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# DARS/u.select News

## Announcements:

### DARS/u.select Users Conference Announcement

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual DARS/u.select Users Conference 2011 will be held on October 4 and 5, at the Crowne Plaza – Minneapolis North, 2200 Freeway Blvd, Brooklyn Center. The day and a half conference will focus primarily on DARS/u.select/u.direct topics this year. Watch for more information the next two months.

### Statistics in u.select

At the national DARS Users Conference and Training Workshop, CollegeSource staff presented some interesting u.select information:

- Nationwide, there were 10,398,464 page views in u.select from June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011. This represents at least a 20% increase per month.
- Visitors are viewing an average of 12 pages per visit, compared to 10 pages per visit last year.
- April is the highest traffic month ~ 1,250,000 in April 2011 compared to 800,000 in April of 2009.
- Minnesota places 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the number of user events, behind Ohio and Illinois.
- New Jersey places 4<sup>th</sup> and there are NO New Jersey Schools in u.select. [Seems that NJ students are looking to transfer out of NJ!]
- Access to u.select using mobile devices has increased 440% this past year.

For more information on how to use the u.select Statistics pages go to <http://clients.redlanternu.com/home/display/USL/Statistics>

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## Campus Announcements:

### Century has added 2 new grades

FN- inadequate achievement, 0 grade points (no credit earned) denotes failure for non-attendance. Effective 20101: GPA PT = .00, GPA Calc = Y, Add Credit = " - <No Credit Assigned>, Add Count = 0

FW - inadequate achievement, 0 grade points (no credit earned) denotes failure with partial attendance. Effective 20105: GPA PT = .00, GPA Calc = Y, Add Credit = " - <No Credit Assigned>, Add Count = 0

New grades for MnSCU schools are posted at: [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New\\_Grades\\_for\\_MnSCU\\_schools.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New_Grades_for_MnSCU_schools.pdf)

Please let us know about information you wish to share with other MnSCU schools. We particularly welcome news from you that will impact DARS encoding and transfer processing within MnSCU. Celebrate accomplishments by sharing your victories ...small or large ... with your colleagues.

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## **u.direct - Graduation Planner**

A new u.direct software version (2.0) is expected from CollegeSource about the time this newsletter is coming out. We just learned that this version of u.direct will require the installation of DARwin version 3.5.10. We are currently running version 3.5.9. Our plan is to have the 3.5.10 version installed for the pilot schools later in July.

## **Query Update from the RADS Team**

Tim Meath reports that his staff has been fine tuning DARS queries they have been working with to make them more effective. Currently, they are in the midst of working on a SWIFT conversion, but expect to get back to the DARS Dashboard in July. Look for a launch possibly around the start of Fall Semester and for more information at our User Conference October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **2011-2012 Curriculum Changes**

Curriculum Changes for Academic Year 2011-2012 for 20 schools are posted at:

[http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/currchanges/2011\\_12/2011\\_12.html](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/currchanges/2011_12/2011_12.html)

The remaining schools will be posted as they arrive.

## **2010-2011 New Course Inserts and 2010-2011 New MnTC Course Inserts**

New courses for MnSCU institutions, for seven academic years, are available for electronically inserting into your TA tables.

- Request New Course Inserts for any years between 2005 and 2011at:  
[http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/NewCourse\\_Insert\\_req.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/NewCourse_Insert_req.pdf)
- Request New MnTC Course Insert for any years between 2005 and 2011at:  
[http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New\\_MnTC\\_Course\\_Inse.pdf](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New_MnTC_Course_Inse.pdf)

See April's Newsletter for needed 2010-2011 Curriculum details.

Please contact Mary D'Andrea at [mary.dandrea@so.mnscu.edu](mailto:mary.dandrea@so.mnscu.edu) if you have questions.

## **Curriculum Corrections:**

No curriculum corrections reported this month.

## **Documentation:**

No new or revised documentation this month.

## **SQLs:**

No new SQLs to report this month.

## Training & Conferences

Fall 2011 training dates TBA. If you have new or existing staff that will be using DARS or u.select, please encourage them to attend the appropriate training session(s) as they are announced. Even if you or your staff already attended training, you are welcome to attend again. Many people find a return visit to training helpful.

- ◆ **Transfer Articulation Training** – Fall 2011 dates will be announced in the August newsletter.
- ◆ **Basic Encoding Training** – Fall 2011 dates will be announced in the August newsletter.
- ◆ **u.select Advisor Training** – Fall 2011 dates will be announced in the August newsletter.
- ◆ **u.select Administrator Training** – training offered via WebEx upon request, (after registering, participants will be contacted to arrange date & time).

All training will be held at Wells Fargo Place in Saint Paul, unless otherwise indicated. Training will be in Room 2204 or 3354, depending on the number of registered participants.

Registration for all training, open labs, and conferences can be found at the following link:

[http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training\\_index.html](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_index.html).

The format will allow you to check the dates of the training, review agendas, and register from the same page. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.**

Upon completion of all training and labs, please complete the Training Evaluation at:

<http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/evaluation.html>.

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## Third Wednesday & Thursday/DARS Open Labs

**Third Wednesday & Thursday** – July 20 & 21 at Wells Fargo Place, Room 2204 or 3354. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.**

- ◆ **DARS "Out West" Open Lab** – Fall dates will be scheduled soon.
- ◆ **DARS "Up North" Open Lab** – Fall dates will be scheduled soon.
- ◆ **DARS "Central" Open Lab** – Fall dates will be scheduled soon.
- ◆ **DARS "Down South" Open Lab** – Fall dates will be scheduled soon.
- ◆ **DARS "North Shore" Open Lab** – Fall dates will be scheduled soon.

**REGISTRATION:** [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training\\_regform\\_new.html](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_regform_new.html)

**DIRECTIONS:** [http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/registration/directions\\_WFP.html](http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/registration/directions_WFP.html)

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Thank you.*