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California State University Northridge (CSUN) is a vibrant, diverse university community of over 40,000 students and more than 4,000 faculty and staff, sited on a 356-acre campus in the heart of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley. All online programs are offered through Extended Education college. When faculty want to offer individual courses online they work with instructional support professionals at the Faculty Technology Center to build their courses for delivery online.

In 2010, CSUN joined the Online Learning Consortium (OLC), the leading professional organization devoted to advancing excellence in online learning which offers best practice support and guidance and support for educators and institutions around the world.

Top 5 Reasons CSUN Joined OLC:

1. Professional development
2. Networking
3. Research
4. Sharing best practices
5. New innovations

To learn more about OLC membership, visit onlinelearning-c.org/join



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What was your organizations reason for becoming an OLC

Institutional Member? OLC specifically caters to online learning, therefore it provides a good opportunity for the institution to partner with colleagues in the field, learn from them and be able to make informed decisions about its future implementations. OLC also offers opportunities for online learning professionals to earn certificates and increase their expertise in online teaching and learning.

What aspect(s) of the OLC Institutional Membership does your organization use most and why?

We attend webinars often. The conferences are extremely well liked and good venues to showcase all the progress made and technologies used to support online learning, and the opportunity to network with colleagues in the field. The research that comes out of OLC helps us to improve what we do as professionals in the online education field.

How has the OLC Institutional Membership helped your

organization? OLC has given our team members the opportunity to grow and hone their craft in online learning. As a result of the information coming out of OLC, our staff is able to be discerning consumers of research and information on online education. It helps us to identify credible information in the field.

"The biggest advantage of our membership is the professional development opportunities which enable our staff to continue to develop their expertise as instructional designers, and as a result, create better learning opportunities for our students."