



# Spring 2015 Educational Technology Newsletter



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## Blackboard Learn Implementation

During winter break, Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 courses with nested folders were cleaned and Blackboard was upgraded. Winter 2014 courses with nested folders will be cleaned in March.

Some registered students or assigned faculty may not see their Blackboard courses or see courses they are not enrolled or assigned (off-sync). In such a case, contact Distance Learning to fix the problem.

## Distance Learning

### Fall 2014

All online and hybrid courses offered in Fall 2014 were backed up and gradebooks in these courses were archived. Grade challenge request can be directed to Distance Learning.

### Winter 2014

Fourteen online courses were offered with 251 seats, reflecting 95% of overall winter term enrollment. In winter 2014, 86% of online students received C or above, a much higher success rate than in Spring, Fall, or Summer terms.

### Spring 2015

Sixty online courses are offered with 1530 seats enrolled, reflecting a 13% increase over Spring 2014.

In collaboration with marketing department, we promoted MxCC online learning via Facebook and Google in December and January.

We provided five sessions of campus orientation with one session offered via WebEx to students who could not travel to campus.

## Educational Technology Training

In January, the following workshops were offered: Using Kaltura in Blackboard, Using SafeAssign in Blackboard, Using WebEx in Online Meetings, and Getting Started with Blackboard.

In Adjunct Faculty Professional Development night, we offered two sessions of Blackboard Basics.

Technology Clinics were provided to new students during five sessions of New Student Orientations in Middletown and Meriden. New students were assisted to log on to campus computers, setting up college emails, and navigating Banner Self-Service.

Technology workshops are scheduled in Spring 2015, refer to the schedule in the back.

The Technology Showcase will be hosted at MxCC on Friday, April 10th, featuring keynote speaker, Ann DeMarle from Champlain College and breakout presenters from various colleges and universities. Registration is now open at [mxcc.edu/techshowcase2015](http://mxcc.edu/techshowcase2015). The Technology Showcase received funds from The Center for New Media, Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Grant, The Center for Teaching, and the event anticipates over 100 registrants. The conference is co-chaired by Sandra Couture, Terry McNulty and Eva Jones.

## Educational Technology

Special Blackboard sites were created with students and faculty granted access: Virtual Campus, Library Research Help, Faculty Central, Criminal Justice program, and College Council.

Collaborated with college library, technology assistants hired by distance learning department are arranged to station in the library helping students with questions on Blackboard, Email, Banner Self-Service, and Microsoft Office

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applications.

Working with Health & Life Science Grant coordinator, Kate Miller, and faculty involved in the grant, booster modules were developed. Interested faculty were assigned to view all booster modules and assisted to move the modules to their Spring 2015 courses.

**Registration for training is required. Location for training will be given upon registration.**

**Complete schedule available at: <http://mxcc.edu/ett>**

Register by emailing [mxccdistanace@mxcc.edu](mailto:mxccdistanace@mxcc.edu) with your name, phone number, date, time and title of the training session you would like to attend. Please register at least 24 hours in advance of training to avoid workshop cancellations due to low/no enrollment.

Webinar access information will be emailed to registered attendees 1-2 days before the workshop.

More training sessions offered at other ConnSCU institutions may be found in the [Training Calendar](#) at [calendar.ct.edu](http://calendar.ct.edu). Select the Title of a training session to be offered at another college or university, click on "Register" icon (upper right).

## Spring 2015 Technology Training

### Blackboard Learn Advanced Features

Prerequisite: Faculty have attended Getting Started with Blackboard Learn.

This session will cover the following topics: Grade Center, Online Tests, etc.

Friday, 2/27/15                      1:00 pm - 3:30 pm, Middletown Campus

Thursday, 3/5/15                      1:00 pm—3:30 pm, Meriden Center

### Webinar: Kaltura in Blackboard

Kaltura is a streaming video feature available in Blackboard. It provides instructors with the ability to embed streaming video directly into your Blackboard class. Students can play video from right inside the Blackboard class.

Friday, 2/27/15                      2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

### Webinar: SafeAssign in Blackboard

SafeAssign is a plagiarism prevention feature available in Blackboard. It provides instructors with the ability to detect originality and proper citations in student work.

Friday, 2/27/15                      10:00 am – 11:30 am

Wednesday, 3/4/15                      2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

### LinkedIn 101: Learn how to get Connected

You don't need to be a new grad or a job hunter to discover the great value in creating a LinkedIn profile. This workshop is for the beginner to the intermediate LinkedIn user. Learn what LinkedIn is, why people use it, and how faculty and students may connect in it. Pertinent facts and statistics about the current job search market, the key role social media recruiting plays, and how to maximize LinkedIn's potential for expanding your own professional network.

Friday, 3/27/15                      10:30 am—12:00 pm, Middletown campus

**Stay tuned for more training in Summer and Fall 2015 at <http://mxcc.edu/ett>**

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