For questions about any of these events, please don't hesitate to reach out. If you have any concerns or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Sharon Blake, MA, Administrative Assistant, at sharon.blake@xavier.edu or Cara Pickett, PhD, CTE Administrative Director, at cara.pickett@xavier.edu.

The transition to remote teaching has been challenging for many. Some of the most common themes was related to time management. Several noted that even after the transition of classes to Canvas, the amount of work and stress has not subsided, and quite possibly, has increased. Many noted the amount of time spent on technology issues, such as logins and software updates.

One of the most challenging aspects of the transition has been the lack of face-to-face interaction. Many have missed the ability to engage with students and colleagues in person. We have seen a decrease in the number of spontaneous conversations and interactions. This has been particularly challenging for those who are introverted or who have a difficult time interacting online.

Another concern has been the lack of support. Many have felt isolated and unsupported during the transition. Faculty have reported feeling overwhelmed and frustrated with the lack of support from IT and other departments.

We have seen an increase in the use of technology to support remote teaching. Many have turned to technology to help them stay connected with students and colleagues. This has been particularly important for those who have had to teach remotely from home.

In response to these challenges, we have created a new Instructional Continuity website. This site includes resources and tools to support remote teaching, such as Canvas templates, virtual backgrounds, and webcams. We have also created a new Canvas template webinar, a message from IT regarding Respondus LockDown Browser, and a message from ID&T regarding loaned technology.

We encourage you to visit the Instructional Continuity website to learn more about these resources and to share your ideas and questions with us. We are here to support you in the remote teaching environment.

As we approach the time for final course assessments, a new resource has been added to the website. This resource includes step instructions for using many of the tools in Canvas, as well as information on how to request technology loaned by IT.

We hope you find these resources helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need assistance. We are here to support you through this challenging time.