Teaching with Technology
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Global Navigation and My Blackboard

Blackboard now has an area that allows you to quickly access your courses or organizations, and the people who are in them. This makes it easy to connect and collaborate with others. It’s as simple as clicking next to your name.

One Click Access Your Course. Global Navigation allows you to access your courses quickly and easily. Look for your name at the upper right corner of the screen and click on the arrow to see your course list in the gray bar. Your five most recently visited courses will appear at the top of the list, and you can scroll down to see other courses. You are able to modify the length of time for this tracking by clicking on Settings > Personal Information > Personalize My Settings.

My Blackboard Social Community. The black bar next to Global Navigation is the My Blackboard area. Click on the silhouette at the top to edit your profile. Add your photo and personal information, and it will also appear in the People section of My Blackboard (the smiley face icon). Encourage your students to post their photo so that you can get to know their faces and names more quickly and easily. Click on the People icon and then select University of North Dakota and your course to see the photos of your students. Use the Messages icon to connect with others, and the Spaces icon to set up a group to collaborate with other users, such as a study group.

Photos will appear in the Users section of the Blackboard Control Panel, next to the names in the roster. The photo also appears next to user names in posts in the discussion board, blogs, journals and wikis. This photo is a useful way to recognize students in your courses or participants in your organizations, especially if there are several users with the same first name.

For more information on Global Navigation and My Blackboard, especially ways to connect with others in your courses and organizations using the People, Messages and Spaces icons, read more here.

Events: September 10 – Student Technology Expo 2 – 4 pm in Memorial Union, River Valley Room

Visit the UND Student Technology Expo. Pick up new tips and giveaways, and students can enter a drawing for an iPad. Speak with vendor representatives and UND staff about different technologies to support student learning. Booths will highlight Blackboard, Email, Tegrity lecture-recording software, Clickers, SmarThinking Tutoring, Atomic Learning Tutorials, Read&Write Gold, Citrix, Qualtrics Survey Software, Mobile Apps, U-Print, IT Security, Chester Fritz and Harley French Libraries, ResNET, UND Software Store, Desktop & Technical Support Services, and Textbook Publisher Website Representatives. Technology presentations start every 10 minutes.

Several faculty-focused vendor sessions run from 11:30 to 1:30 in the River Valley and Alumni Room.

11:30 – 12:30 Turning Technologies (Clickers)
12:30 – 1:15 Read & Write Gold (speech to text/text to speech)
1:00 – 1:30 Cengage (Textbook Publisher)

Check http://cilt.UND.edu for the schedule.