

# Scoring Early Victories

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# Who are we?

## Kristin Ciesemier

Assessment Coordinator

- ▶ Build Assessment System
- ▶ Facilitate Student Learning Committee
- ▶ Guide Program Reviews

## Gabe Estill

Director of Academic Assessment

- ▶ Oversee College Assessment Plan
- ▶ Lead General Education Assessment Plan



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# Our Institutions



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- ▶ Square miles: 1,442
- ▶ Population: 650,000
- ▶ AY enrollment: 31,816
  
- ▶ First public community college in the nation



Moraine Valley  
Community College

- ▶ Square miles: 139
- ▶ Population: ~400,000
- ▶ Enrollment: > 35,000
  
- ▶ Second largest community college in Illinois

# Our Purpose Today

- ▶ Provide ideas for new assessment leaders
- ▶ Expand our professional learning community



# Define Assessment

## Assessment is

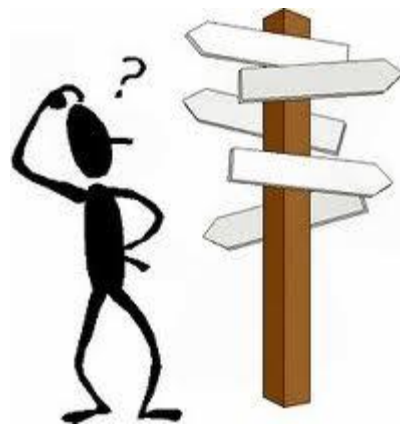
- ✓ Student learning
- ✓ Programs, courses
- ✓ Documented

## Assessment is not

- ≠ Faculty evaluation
- ≠ Individual Grades
- ≠ Empirical

# Challenges

- ▶ What is assessment?
- ▶ What are we supposed to do?
- ▶ How are we supposed to do it?



