# Using Drexel IRT's Resources to Enhance Student Confidence in Public Speaking

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#### Introduction

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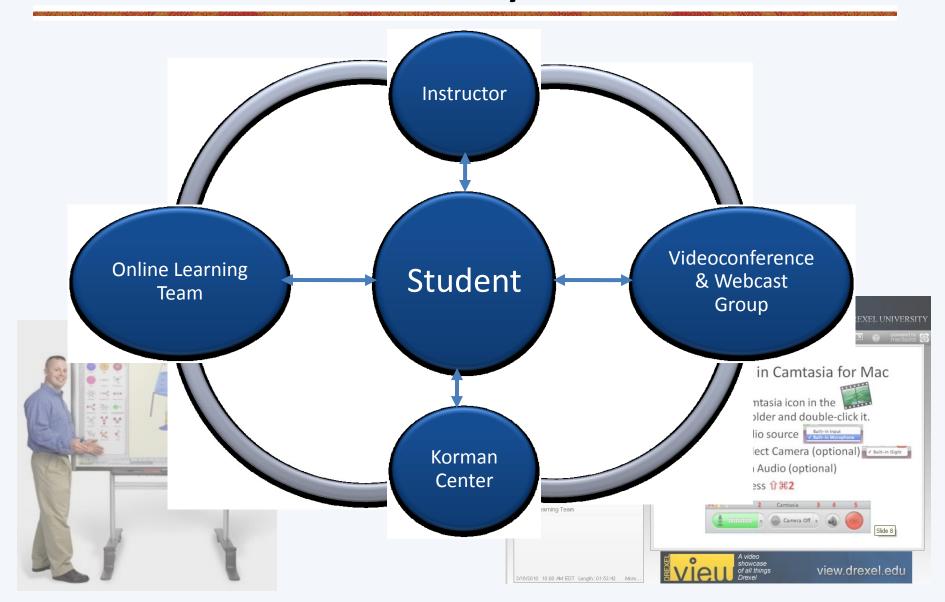


# Overview

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# The Players



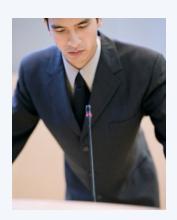
#### The Courses

- Techniques of Speaking
- Professional Presentations
- Mass Media and Society
- Business Communication
- Advanced Public Relations
- Public Service Campaigns



# Assignments

- Student as newscaster
  - Peer and instructor review
- Techniques of Speaking
  - "Information speech"
  - "Post-mortem" performed
- Client Presentations
  - PR courses
- Role Playing Videoconference
  - High school students & college students



## How It Began

- Students presented in front of the class
  - Little to no technology involved
- A representative of the Online Learning Team (OLT) spoke in the classes
- Imaginations were stirred!



# The Old Days (2 years ago)

- Presentations were filmed by the instructor or student
- IRT ran the presentations through DragonDrop

PROS	CONS
Individual sessions captured	Released in RealMedia
Instructor/presenter could review at a later date	Labor-intensive
	Screen difficult to read; sound quality inconsistent

# Examples



# Currently

- Presentations captured using MediaSite
- Interactive SMARTBoard use encouraged

PROS	CONS
"Hands-off" recording technology	Sequential (not individual) sessions captured
Instructor/presenter could review at a later date	Have to scan to starting point of desired presentation
	Determining correct lighting and frame area (presenter positioning) an issue

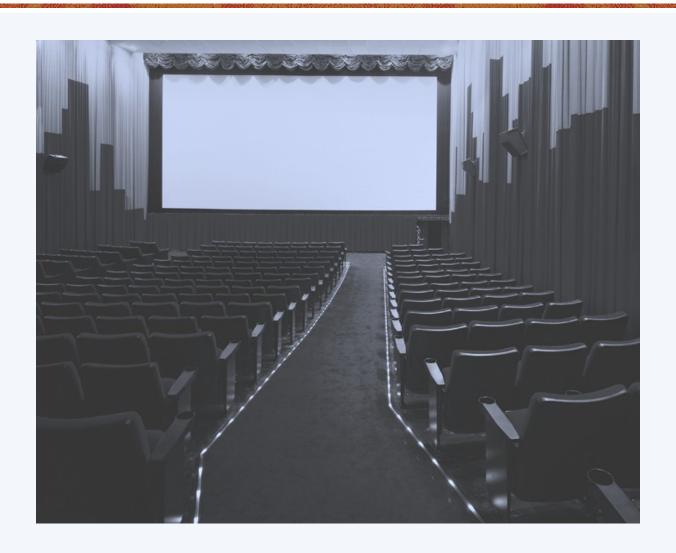
#### **SMART Boards**

- Students encouraged to use the SMART Board technology in their presentations
- Trained by an OLT member
- Reserved room to practice
- Added experience to resume
  - Led to a job!

#### Why the SMART Board is Great!

- The teaching/learning experience is enhanced
- What I learn can be used after college
- It looks good on a resume
- It's fun!!

# Examples



### Results

- Encouraged creativity
- Students more invested in the end product
- Heightened their confidence and sense of achievement
- Students much more at ease in front of the class and in front of a camera
- More fun for everyone!



#### Student Feedback

"Everyone was so nice and you always made me feel comfortable.

About my using the SMART Board experience, I would say it as wonderful equipment helping class goes better! (It) gave me more chance to show my fun personality which couldn't be shown behind a podium."



#### Student Feedback

"The computer equipment was extremely helpful in the delivery of our presentations. The main thing I need is for the equipment to be functioning and easy to handle. I felt that both those requirements were met and I was put at ease while delivering my presentations knowing that I knew how to use it and that it would function correctly."



#### Student Feedback

"When I was doing my Street Survival speech, it was really helpful to use the drawing tools on the board to point out and circle how one should drive and where they should look. It's a lot harder to explain with my fingers and hands, but they could see how their wheels are turned based on my lines. It made more sense."



#### What Have We Learned?

- To work even closer with the Video Conference & Webcast Group
- To coordinate the individual presentations to be captured separately, if possible
- To obtain information about presenters' technical requirements well in advance of their presentation

### What Have We Learned? (cont'd)

- To use MediaSite
- To download SMART Board software on noninstructor laptops prior to presentation
- Test the lighting ahead of time
- Class must be kept quieter!



#### **Future Considerations**

- Korman resources technology site tour for faculty
- Checklist for students and instructor
- Reserve camera-equipped rooms in Korman well in advance
- Get the word out!

"The more I learn about what services Korman and IRT have to offer, the more services I will use."



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#### Thank You

#### **Course content**

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Any questions?

