We are happy to announce a new tier for adjunct instructors in the Adjunct Advancement Program (AAP): Tier 4

What: You can now advance to Tier 4 by earning an additional 16 PDUs. Once you have reached Tier 4 status, you will be eligible to apply to attend a professional development conference or training of your choosing. CETL will provide a maximum of five awards per academic year, and each award covers up to $2,000 in travel expenses, meals, lodging, conference fees, etc. Adjunct instructors in Tier 4 may receive this award once every three years.

Benefits:

- Continued professional development is motivating and inspiring.
- It affords you time to think about honing your craft and improving your teaching.
- It helps you advance in your discipline.
- It positively impacts your students.

Details:

- Applications will be accepted between January 1st and the last day in February.
- The professional development opportunity may be related to teaching or may be discipline specific. You will work with your divisions to choose the best fit. A list of suggested conferences can be found in the AAP D2L shell.
- The divisions will not dock you pay for classes missed and subs needed while you are attending this professional development opportunity.
- The professional development opportunity may be completed anytime during the academic year following your application.
- Adjunct instructors will submit a Tier 4 Professional Development Reflection Form upon return sharing ideas or strategies that will be of benefit to the college and colleagues.
- Adjunct instructors will present on a topic or strategy learned to the most relevant and broadest audience at PPCC within 6 months of completing the professional development (i.e., a PDW workshop, at May Institute, a department meeting, division meeting, etc.).

When: NOW! You can start collecting PDUs starting 8/19/19 (FA19 PDW). Sixteen additional PDUs are needed to reach Tier 4 status (8 or more of which must be completed within PPCC). Simply complete and submit your Reflection & Tracking forms, as with previous tiers, to accumulate the PDUs. Please note PDUs toward Tier 4 cannot be awarded for professional development completed before 8/19/19, and the award may only be redeemed by those who are employed by PPCC at the time of travel. Please be aware the Tier 4 differs from the previous tiers in that it does not include a pay raise.