



# I M P A C T

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## Distance Learning Academy

The 2010 Distance Learning Academy will take place February 17, 2010 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Teaching and Learning Center located in the Keen Johnson Building. The focus will be on Designing Quality Instructional Products that Support the Development of Student Critical Thinking and Communication Skills Online. Over 15 online instructional products that were designed using the Paul and Elder Model to support the development of student critical thinking skills will be on display at this year's showcase. During the showcase, visitors will be able to review innovative instructional uses of video, audio and software including Softchalk, iSpring Pro, SnapX Pro, Power Point and Camtasia. In addition, Rationale, new software that is used to develop reasoning and thinking skills, will be displayed as well. A select number of DLA faculty member participants will be present at the showcase for informal conversations about their course sites and their instructional products. Luncheon items will be available.



## Lancaster Students Conduct Food Drive

In conjunction with National Hunger and Homelessness Week and National Poverty Awareness Month, the Lancaster Higher Education Center sponsored a special program to help feed the children of Garrard County during the months of December and January. Students at the Lancaster Higher Education Center collected food to donate to the Garrard County Backpack Club. Founded in 2007, the Garrard County Backpack Club helps provide food to children over the weekend and on holidays by sending them home with a backpack



stocked full of nutritious food items. The program currently does not receive any grant funding and is supported 100% by the local community including churches, businesses and individual support. The Garrard County Backpack Club currently serves over 300 children in the local community. The average monthly cost to fund the program is \$4000 in addition to individual contributions of food. Lancaster Higher Education Center students donated enough food to fill 20 backpacks.