

The official newsletter of Humber's Innovative Learning Team

INNOVATIVE LEARNING

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Senior Deans Reflect on Humber Values

The All New Faculty Welcome recording is now available on the Innovative Learning website. This one-hour, super-charged live event features Humber's Senior Deans' beautifully crafted video statement about the College's values of **Equity, Courage, Innovation, Sustainability, and Health & Well-being**. For this edition of the Newsletter, we've tried to highlight key inspirational statements to keep up the positive momentum.

Online Resources

[Faculty Handbook 2021-2022](#)

[Innovative Learning Website](#)

[Faculty Blackboard Support](#)

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EQUITY: We cultivate an environment where all individuals can achieve their full potential.

“When we say all individuals, we mean students, but staff and faculty as well. I see us living and striving for equity everywhere.”

—Derek Stockley, Associate Vice President, Academic; Senior Dean, Faculty of Social and Community Services

COURAGE: We are bold in charting a new course in high quality education. *“We value the power of courage, to lead our students into the future. Our faculty are determined to help students achieve their dreams.”*

—Alvina Cassiani, Senior Dean of the Faculty of Business

INNOVATION: We drive innovation and creative enterprise. *“We talk about developing career-ready citizens, innovation leaders. Embedded in our learning environment, these concepts make a positive difference for our students' future careers.”*

—Guillermo Acosta, Senior Dean, Faculty of Media and Creative Arts

SUSTAINABILITY: We preserve our collective future. *“Sustainability also refers to our environmental stewardship... and sustainable, equitable, diverse and inclusive action...”*

—Farzad Rayegani, Senior Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Technology

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: We nurture the health and well-being of our communities. *“Health and wellness is an extremely important value, and this is one place [The Humber Arboretum, 250 acres of the natural world] where you can realize it every single day.”*

—Jason Powell, Senior Dean, Faculty of Health, Sciences, and Wellness.

Ed-Venture Days Recordings Available Now!



[Find the Session Recordings Here >](#)

SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

- Go The Distance with Library Assistance
- UDL-Tech Tools to Support Inclusion and Engagement
- An Introduction to Research & Innovation at Humber
- Preparing for the Move to Blackboard Ultra
- Making Inclusive and Accessible Videos
- Developing HLO Mindsets Through Interconnections: EDI, Sustainability, and Systems Thinking
- Designing Lesson Plans for Engagement
- Level UP - Academic Accommodations and Accessibility for the Teaching Mindframe

[< Find the full Welcome Session Recording on the IL website!](#)

Supporting faculty with the Move to Blackboard Ultra

Our workshops will help you learn all about the new, mobile-friendly, accessible version of Blackboard!

Preparing for the Move to ULTRA September 27, 9:00am—10:30am

In this session the Blackboard support team will discuss what to expect as we move to Blackboard Ultra. They will take you through the migration plan, discuss the two methods of converting your course into Ultra, introduce the tools they've created to help you, and highlight the support you can expect as we migrate to Ultra.

Getting Started with Blackboard ULTRA September 28, 12:00pm—1:30pm

Participants will learn about the new Blackboard ULTRA dashboard and course navigation. Participants will learn how to apply the Humber template and create and send announcements and course messages in an ULTRA course. Also, we will look at the main content structures and tools available.

*Using Groups in Blackboard ULTRA** September 29, 4:00pm—4:45 pm

Collaborative learning offers many benefits over traditional instruction. Studies show that when students work as a team, they develop positive attitudes, solve problems more effectively, and experience a greater sense of accomplishment. This intermediate session will show you how to use the Groups tool in Blackboard Learn Ultra to facilitate student collaboration and enhance student engagement in your course.

Creating Content in Blackboard ULTRA September 30, 2:30 am—4:00 pm

The new Blackboard ULTRA courses will give faculty and students a simpler, more modern, and accessible platform to communicate, collaborate, and learn together. In this session, we will explore the options for building content and learning materials in Blackboard ULTRA.

More than 70% of students are accessing their courses on mobile devices. With Blackboard Ultra we will serve our students better.

Blackboard Learn Basics (ULTRA)*

October sessions coming soon

This webinar is designed to provide you easy step-by-step instructions on how to upload course content, create discussion boards for students to communicate, and provide an overview on the types of online assessments available in Blackboard Learn Ultra Course View.

Setting up the Gradebook in Blackboard ULTRA*

October sessions coming soon

This intermediate session will provide a deeper dive into setting up assessments, utilizing different types of assessments and creating gradable assignments in Blackboard Learn Original.

*Delivered by Blackboard.
Registration Required

October Sessions Coming Soon!

Find registration and information on the [Innovative Learning Website](#)

More Faculty Blackboard Resources

- [Faculty Blackboard Help Site](#): Our awesome faculty-focused online resource.
- [Blackboard Learn Help for Instructors](#): Built by Blackboard, offers help documentation for all things Blackboard—Original and Ultra. Scroll to the bottom to choose the version you want.
- [YouTube Playlist for Blackboard Ultra for Instructors](#): This series can help you with short 1-2 minute videos on various topics.
- [Virtual Instructional Support Studio](#): Have questions not answered in our resources? Our Instructional Support team can help. [Send an email](#) or come by our live online drop-in.

Move to Ultra Kit



Everything You Need to Know about the Move to Blackboard Ultra

**From May 2021 to September 2022
Humber College will be moving to
Blackboard Ultra.**

Why are we changing to Blackboard Ultra now?

Because students urgently need a mobile-friendly, more accessible learning management system (LMS). When the pandemic forced schools online, it exacerbated a known issue: students were struggling accessing courses on their mobile devices because our current LMS was not up to the task.

Now, more than 70% of students are accessing their courses on mobile devices. Blackboard Ultra will resolve many of these issues and serve our students better.

Move to Ultra Kit >

- **Main Page Video** is a great place to start!
- **About Project Page** for FAQs
- **Training and Help Resources**
- **Step-by-step Guides** to two methods instructors can use to move their courses

the Staff Lounge

The Staff Lounge podcast will publish every third week this Fall. In the next episode, producers and guests grapple with Sustainability from different perspectives and what that can look like in practice.

You can always head to [The Staff Lounge podcast page](#) for conversations, teaching-tech-tips, and in-depth interviews on today's biggest topics.



League Excellence Awards



We are now accepting nominations for the League Excellence Award!

The award is given for exceptional teaching and leadership. The League for Innovation celebrates outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty.

For eligibility criteria, consult our announcement.

Submit nominations to:
Falisha.Rowe@humber.ca
by **Friday, October 29th.**