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## Did you know?

Tips for faculty



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Suggestions? Please click on our [Ideas box](#)!

## Faculty Watercooler

*Faculty discussions on subjects that matter to you*

### [First Day of Class Activities that Create a Climate for Learning](#)

Check out Dr. Maryellen Weimer's list of novel activities that engage students and start the semester out with a creative and involved tone. She describes how she's used Best and Worst Classes, First Day Graffiti, Syllabus Speed Dating and Irritating Behaviors activities to positively shape her classroom environment on the first day.



Use this handy [Planning Calendar](#) as you build your courses.

## Keeping Up

The latest in Teaching and Learning

### [Inside Higher Ed: Teaching Today's Students](#)

A free downloadable compilation of articles and essays

*The teaching landscape today looks very different from that of a generation or two ago. Technology is of course different – both the options available to professors and the ubiquity of devices brought to campus by students. But there are many other issues as well, such as students who arrive with widely varying preparedness for college-level work. And there are ever increasing demands that colleges improve their retention and graduation rates. Combined, these shifts mean that engaging students has never been more important. The articles in this compilation deal with different approaches by colleges and their professors to engaging students in a variety of ways. - [Doug Lederman](#)*

[Inside Higher Ed](#) will continue to cover these issues. (excerpt from download, free 35 pg pdf)

Check out this **"2 minute takeaway"** for a videotaped nugget of advice from a teaching peer, courtesy of [Innovative Educators](#)!

