

Re: Sonia Clayton



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Re: Sonia Clayton

Sonia Clayton has significantly supported our computer information systems students at the University of Houston Downtown for three years. As President and CEO of Virtual Intelligence Providers, Sonia has been an expert resource and guest speaker for Dr. Deborah Buell's Systems and Analysis and Design and Business Data Communications courses from 2001-2003. Sonia has made presentations on e-learning, networked based computing for e-learning and learning management systems in support of course coverage on information systems, systems analysis and design and networking. Sonia made a presentation on e-learning information systems in May, 2001 that was videotaped and used as content support for Dr. Buell's classes as well.

In fall 2002, Sonia significantly contributed to the student's learning in Systems Analysis and Design and the Business Data Communications classes by providing the students with first hand experience in using her company's learning management systems product. Student's tested the VIP LMS product as a way to get first hand experience and practical insight about the strategic planning, deployment and use of enterprise software across an organization. Students completed a semester project on learning management systems (LMS) which required them to work in teams to prepare an LMS systems proposal. The components of the proposal included a survey of five LMS vendors per student team, development of an LMS product rating sheet, an LMS ROI cost analysis plus a presentation of their project findings for the class.

The student experience in beta testing the VIP LMS and in completing their LMS semester project which required them to review other LMS projects within the knowledge industry was reported in two online

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conference presentations. Dr. Buell made these e-learning conference presentations in the spring and summer of 2003. The conferences were the Teaching in the Community College (TCC) 2003 Student Experience in Hybrid and Online Classes (<http://tcc.kcc.hawaii.edu/>) and University of Calgary Best Practices in e-learning (<http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/conference/>) conferences.

In fall 2002 and spring 2003, Sonia continued to give her time as a student resource by serving as a reference for our students as they documented their expertise and work on the LMS beta test, completion of the SAP 4.6 LMS basic navigational skills course and industry wide systems proposal as part of their professional portfolio and resume.

If you need more information about Sonia and Virtual Intelligence Providers' contributions to our student's education or the university please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruth Robbins".

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