Dave Cillay BSU Global Campus

Dave Cillay: So, what is the global campus? At its essence, it’s a commitment. It’s a commitment by Washington State University to make sure that the resources, the faculty, and the support are there for students who are taking their programs online.

We have five pillars in our global campus. We’ve got WSU Online, which are our degree programs. We’ve got eLearning Services, which identifies and establishes best practices and technology media to aid in instruction and brings that back to Washington State University faculty to be used in our online courses and our on-campus courses. We’ve got a conference management unit. We have a digital academy, which provides non-credit workshops and classes to students who are in our WSU online programs and at all of our physical campuses. We have our global campus connections, which is a unique set of extracurricular activities that students can take advantage of without ever attending a physical location. We’ll have an online career fair, a common reading program, academic showcase, and over a hundred webinars that highlight WSU faculty research and innovation.

So what makes WSU different in this online learning space? The first is that we use Washington State University faculty, so the same faculty that teach on our physical campuses teach in our online courses. The other component that is going to move Washington State University to the next stage, to the next level of online education is the fact that we are creating a virtual campus. Just like on a physical campus, so many educational opportunities, learning activities, happen outside of the classroom: Conversations with faculty, connections with peers, different types of social and cultural events. We’re working to replicate those type of experiences online in this virtual, digital environment. The type of experience that students will have through the global campus is highly connected, highly interactive. Just like any other physical campus, students can choose to be as connected, involved as they want to be.

But this is Washington State University. We are a public, non-profit university. Our sole purpose is to provide high-quality educational opportunities to the citizens of Washington and throughout the globe. We are committed to your success, and we will ensure that the resources necessary to support you in your learning activities are there and available to you 24/7.