

# The 2024-2025 Season

Modesto Institute for Continued Learning

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# Putting Your Toe Into THE MICL WATERS



**MICL is the Modesto Institute  
of Continue Learning**



**MICL is an organization for retired people who wish to continue to learn things, visit new places, and build new friendships.**



**MICL offers lecture, workshop, study,  
discussion groups, and field trips.**





**MODESTO**  
JUNIOR COLLEGE



**MICL is under the auspices of MJC.**

**A college degree is not required.**



**We are people from all walks  
of life.**





**Everyone is welcome! We are  
happy you are here!**



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**THE FIRST SPLASH!**  
***THE MIOL ORIGIN STORY***

**IT ALL STARTED WITH A SPLASH**

**Odessa  
Johnson**



**George  
Pettygrove  
1920-2014**

**FOUNDERS OF MICL**



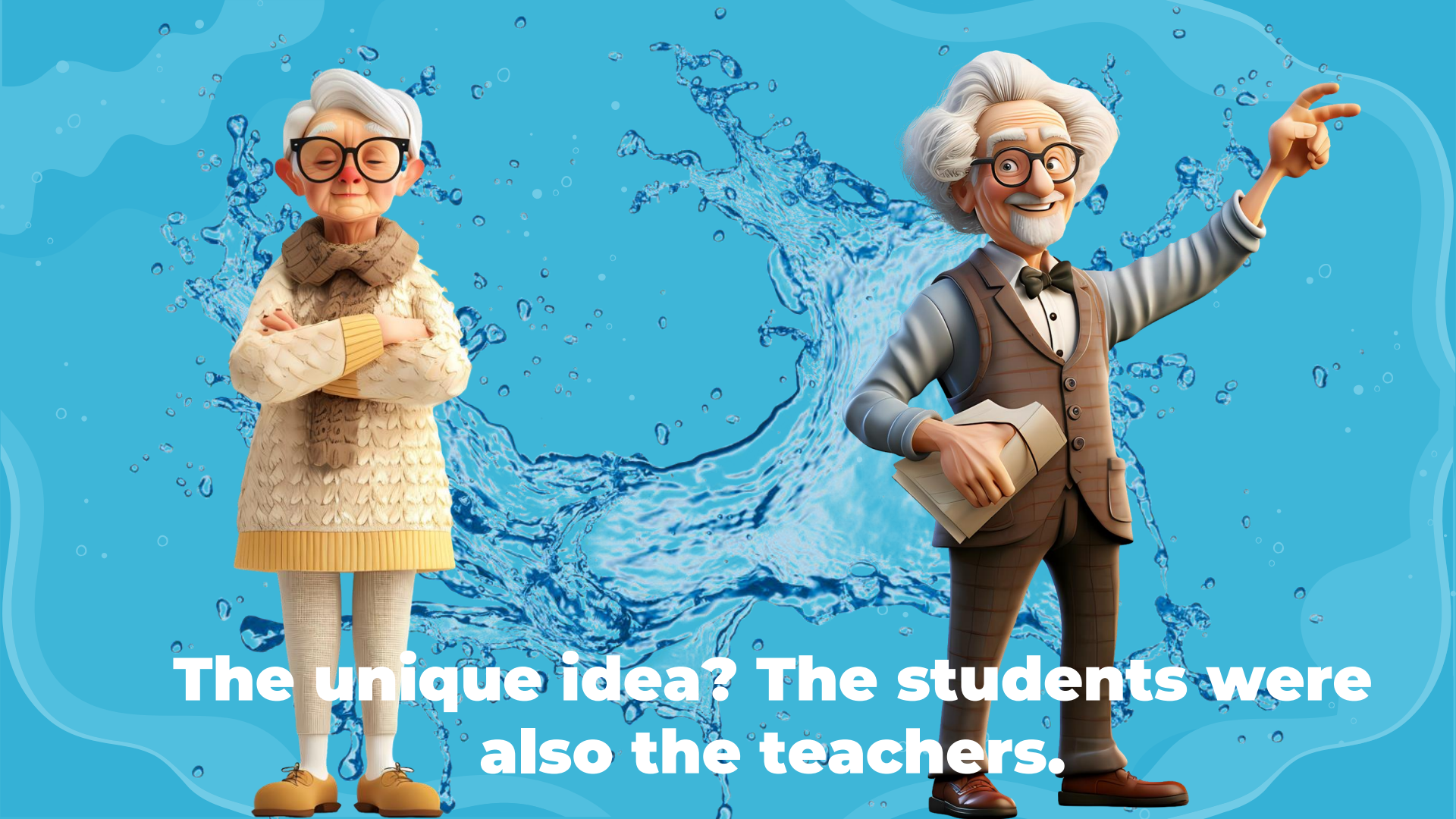
**Odessa was the first black teacher at Modesto HS and MJC as well as Dean at MJC and a UC Regent.**



