HAPPY Hour!
Having Active Participation Prepare You
Pre-Service Teacher Professional Development

Check out the HAPPY Hour website:
http://education.ucr.edu/happyhour

HAPPY (Having Active Participation Prepare You) Hours consists of professional development workshops scheduled throughout the year. The workshops, which typically last 1-2 hours, feature university faculty and Parkhill personnel who have expertise in areas of interest to students aspiring to become educators. Unless otherwise specified, the workshops require no pre-registration. Students simply show up, learn, have fun, and gain experience to add to their professional resume! Check out the website for the 2009-2010 HAPPY Hour workshop schedule.

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Below are a few examples of upcoming HAPPY Hour workshops:

- Digital Storytelling
- Google Earth
- Guided Reading
- Motivating Students to Read
- Teaching in the First Three Years
- Tips for the Interviewing Process
- Working with Difficult Parents
- We * Professional Organizations

HAPPY Hour also includes the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase, a mini-conference in the Teaching Academy and Education Building. Complex during which students can show their best work with their peers. This event is a tremendous opportunity for professional development, in which students can enhance their scholarship, presentational skills, and teaching credentials.

The next HAPPY Hour Student Showcase will be 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2010. Check out the website for fall workshops that will give you information about the many ways you can participate in this exciting event!
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The HAPPY Hour Student Showcase is a fun-filled mini-conference
highlighting undergraduate education majors. It includes:

- Interactive, diverse, 30- to 60-minute student workshops representative
  of Best Practices in education
- A dynamic and humorous motivational speaker
- Teacher supply vendors
- Door prizes and refreshments
- REALLY cool conference bags
- Tour of educational resources

Benefits of the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase to student presenters:

- You will hone your presentation skills and show future employers
  that you have initiative and the desire to be a life-long learner.
- You will increase your marketability in this very competitive job
  market.
- You will experience the ultimate form of professional development.
- You will participate in an actual conference experience by learning
  how to write presentation proposals and how to implement your presentation.
- You will receive special recognition during the Closing Session of the Showcase.

The following are some ideas for Showcase presentation topics:

- Strategies/activities learned in classes, internships, and workshops
  (such as HAPPY Hour workshops)
- Course assignments of which you are proud
- A successful strategy used in an internship, some tips for remaining
  calm during your internship, strategies learned from peers
- Strategies learned from your supervising teacher and/or
  course instructor
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Below are a few examples of past HAPPY Hour Student Showcase workshops:

- New Uses for Everyday Objects
- Student Notes: A Tip to Manage Your Class
- Pick Me Strategies for Effective Questioning
- 5 Ways to Be Smart (Multiple Intelligences)
- More Power to Be Powerful
- Help My Student Speak with Hands! (ASL)
- Student Work Ordinary? Make It Extraordinary with Foldables!

Go to the HAPPY Hour website to check out other workshops from past HAPPY Hour Student Showcases. You will find them in the conference programs.

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How you can get involved in HAPPY Hour:

- Attend HAPPY Hour workshops.
- Serve on the HAPPY Hour Student Leadership Council
- Attend the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase on January 20, 2010
- Give your student organization exposure by partnering with HAPPY Hour
- Volunteer to be a student assistant and help HAPPY Hour faculty with registration and running the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase.
- Be a student presenter at the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase.
- Donate new/used instructional materials to A Gift for Teaching, a HAPPY Hour partner.

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Student Testimonials:

- "We felt good sharing those ideas because these are the skills we have learned that have made us love teaching even more than we already did and have taught us so much about how to be a great teacher, leader, and role model." (Student presenter)

- "I have gleaned many new ideas for creative teaching in the classroom." (HAPPY Hour workshop attendee)

Go to the HAPPY Hour website to check out other student comments.
HAPPY Hour! HAPPY Hour Student Showcase Scholarship - BRAND NEW!

- The scholarship will be given for the first time at the 5th anniversary of the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase on Saturday, January 30, 2010.
- It will be awarded to 2 deserving HAPPY Hour Student Showcase presenters.
- Recipients will receive up to $500 to attend a state conference of their choice within a year of winning the award.
- Scholarship application materials can be found on the HAPPY Hour website.

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SEE YOU AT HAPPY HOUR!