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Welcome to The Weekly Geek

This is a new e-newsletter from the Information & Instructional Technology Departments at Dakota County Technical College. Each week will have a different technology related topic with (hopefully) useful information for you.

Guest Speakers – Online

Invite some of the world's leading experts into your classroom. There are several sites that offer free video lectures, presentations, and even whole courses by leaders in their fields.

You Tube Education site: <http://www.youtube.com/education>

YouTube is not just for funny kitten videos – it also has educational videos on just about every topic imaginable. The education site is an index of materials posted by colleges and universities all over the country including Stanford, MIT and Harvard – think of it as inviting guest professors to your class without the cost of airfare.

TED Talks Education: <http://ed.ted.com/lessons>

TED Talks (Arranged by Theme): <http://www.ted.com/themes>

TED began as a national conference to bring together experts to share their “big ideas”. The TED education site is intended to bring together experts to share their knowledge by creating demonstrations or lessons on topics from classrooms. The TED themes page organizes the videos by topic area.

Khan Academy: <http://www.khanacademy.org/>

Khan Academy is a free online video resource – not so much for lectures – but rather quick lessons that can help review material or concepts. If any of you have kids who need help with math homework, this site is very useful for that. Khan Academy is not just for math – also has tutorials for sciences, computer science, arts & humanities, and finance.

iTunes U

In the iTunes store, click on iTunes U category at the top of the screen. You will find video and audio podcasts from colleges and universities all over the world – FREE. And if you have an iTunes account and find a group of videos you like, you can subscribe – so instead of having to go find new videos they add, they will automatically be added to your iTunes.

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