# Misconceptions

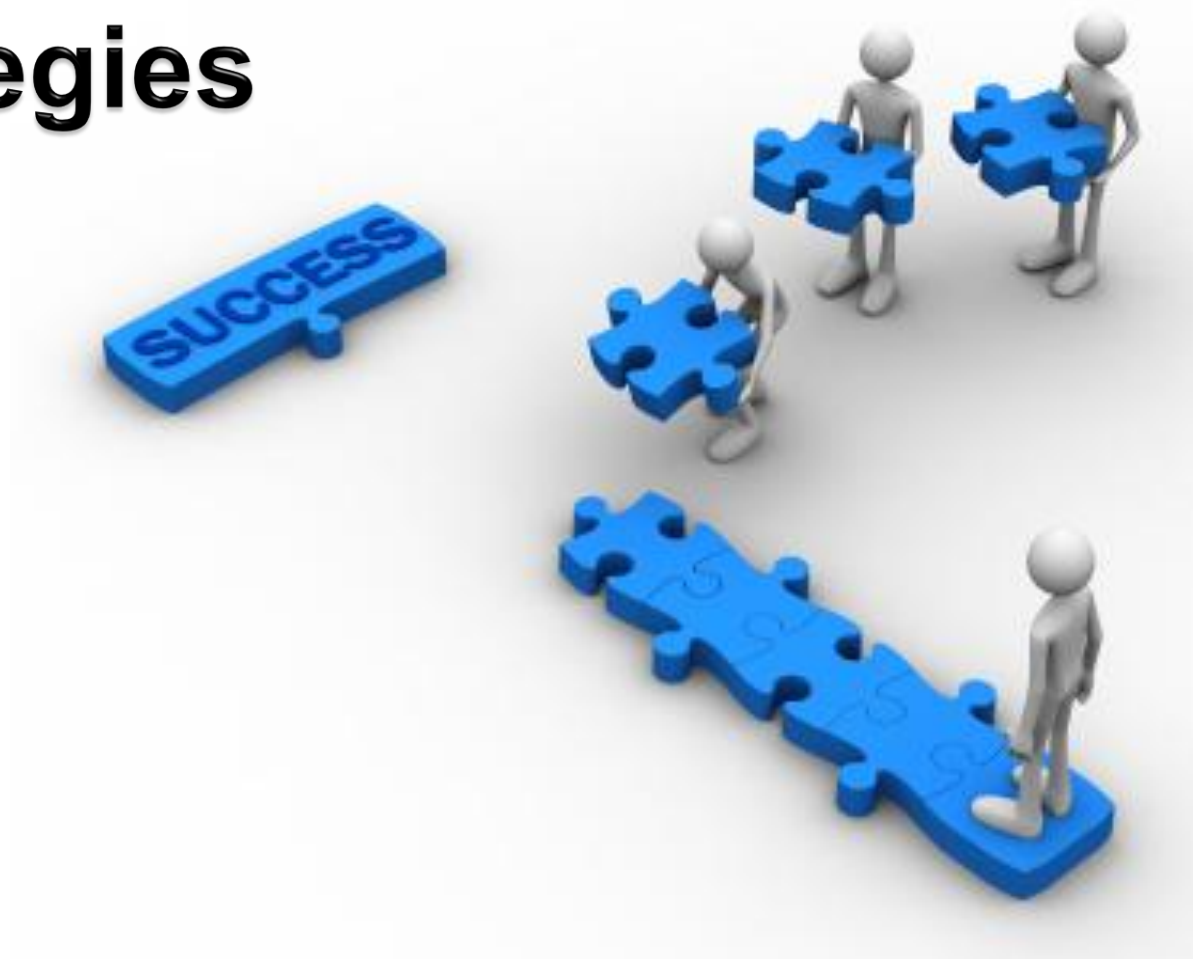


- ▶ I can't.
- ▶ It's not my job.
- ▶ This too shall pass.
- ▶ I grade my students!
- ▶ I collected some data, once



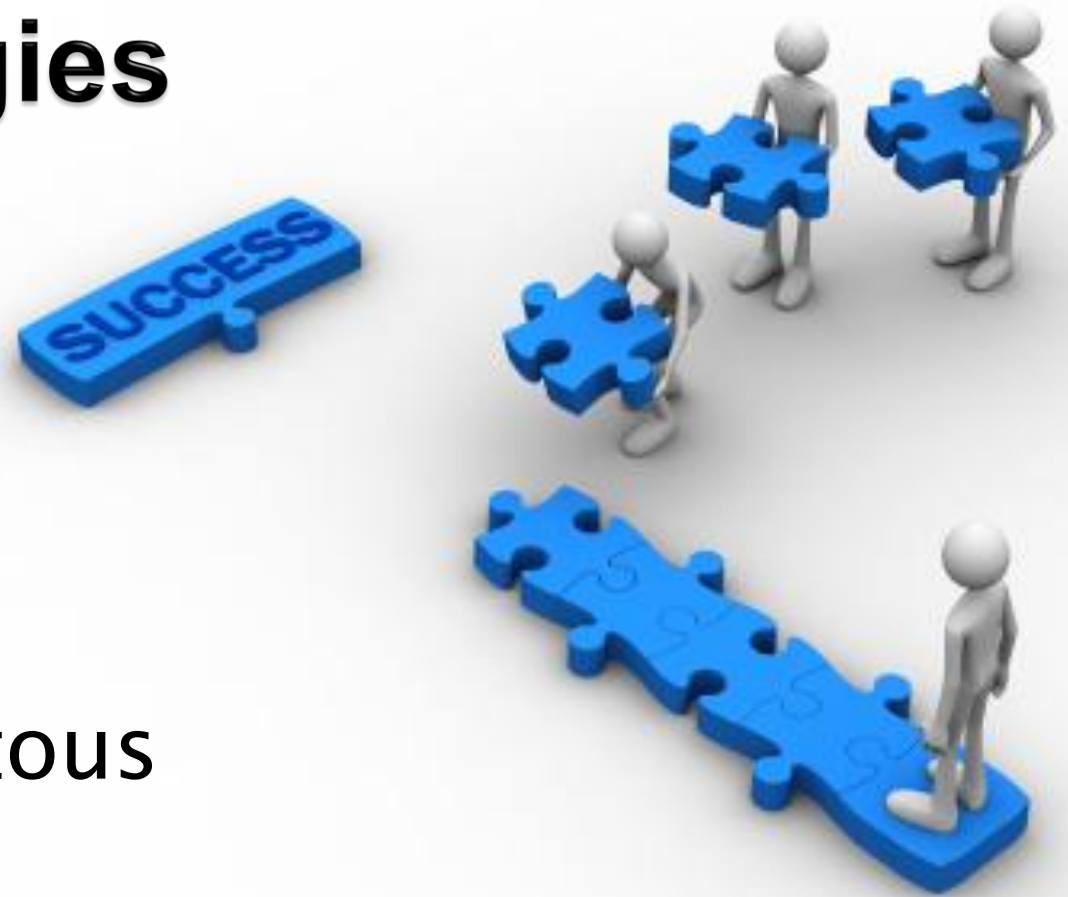
# Winning Strategies

- ▶ Learn:
  - ▶ The people
  - ▶ The culture
  - ▶ The curriculum



# Winning Strategies

- ▶ Emphasize:
  - ▶ Improvement
  - ▶ Student learning
  - ▶ Useful, not gratuitous