**George was a teacher, principal, and superintendent.**



**George got inspired while visiting his sister in San Diego, where he saw a unique learning model for retired adults.**



**The unique idea? The students were also the teachers.**

**MICL's Theme this year is SPLASH. Odessa and George meeting was a SPLASH that started MICL.**





**SPLASH mean connecting with others that allows us to have new insights and learn. Be part of this 38 year tradition of SPLASH!**



# EXPLORING THE POOL

## *THE MICL STRUCTURE*



**Each day, MICL offers 2 classes:**



**A morning class: 10 am to noon.**

**An afternoon class: 1 to 3 pm.**



**10-noon**



**1-3 pm**

**Every day of the week, TEN different classes are offered.**

**Mon. Tue. Wed. Thurs. Fri.**



<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>

**This class schedule will run for 5 weeks.  
The first, in Fall, is Session A.**

**SESSION A**

1	3	5	7	9
2	4	6	8	10
1	3	5	7	9
2	4	6	8	10

Then, a new session, with a new set of classes will run 5 weeks. This is Session B.

1	3	5	7	9
2	4	6	8	10
2	4	6	8	10

1	3	5	7	9
1	3	5	7	9
2	4	6	8	10

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2	4	6	8	10

**SESSION B**

**Then...you guessed it...is Session C**

1	3	5	7	9
2	4	6	8	10
2	4	6	8	10

1	3	5	7	9
2	4	6	8	10
1	3	5	7	9
2	4	6	8	10

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2	4	6	8	10

**SESSION C**



**Three Sessions completes the Fall SEMESTER.**

# **SEMESTER**

**SESSION A**

**SESSION B**

**SESSION C**

**After holiday break, in January we start a Spring Semester of new classes with 3 Sessions.**

**FALL**

**SPRING**

**SEMESTER**

**SEMESTER**

**Mid-May, we start  
our Summer  
Semester which  
offers 6 classes.  
The Session runs 3  
days per week for  
12 weeks.**

**SUMMER**



**SEMESTER**

# **SPECIAL CLASSES**

**MICL also has a Book Club! Before the start of a Session, Club members choose a book by popular vote.**



**Book Club members then read the book for the next 5 weeks. At the end of the Session, we get together and discuss it.**



**Frequently offered are activities such as field trips and social events, linking members to the community beyond the classroom.**



