Rethinking How to Make ePortfolios a High-Impact Practice

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Updated Presentation
Slides:
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Edinburgh Challenge

If eportfolios are so great, why aren’t more people using them?
What % of students quit using their ePortfolio?
Results

Q1

Are you using or not using your e-Portfolio?

Answered: 141  Skipped: 0

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<th>Answer Choices</th>
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<td>Yes, I am still using my e-Portfolio.</td>
<td>17.73%</td>
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<td>No, I have discontinued use of my e-Portfolio.</td>
<td>82.27%</td>
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Total 141
How Do We Fix ePortfolios?
Continued Use Factors

Top 5 Factors of Continued Use - Averages

- Used as a career tool: 3.9
- Receiving feedback & comments: 3.8
- Assessment of own learning: 3.8
- Management of e-Portfolio: 3.8
- "Real world" projects and authentic artifacts: 3.8
Discontinued Use Factors

Top 5 of Discontinued Use - Averages

Choice of e-Portfolio tool/platform  | Management of e-Portfolio  | Proprietary software availability after the program  | Personal interest level in e-Portfolio use  | Time

3.25 | 3.45 | 3.15 | 3.45 | 3.5
How Do We Fix the Learning Environment?
COVA

Choice, Ownership and Voice through Authentic Learning
Significant Learning Environments
Research

- I was given choice in my...
- I was given ownership in...
- I was able to express my...
- I was given authentic...
2017 COVA Research

Assignments are true and authentic
Designed to encompass a holistic approach to learning
Makes learning “real”
Encompasses self-directed learning
Learner-centered focus
Promotes whole learner experience vs. traditional lecturing
Makes learning true and authentic
Offers flexible learning
Allows genuine ownership and meaningful work
Essential for student-centered learning
Opportunities for choice and voice for the learner
CHOICE
OWNERSHIP
- Seymour Papert

Technology in the Schools: to support the system or render it obsolete. Milken Exchange on Education. July 1998.
A Learner's Mindset.....

"If you are not prepared to be wrong, you'll never come up with anything original." – Sir Ken Robinson

Spotlight

Why We Do What We Do....

Inspiring learners is at the very heart of "why" I do what I do. The Spotlight entails publications, dissertations, presentations, recognitions, grants, dissertations, or any successful accomplishments that learners have achieved during their time as a student in the Digital Learning and Leading program at Lamar University. Some of the students in this list are current graduates, current students, and some were part of a blended rotation offered in the Educational Technology Leadership programs. Take a gander at some of the student highlights I recommend:

*students' names are bolded

Published Books/Book Chapters/Acknowledgements with Students


Rachelle Wooten resides in the state of Texas, USA. Link to Rachelle’s ePortfolio: [http://learningrevolution.com/](http://learningrevolution.com/)

Online Publications with Students

Reid, P. (2018). TBA. TBA.

Patrick Reid resides in the state of Texas, USA. Link to Patrick’s ePortfolio: [http://www.patrickreid.com/](http://www.patrickreid.com/)


Jason Kern resides in the state of Texas, USA. Link to Jason’s ePortfolio: [http://jasonakern.com/](http://jasonakern.com/)


Link to Angi’s ePortfolio: [https://sites.google.com/view/angithomas-reflections/learning-](https://sites.google.com/view/angithomas-reflections/learning-)

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Tweets by @TechieTilisa
Nancy Watson resides in the state of Texas, USA and is founder of the CLICK initiative. Link to Nancy’s ePortfolio: https://nancyvwtech.com/

Timothy Watson resides in the state of Texas, USA. Link to Timothy’s ePortfolio: https://www.mrtmwatson.com

Chad Flexon resides in the state of New Jersey, USA. Link to Chad’s ePortfolio: http://www.cflexon.com

Dawn Grey resides in the state of Texas, USA. Link to Dawn’s ePortfolio: http://dawngrey-eportfoliowebby.com/

Angi Thomas resides in the state of Texas, USA. Link to Angi’s ePortfolio: https://sites.google.com/view/angithomas-reflections/learning-is-eportfolios

Curtis White resides in the state of Wisconsin, USA. Link to Curtis’ ePortfolio: http://www.lmtw.net/

Rhoda Hahn resides in the state of Texas, USA. Link to Rhoda’s ePortfolio: http://mrsbahnoadaydreams.blogspot.ca/

Dissertations
Graduated: May 2017
Dennis King resides in the state of Kansas, USA.

Presentations with Students
PDF of slide deck: Ed Research Conference 2017.pdf

Tags
authenticity average choice core culture disrupting school ePortfolio future learning goals learning leaning environments outcomes ownership real-world research tech literacy training voice

Tilisa Thibodeaux
September 06, 2017
Tilisa Thibodeaux is now friends with Jennifer

July 09, 2017
Tilisa Thibodeaux is currently reading
Originals: How Non-Conformists Move the World by Adam M. Grant (Goodreads Author)

Tilisa Thibodeaux is currently reading
Sunday, January 14, 2018

Breakout Edu!

Have you ever done an escape room? If not, Google that and find one to do with a group of friends! They are so much fun and challenging. Even better? Making one yourself!

Breakout Edu is an awesome platform that turns your classroom into an escape room. If you purchase a kit, you will be given a set of physical locks, a large and small box, and few other supplies that allows you to build out the game. You can use the website's already made games by teacher around the world, or like I did, create your own. There is even a feature to use digital locks, so you do not have to buy a kit!
A Reason to Fail

As I sit in the waiting room of my son's rehabilitation center, I flashback to what brought me here. Carter, my 5.5 year old son was attached to many negatives when analyzing his fine motor and gross motor abilities. Can ... Continue reading →

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Ready, Set, HIRE!

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It's no secret that jobs of the future won't look like they did in the past.
More than a Business Class – an Actual Business

As I continue to reflect on the last 18 months, a lot has centered around my innovation project of creating a method of entrepreneurial education. While it's been labeled as a business, it's much more than that.

My COVA Journey as a Learner

I'm going to spend the next few weeks reflecting upon my learning journey over the last 18 months in several posts here on the blog. This first post really surrounds what I have come to embrace as Choice. Ownership...
Communities of Practice
Choice, Ownership and Voice through Authentic Learning

eBook (OER)

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Our Research


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