WELCOME BACK!

Now that we’ve all rested and recharged, it’s time to start the new year off with a new Blackboard look. You may have already noticed the new homepage for Blackboard. The look and feel of your courses is still the same but with new enhanced features. Interested in learning more about the new features? Sign up for one of our workshops today! We look forward to working with you this Spring. Now that the University is on the cloud for Blackboard, our system will be updated regularly without any downtime. With each update, new features will be released with performance and bug fixes. Please be sure to periodically check out all upcoming Blackboard updates here.

BLACKBOARD UPGRADE HIGHLIGHTS

• **New Attendance Tool:** For each class meeting, you can mark whether a student is present, late, absent, or excused. The attendance records for each student appear in a single column next to other grades.

• **Leaving Audio and Video Feedback for Students:** Instructors can create personalized feedback recordings for individual assessment attempts or manual gradebook items.

• **Grade Center Enhancements:** Instructors will notice a new and improved look to the Grade Center with improved workflows.

• **Connect to Cloud Storage Accounts:** You can now link Cloud Storage Accounts to Blackboard (i.e. OneDrive, Google Drive, Dropbox).

Want to learn more about the new highlights? Attend *What’s New in Blackboard 2020* workshop on February 7 at 10 AM in the Faculty Center and every other Friday throughout the Spring semester.

FLYERS & FRIENDS LEWIS UNIVERSITY PODCAST

CATCH UP ON YOUR FAVORITE FACULTY CENTER PODCAST!

*Flyers & Friends* is back for the Spring 2020 semester! Catch up on all the latest episodes on our Faculty Center homepage! If you know someone who you think would be an interesting guest for this upcoming series, let us know! Or if you, yourself, are interested in participating, please reach out to Andy Alton in the Faculty Center!

You can access all current and past *Flyers & Friends* podcast episodes by accessing our Faculty Center homepage or you can listen to it [here](#)!

BLACKBOARD ORIENTATION FOR NEW FACULTY

REGISTER [HERE](#)

**JANUARY 14** | 3 — 4 PM
**JANUARY 17** | NOON — 1 PM

Already a Blackboard Pro? Check out our wide range of tutorials and videos on going further in Blackboard and other academic technologies.
LASALLIAN EVENTS

The Faculty Development Committee and the Office of Mission and Identity are partnering to bring you events during the Spring 2020 semester focused on our Lasallian mission.

All faculty and staff are welcome!

LASALLIAN REFLECTION GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lasallian Reflection Group Discussions are informal gatherings to discuss the Lasallian Reflection entitled Great Things are Possible, the fifth of seven annual themes that the Brother Superior and General Council developed from 2014-2021 to support the overall theme of “Living Together Our Joyful Mission.” The themes and reflections were created to help us address what it means to be Lasallian in this ever-changing world and to understand how important and relevant living our mission is today.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

All Lasallian Reflection Group Discussions take place from 3–4:15 p.m. in the President’s Dining Room (AS-101-C); Space is limited.

12 FOR 21

12 for 21: 12 Virtues of a Lasallian Educator for the 21st Century is an opportunity to better understand the history and original context of The Twelve Virtues of a Good Teacher, a document inspired by the teachings of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and published formally in 1785 by Brother Agathon, and to discuss what these Virtues mean for Lasallian educators in a 21st century higher education setting.

The virtues that will be discussed are:

FEBRUARY 7

PRUDENCE, GENTLENESS, AND ZEAL

FEBRUARY 28

RESERVE, VIGILANCE, AND PIETY

APRIL 3

PATIENCE, GENEROSITY, AND WISDOM

All events in the 12 for 21 series take place from 3–4:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Lounge at La Salle House. Wine and cheese will be served. Space is limited.

RSVP deadlines are one week before each event.

For more information and to RSVP for all events, contact Margaret Martinez
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JANUARY

All of our workshops offer an in-person and online participation option (unless otherwise noted). All in-person workshops are held in the Faculty Center Lab (LR-112). The Faculty Center Lab is located on the first floor of the library.

* Indicates an IN-PERSON ONLY workshop
** Indicates an ONLINE ONLY workshop

WEDNESDAY
JAN 15
BLACKBOARD ALLY: MAKING YOUR CONTENT ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL LEARNERS
NOON - 1 PM

THURSDAY
JAN 16
BLACKBOARD ORIENTATION WORKSHOP FOR NEW FACULTY
3 - 4 PM

WEDNESDAY
JAN 22
BLACKBOARD ALLY: MAKING YOUR CONTENT ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL LEARNERS
11 AM - NOON

FRIDAY
JAN 24
WHAT'S NEW IN BLACKBOARD 2020 *
10 - 11 AM

FRIDAY
JAN 24
BLACKBOARD GRADE CENTER
1 - 2 PM

MONDAY
JAN 27
ONLINE TEACHING CERTIFICATION (ONLINE SESSION I) **
ONLINE

MONDAY
JAN 27
CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS FOR WORK AND YOUR SAFETY *
2 - 3 PM

TUESDAY
JAN 28
BLACKBOARD ORIENTATION WORKSHOP FOR NEW FACULTY
11 AM - NOON

WEDNESDAY
JAN 29
COLLABORATE MOBILE & IOS INTEGRATION *
NOON - 12:30 PM

THURSDAY
JAN 30
COLLABORATE MOBILE & IOS INTEGRATION *
NOON - 12:30 PM

THURSDAY
JAN 30
RECENT APA STYLE CHANGES *
2 - 3 PM

FRIDAY
JAN 31
RESEARCH SALON (HOSTED BY FACULTY DEVELOPMENT) *
3 – 5 PM  NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED | PRESIDENT’S DINING ROOM

REGISTER FOR ALL WORKSHOPS HERE
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