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# **MICL CLASS TIPS**



**The classes are NOT for credit, but for the joy of learning and having fun!**



**MICL Membership includes ALL classes for one semester, so registration for individual classes is not necessary.**



**Members can attend as many classes as they like each semester.**



**Some classes run for  
more than one session.**



# FIVE FUN FOOD FUNCTIONS



**Each two hour  
class has a  
“break time” in  
the middle of it  
(15-20 min.)**



**Potlucks follow every Session. We also learn about the next Session's classes.**

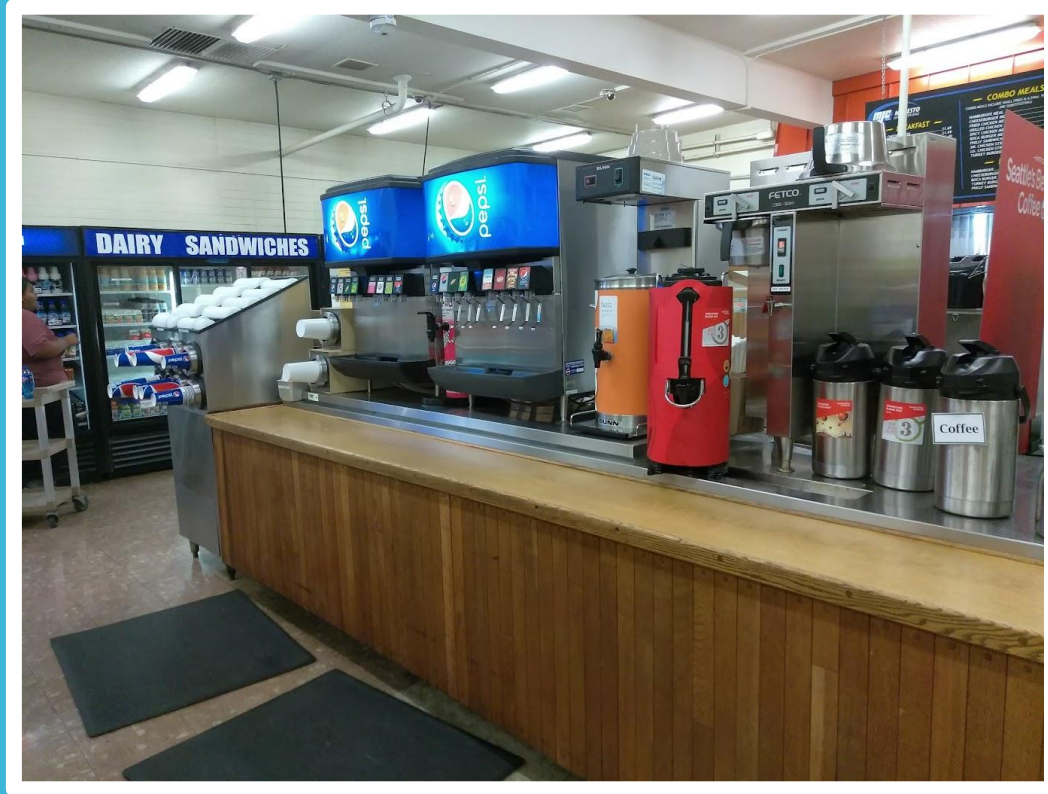


**Birthday luncheons are held once each month on a Friday at Mimi's at 1:00 pm**





**Feel free to  
bring a lunch  
and eat and  
socialize  
between classes.  
You can also  
purchase a lunch  
at the MJC Food  
Court.**



**We have a season-  
ending catered  
Annual Luncheon in  
May, a time when  
members elect  
officers for the new  
year and celebrate.**



# **MICL Communication**

**MICL provides information electronically.**



**Email**



**Facebook**



**Web**

# MICL provides communication physically.

Designed for mature adults who seek ongoing learning for the joy of it!

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The MICL Letter  
August 2024  
Fall Session A

**Message from our President - Bruce Clifton**  
**Splash and Engage in Knowledge!**

WELCOME

Welcome to MICL 2024-2025! If you are a returning member, I want to welcome you back for another outstanding academic year. If you are new to MICL, I am excited that you are here! We at MICL believe that each new member's involvement brings value to our community. Keeping the word "involvement" in mind, allow me to tell a story.

SPLASH

In 1749, Benjamin Franklin founded the Academy of Philadelphia which eventually became the University of Pennsylvania, now a prestigious Ivy League school. As its first president, Benjamin instilled a concept at the school that educational theorists confirm today: involvement enhances learning. And, as we all know, involvement requires connecting with others. Jumping up more 239 years later to 1986, a former teacher and school Principal George Pettygrove collaborated with MICL Trustee Odessa Johnson in Modesto, to found MICL, a nonprofit learning organization based on Franklin's insight. George set-up MICL so that members would be prominently involved, as in arranging learning and personally delivering academic content to each other. In fact, he structured the organization to maximize involvement in its leadership. For example, a MICL President only serves one year and most other positions two years, a system that promotes regular collaboration to involve its members. Due to this tradition of friendly technology, why this year's theme is SPLASH! At MICL, we intellectually and socially jump into the water, resulting in each member making a SPLASH. To me, I think MICL's participatory culture makes it the best "Pool Party" around!

CELEBRATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

So, let's talk about recent SPLASHES at MICL. Last year, our wonderful MICL President, Annette Olson worked in collaboration with the MICL Board to purchase a new sound system which included new speakers, a computer, and a DVD player for our main classroom. Also, our MICL office hardware technology was updated. Once everything is in place, we'll have upgraded the central thing we do at MICL to enable our members to SPLASH! We learn by doing and sharing it, through appropriate senior-friendly technology. It's important to note that we have the MIC Foundation to thank for this upgrade, along with the support from the MIC Continuing Education Department. Looking back, we have to recognize that it was Odessa Johnson, a MIC Trustee at the time in 1987, who worked with George Pettygrove to set this up. We all are benefitting today because of George and Odessa's collaborative SPLASH!

DIVE IN

In reviewing this bit of our past, it becomes apparent that our MICL story of SPLASH is really about NOW. What you see before you in the following pages of our MICL Newsletter, is the amazing work of our members. They are so the ones who collaborated, then put the results of their SPLASH (the classes and schedules you see in these pages) in a readable, comprehensible, and pleasing form. And as usual, it's a job well done! So, let's be like Benjamin Franklin – whose first invention was "hand paddles" for swimming – and dive in, make a SPLASH, and enjoy the waters of MICL WORLD!

