



The Department of Online Learning Monthly Newsletter

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Event Dates

Register for the following events [here](#)

Events with Dates:

- Canvas Certification Course (2/3-3/9)

Self-Paced Trainings (Jan/Feb):

- Active Learning
- Accessibility in Online Learning
- Adobe Suite
- Applying Bloom's Taxonomy
- Authentic Learning
- Backward Design
- Canvas 101
- Canvas Rubrics
- Canvas Studio Basics
- Canvas Studio Advanced
- Communication Strategies in an Online Class
- Creating an Effective Syllabus
- Formative and Summative Assessment
- Google Meet
- Google Suite
- Kandao Camera Basics
- Online/Asynchronous Pedagogy
- The Hy-Flex Model
- Universal Design
- Using the Canvas Gradebook
- Zoom Basics
- Zoom Advanced

Important News

2025 Training Dates

The 2025 offering dates of the Canvas Certification Course, Remote Teaching Certification Course, and the Quality Matters Intro to QM workshop are now active on LearningStream and on Quality Matters.

Article of the Month

[Creating Active Virtual Learning Communities in Asynchronous Online College Courses: Why it Matters and Ideas to Try](#) by Michaine Ashley,

EdD As online-only courses grow, creating virtual learning communities (VLCs) is crucial to support student engagement and reduce isolation. Professors can foster these communities through personalized introductions, active communication, and structured discussions. By intentionally designing these virtual spaces, professors help students feel connected, improving motivation and reducing attrition.

Training/Badge Spotlight

Designing for Everyone: Accessibility, Usability, and the New ADA Ruling Feb 19th 1pm EST

"Accessibility is not just about compliance; it's about creating better experiences for everyone. In this session, we'll outline the recent ADA updates that extend regulations to websites and mobile apps, and what they mean for organizations. We'll also explore actionable strategies for improving accessibility..." To sign up visit the [QM Success Stories page](#) and click on the February 19, 2025 date and *Register HE* button.



Canvas How To

Canvas



Attendance - How to take Attendance in your Canvas Course

You can use the Canvas Attendance feature as a tool to help you keep track of attendance to then input this into BannerWeb. To read about the instructions of how to mark attendance view the directions below. To further see them in action and other attendance related instructions view our Online learning page on [How to Take Attendance in Canvas.](#)

1. Click on the Attendance button from the course navigation panel inside your course. This will load your current class roster in the list view.
2. To quickly mark everyone in the class as present click on the Mark All Present button.
3. To quickly mark individual student's attendance you can keep clicking on the button to toggle between the attendance markings: present, absent, late, and unmarked.
4. You can also see these options by clicking on the more button on the individual student's row and then clicking the option you wish to mark them.
5. You can also navigate to other dates by toggling through the date options in the left hand corner or clicking on the calender to open up a calendar for you to choose a future or past date.

Online Learning Badge

RECOGNITION



Canvas Certification

*Selasi Blavo
Whitney Jobmann
Daniel Melin
Halla Salloum
Jeppe Sorensen
Angelarose Vaccaro*

Proficient Badge

Kristina Carbone

Effective Syllabus

Keegan Oscavich

Remote Certification

*Whitney Jobmann
Therol Dix
Komal Hassain*

Essential Badge

Jeppe Sorensen



Relax and Unwind

With the start of the semester, the end of the summer, life, and any other events you may be juggling, it is important to remember to find moments to relax, recharge, and unwind. This section is all about some fun items going on right now in media or locally to help you with that.



Wine'd Down Workshop: Dot Art Mandalas

February 5th, 2024 at the Arts Quest Center in Bethlehem, \$50/ticket, 21+. Relax and get creative at our Wine'd Down Dot Art Mandala Workshop! Learn the relaxing technique of dot art while designing your own unique mandala. For more information visit the [Arts Quest Website](#).

14th Annual OtterBowl

February 8th at 12:15 pm at the Lehigh Valley Zoo, tickets \$11 and includes admission to the zoo. Enjoy watching the North American River Otters predict the winner of the NFL Superbowl. For more information and tickets view the [LV Zoo website](#).



Harlem Globetrotters 2025 World Tour

The Harlem Globetrotters will be at the PPL Center on Feb 27th at 7pm with tickets for purchase from \$29-\$359 on [their website](#). Witness the world record-breaking, trick-shot stars of basketball live as they bring their signature spins, dunks, and slams to the court.