W O R K S H O P:	**Total time for workshop: 40 minutes**
First Day of Class Activities: New Ideas for your Toolbox **Rosemary Vogt** **North Island College**	

BLURB: Kick off your semester with engaging and innovative activities designed to set a positive tone from day one! Join us for this 40-minute workshop packed with fresh ideas to energize your classroom, foster student connections, and create a supportive and interactive learning environment.

Workshop Objective: This workshop aims to equip instructors with fresh and engaging ideas for the first day of class, ensuring a positive start to the semester and fostering a supportive and interactive learning environment.

Set up: This will be an online workshop on Kaltura.

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Instructor / Facilitator Activities	Learner / Participant Activities	Resources	Time
Opening: **Territorial Acknowledgment:** 1. Introduction: • Welcome participants • Overview of workshop objectives • The importance of engaging first day activities			3 Min.
2. Participant introductions:	Participants introduce themselves and identify their area of instruction. Participants are also asked to think of one word that describes their current state of mind, a goal they have or an emotion they associate with the workshop topic. They may type their word into the chat. They may also provide a brief explanation of		7 Min

	why they chose that word. Is there a theme, pattern. How do the words set the tone for the workshop?		
3. This collaborative activity explores ways that instructors can create a positive first day of class experience.	Breakout rooms Brainstorming in small groups: Divide students int small groups (3-5) and assign each group to a breakout room. Provide each group with specific prompts to discuss: For example: - How can you create a welcoming atmosphere on the first day? -What icebreakers or activities can help students feel comfortable and engaged? -How can you effectively communicate course expectations and goals? - What strategies can you use to build a sense of community from the start? Participants use Kaltura Whiteboard features (sticky notes) to add responses to the prompts. Review and discuss as a whole group.		15 Min.
4. Continued discussion on collaborative activity to create a positive first day of class experience.	Chat waterfall: Provide participants with specific prompts: • What interactive activities can you use to engage students? • How can you facilitate meaningful group work in an online environment?	-	10 Min.

	• What tools and technologies can enhance collaborative learning?		
Conclusion and Q & A	• Recap key points • Open floor to questions • Provide additional resources	-	5 Min.