighting, 2005)

Learning is one of my biggest passions. The Baylor EdD program in Learning & Organizational Change has allowed me to bring my full self to the virtual classroom. As a professional actor and education advocate, I have been able to use my creative thinking skills in ways I could not have imagined. My father, who played on the Baylor football team in the late 90s, lost his life to gun violence in 1999 and was not able to finish at Baylor. My goal is to keep his legacy alive and light the way for my family, community, and the next generation of leaders who come from diverse backgrounds.

ROBERT JACKSON
Embedded Within Courses

- Cohort Model
- Peer Working Groups
- Dedicated Faculty Advisor
- Immersion Experiences (On-Campus or Virtual)
- Research Planning Document for the DiP
Embedded Within Courses

★ Asynchronous & Synchronous Sessions that Connect.
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Structures of the Program

★ Dedicated Student Support Advisors
★ Writing Consultants (for EdD Students Only)
★ Continual Offerings of Writing Webinars

I knew that I wanted to follow in my father’s footsteps and pursue doctoral studies. I also knew that to advance in my professional journey I would need to select a program that would be challenging and equip me with tools for success in my future endeavors. Baylor’s EdD program has been a perfect fit, providing a structured system in which to realize my academic goals. The strength of the program resides not only in the material that is presented, but the truly collaborative cohort of professionals that explore, encourage, critique, and support one another. I find that I’ve become an engaged and committed member of the Baylor Family and am very thankful to have found a place, here.

KYLE COLEMAN
Opportunities Supported by the Program

Presenting scholarly work (individually, with peers and/or faculty)
Engaging in social media: Instagram, Facebook
Sending out gifts of congratulations

My decision to join Baylor's EdD Online Program in Learning and Organizational Change has already proven to be one of the most significant commitments I've made. The courses intentionally create situations that require you to question the status quo while developing innovative solutions for some of the most challenging issues that exist in our society. The support from Baylor staff members and colleagues within my cohort has been unparalleled. This experience is truly life-changing.

KIMBERLEY O'DONNELL
Perks of the Program

★ Offering giveaways periodically
★ Distributing a newsletter tri-annually
★ Delivering swag throughout the program of study
★ Providing local pop-ups

“A warm, welcoming and diverse online community, Christian values and rigorous curriculum are the main reasons why I love the Baylor Online EdD program. Outstanding professors, studious and well-versed classmates, attentive staff, and a plethora of student support services has made my experience noteworthy. I’ve never attended a school that has done so well in setting their students up for success. Our Baylor family takes meticulous care in facilitating our growth and development as we transition from professionals to scholarly practitioners. The school embodies a spirit of excellence and I am grateful to God for this opportunity.

SHANE A HARRINGTON
Time to Talk!

Why is it important to build community?

Create a list of strategies that can be applied to your academic settings
Questions?
www.baylor.edu/eddonline

Thank you!
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One of my favorite aspects of the Baylor Ed.D. program is the weekly async work that prepares you for your live face-to-face meetings. You have the flexibility of a traditional online program combined with class meetings that spark lively discussion.

ERIC VILLALBA
References