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**Weekly Update Summer Session May 29 - June 2, 2023**  
WEBSITE: mid-online.org

Most of our classes will be held in person, with the exception of Social Hour/Social Zoom, which will be held via Zoom, and you will receive an email invitation before each Social Zoom session. You will wait in a waiting room until the host lets you into the group. If you do not receive an email invitation, please call Annette Olson at (916) 215-6967.

FACEBOOK: Enter MICL in search field then at site click on +Join Group.

**Tuesday, May 30, 10:00 AM NOON: THE HISTORICAL JESUS**  
Coordinator: Jim Pack

Scholars Look at the Gospels  
Scholars have approached the Gospels in a number of ways. The monumental work of D. F. Strauss, a German writing in the 1830s, argues that the Gospels are best understood as containing history-like stories that intend to convey truth but did not occur as they were narrated. Why do most scholars today who do not subscribe to Strauss's precise notion still find his general approach highly illuminating...

Fact and Fiction in the Gospels  
Scholars question the historical accuracy of some gospel accounts not out of hostility toward Christianity-many are committed Christians-but because of historical evidence. What is this evidence, and how do historians assess it?

**Tuesday, May 30, 1:00 PM 3:00 PM: SOCIAL ZOOM**  
Coordinators: Dorothy Winke

We have been having in person classes for quite some time but did you know that we are still "Social Zooming"? We continue to get together and talk about anything and everything, making good friends along the way. Join us on Zoom on Tuesdays 1-3 PM and get to know your fellow MICLites a little better!

**Wednesday, May 31, 10:00 AM - NOON: LAW SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE**  
Coordinator: Solange Altman

The first six classes of Law School for Everyone will address topics relating to Civil Procedure. These are the rules used in civil courts to settle all civil disputes. Among the areas we will examine are: learning why procedural rules matter, subject matter and personal jurisdiction, complex litigation, the use and abuse of discovery, the right to a jury trial, and how to determine what law applies. We will weave discussion of current cases of interest into the sessions, and hope students will be left with a better understanding of our legal system.

