

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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Moraine Valley
Community College

Our Institutions



JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
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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

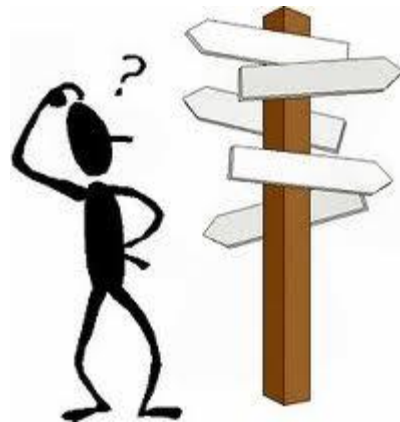
- ✓ Student learning
- ✓ Programs, courses
- ✓ Action Research

Assessment is not

- ≠ Faculty evaluation
- ≠ Individual Grades
- ≠ Scientific Research

Challenges

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



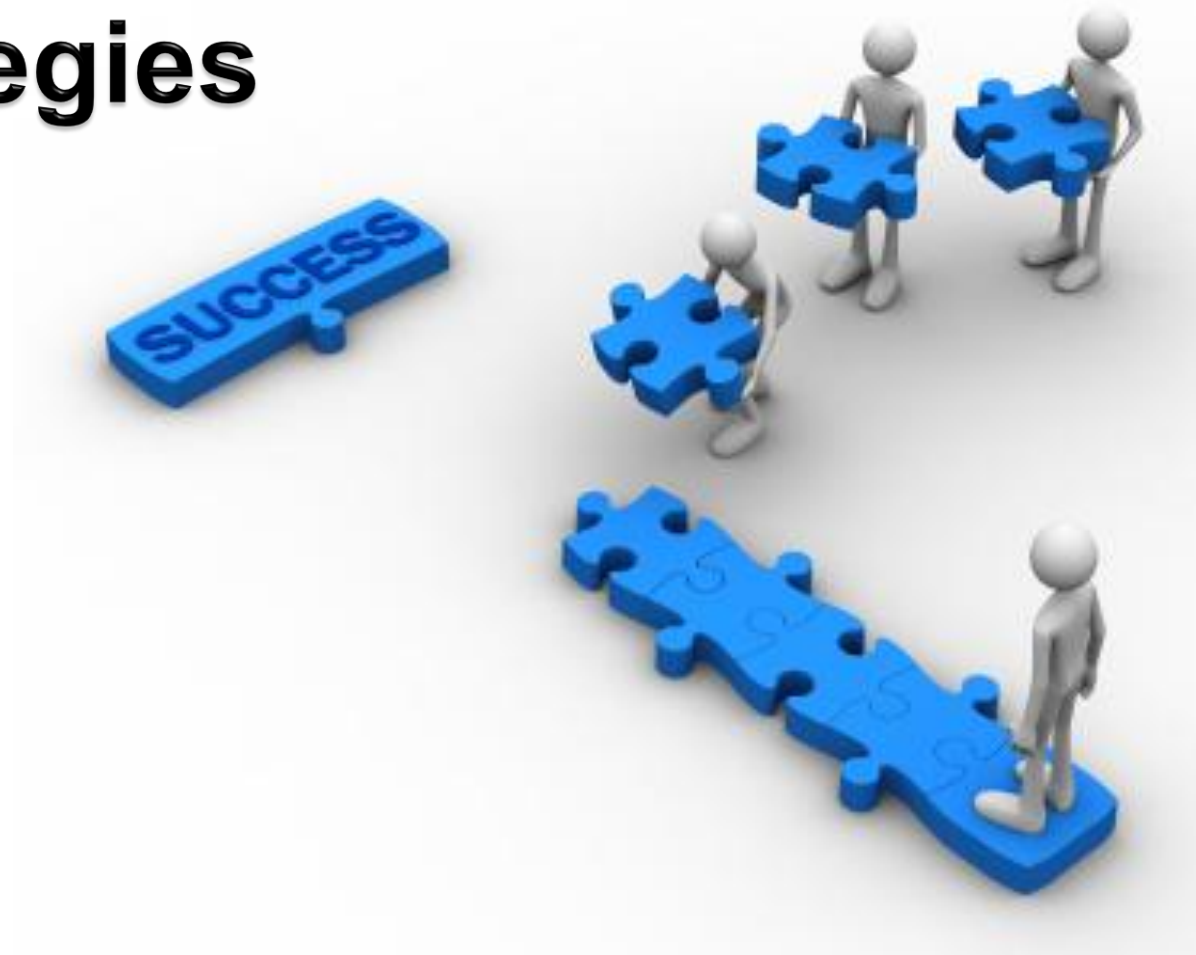
Misconceptions

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



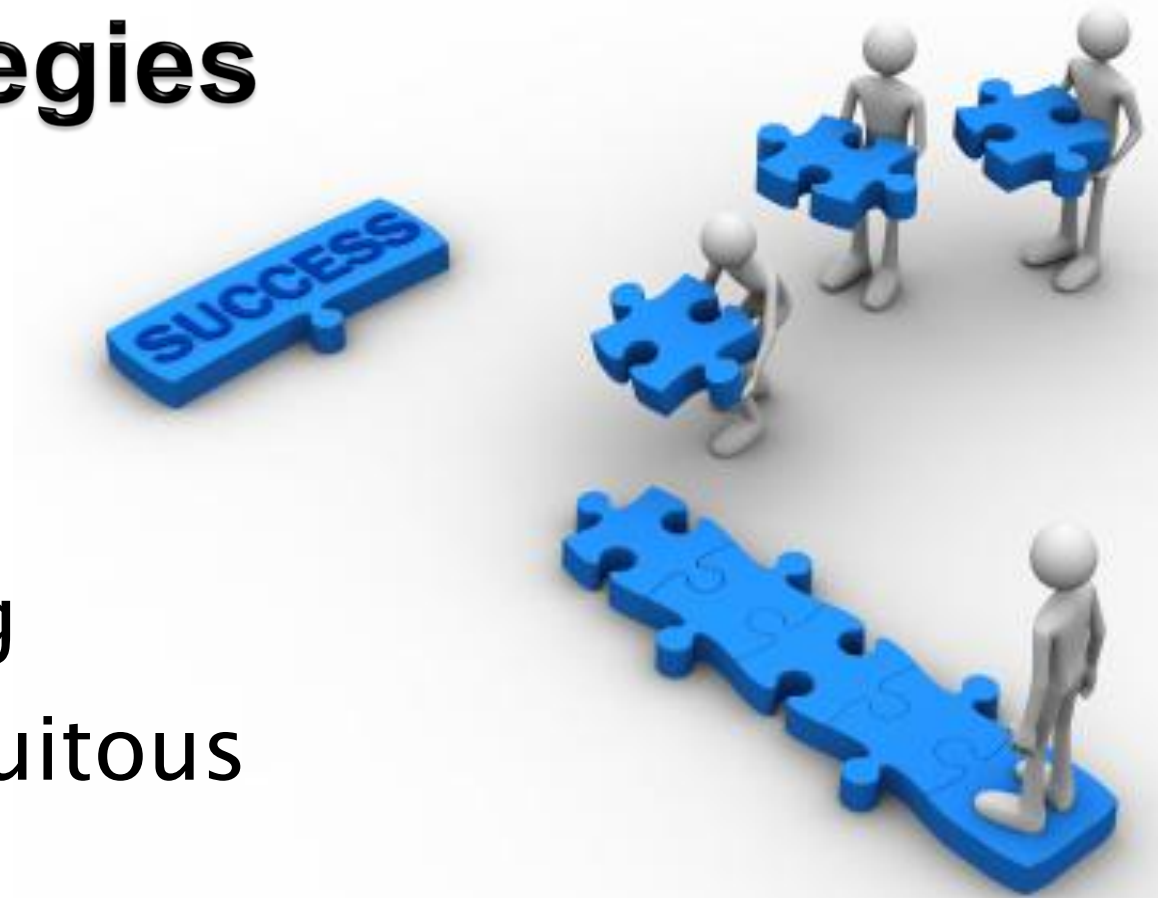
Winning Strategies

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



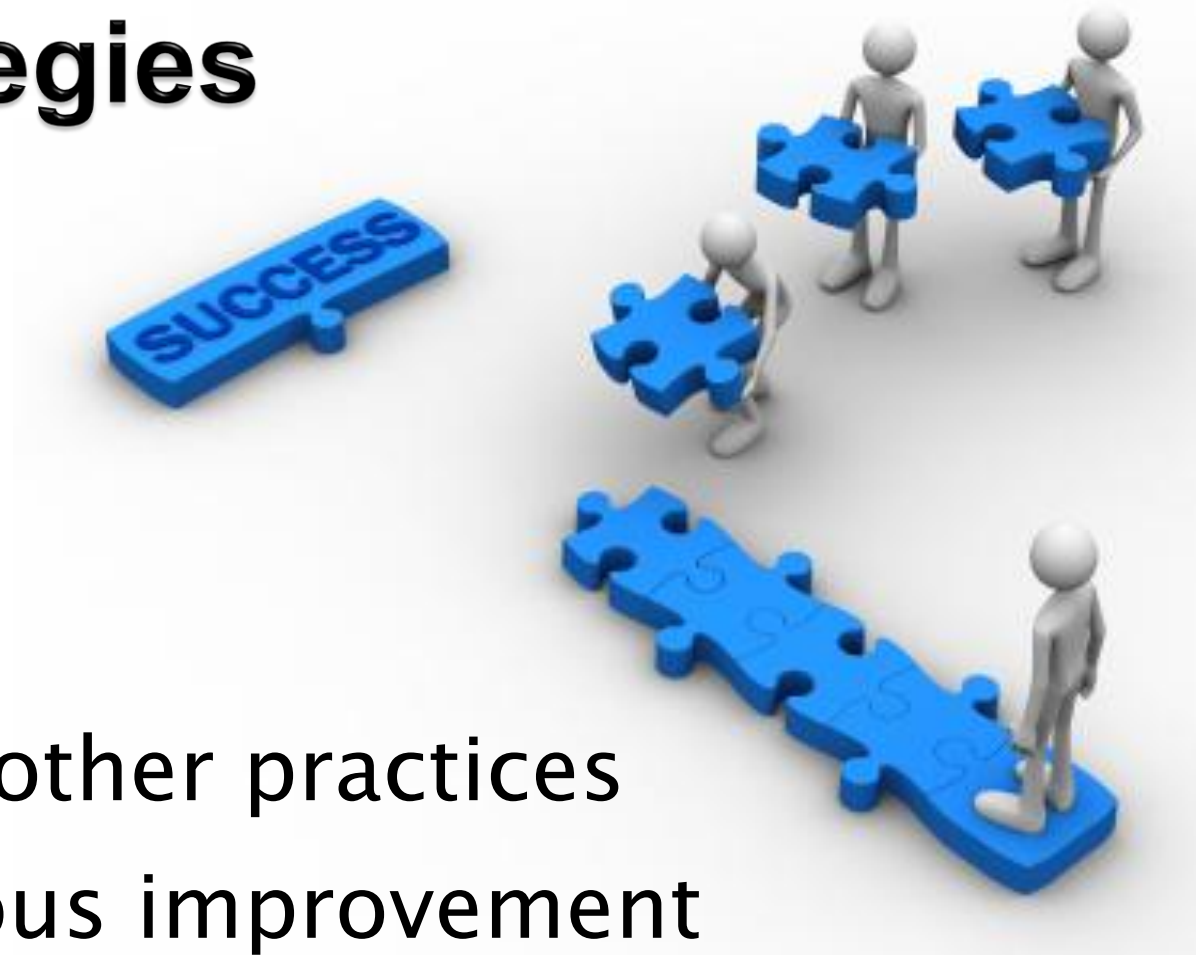