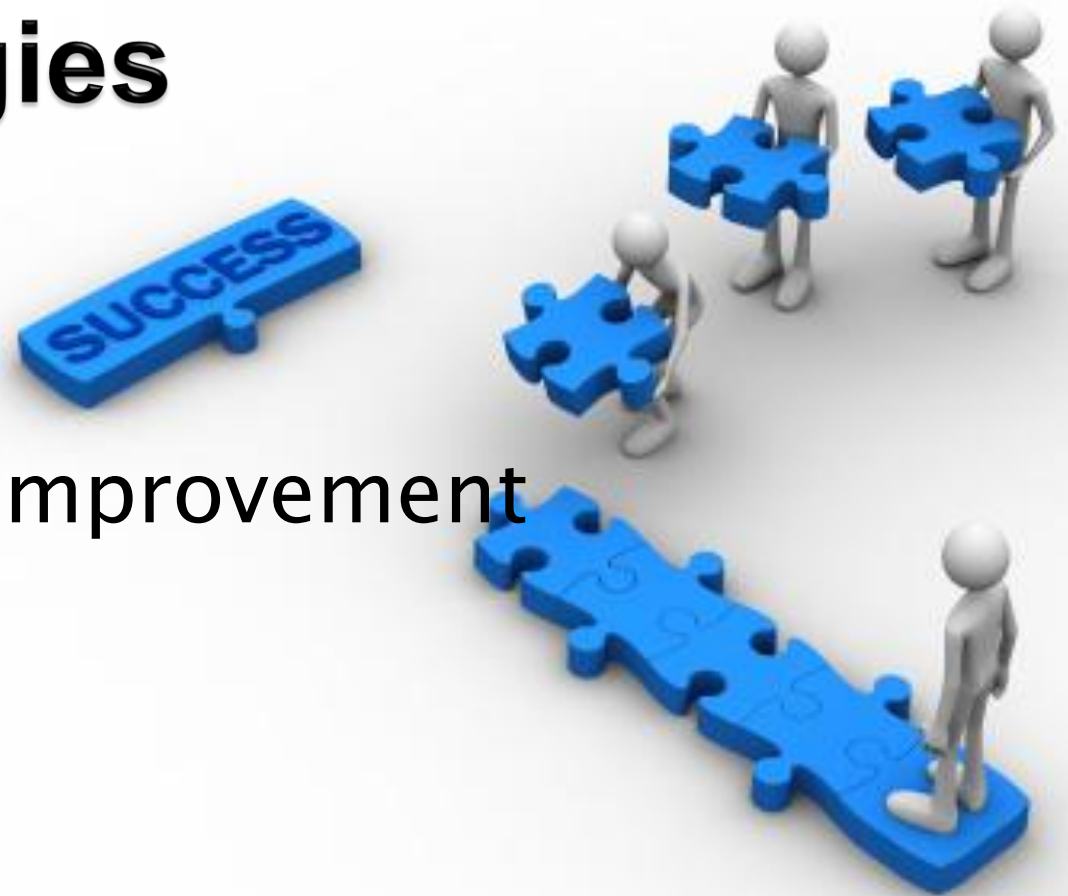
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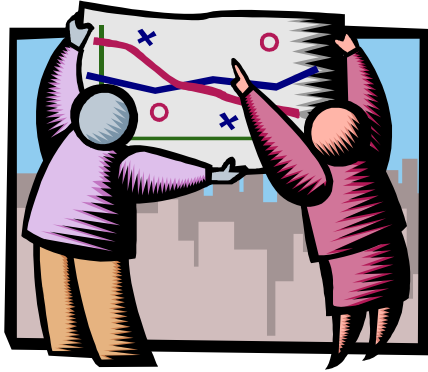
- ▶ Create:
  - ▶ Quick wins
  - ▶ Your network
  - ▶ Common vocabulary
  - ▶ Connections to existing practices



# Winning Strategies

- ▶ Use
  - ▶ Tie to continuous improvement practices
  - ▶ KISS principle
  - ▶ Models, graphics





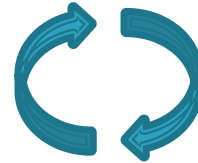
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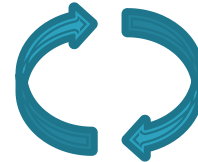
Stakeholders



Faculty & Admin



Program Review



Students



Professional Community



Resources



# Assessment Process



# Discussion

What questions do you have?



# Discussion

What advice would you share?



# The Assessment Group of Illinois Community Colleges



A network  
for community college  
assessment professionals  
to exchange information and ideas.

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