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Spring  
2024  
Catalog

Sessions A, B & C  
January 16 -  
April 26, 2024

President  
Letter

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**MEMBERSHIP FEE**

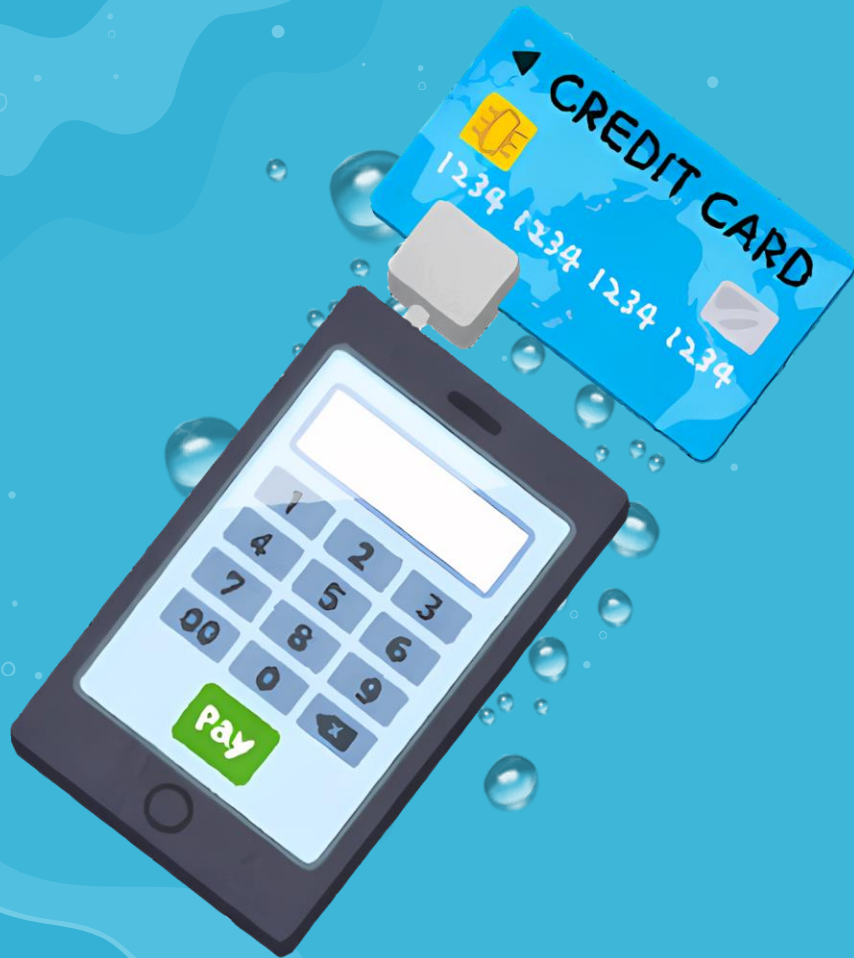


**Single  
Membership Fee  
is \$60 per  
Semester  
(that's \$4 per week!)**

# **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Suggested Donation: \$20**





**You can pay  
with cash, debit,  
or credit card.  
No checks.**

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# SPLASH PICS

























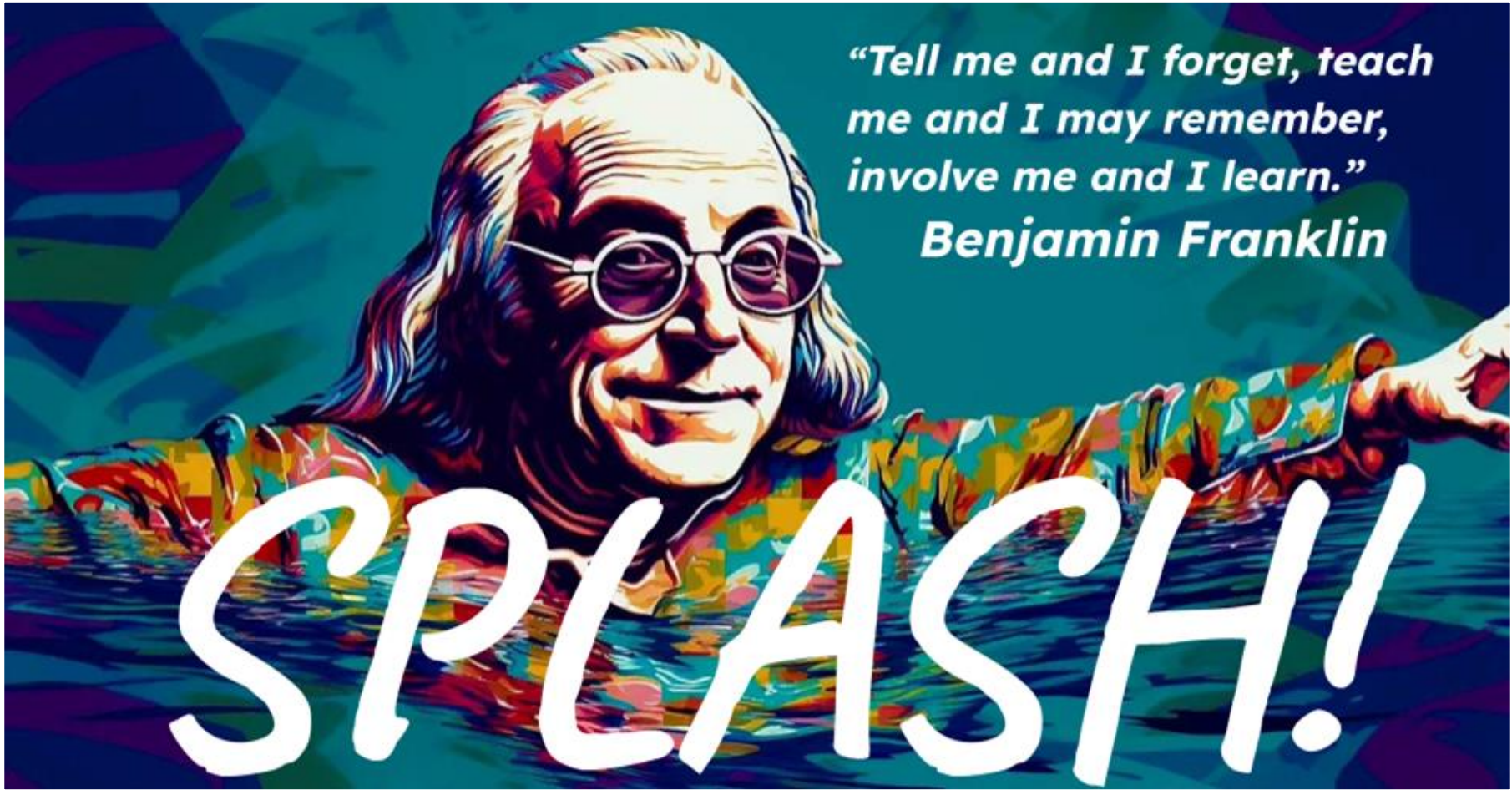












*“Tell me and I forget, teach  
me and I may remember,  
involve me and I learn.”*

*Benjamin Franklin*

**SPLASH!**