Winning Strategies

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



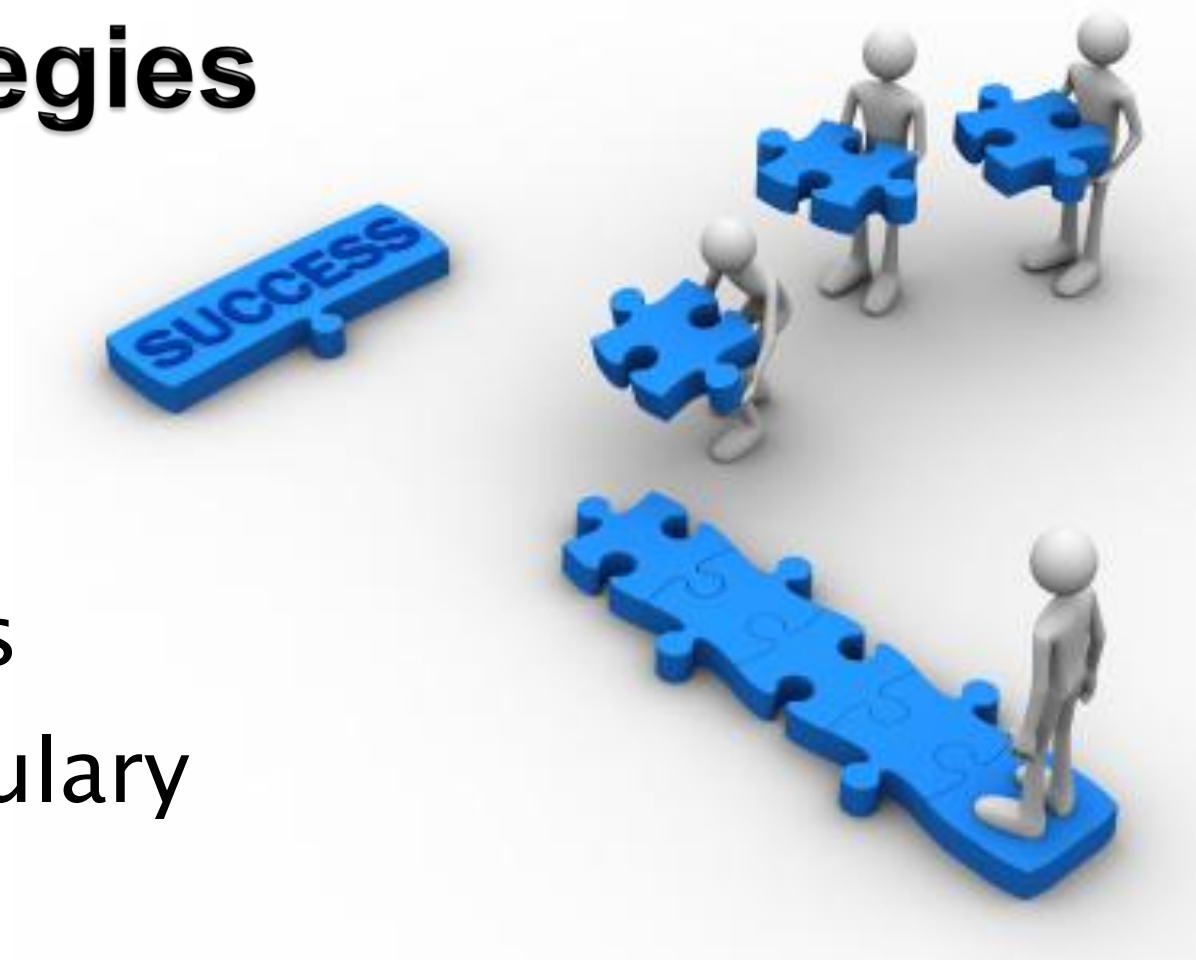
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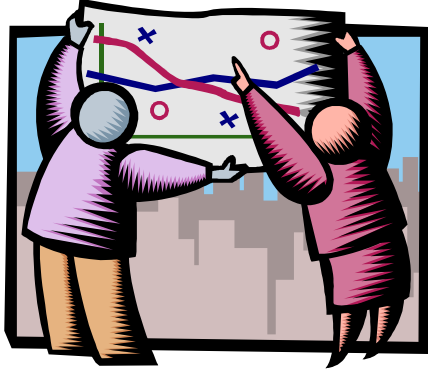
- ▶ Create:
 - ▶ Quick wins
 - ▶ Your network
 - ▶ Connections to other practices
 - ▶ Ties to continuous improvement practices



Winning Strategies

- ▶ Use
 - ▶ KISS principle
 - ▶ Models, graphics
 - ▶ Common vocabulary





Current Strategic Plan



Faculty & Admin



Professional
Community

Stakeholders



Program
Review

Students



Resources



Assessment Process



Discussion

What questions do you have?



Discussion

What advice would you share?



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for community college
assessment professionals
to exchange information and ideas.

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