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In this version of the NET+ Canvas Newsletter, learn about the latest updates from Instructure about Canvas, comments and feedback from the Canvas Advisory Board, as well as best practices in Canvas use around the Internet2 Community.

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Instructure Updates

Updates from Instructure regarding Canvas product offerings.

InstructureCon 2022 Is On!

It's also online again to help keep everyone healthy and safe. But we sure do miss our EdTech friends, and hope to be back in person with you again soon.

Thanks to your feedback and everything we've learned over the last two years of virtual gatherings, InstructureCon 2022 will be a FREE one-day event with a unique date and format for each region.

North America Instructurecon 2022: Thursday, July 14

Register Here

Your Guide to Choosing a Learning Management System

Download this guide to learn the six fundamentals for LMS evaluation criteria and how your institution can provide engaging and equitable learning experiences at scale. **Click here** to learn more.

Canvas Studio | 2 Minute Overview

Canvas Studio transforms video learning by turning content into conversation. Integrating seamlessly with Canvas LMS, we invite you to discover how to make video learning more powerful.

Imagining a New Future for Higher Education

To better understand how disruption is driving innovation, we hosted a series of chats moderated by NPR education correspondent Anya Kamenetz. Eight leaders discussed what they've learned in 2021 and shared how colleges and universities can continue to build resilient, thriving campus communities.

2022 Educator of the Year Nominations are Open!
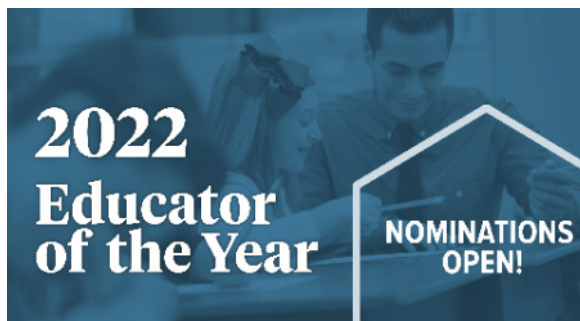
At Instructure, we think any day is reason enough to celebrate the millions of educators who are shaping the next generation of students and positively impacting their lives. But we do get extra excited each year when National Teacher Appreciation Day rolls around!

Once again this year, we are celebrating the special day by launching our 2022 Instructure Educator of the Year Awards. After a couple of roller coaster school years, let's take a moment to recognize those superstar educators who are innovating educational practices and igniting a fire to learn in students, whether in the classroom, on a Chromebook, or on a mobile device.

Instructure is accepting award nominations from 8:00 a.m. EDT on May 3, 2022 through 5:00 p.m. EDT on June 15, 2022, or until 500 nominations are received, whichever comes first. One winning educator will be selected from each category and notified in June 2022. Each U.S. winner will receive:

- Recognition at InstructureCon 2022 (July 14, 2022)
- Amazing Instructure swag that you know and love
- Inclusion in a national press release, Instructure blog, and social channels
- The potential for additional media coverage
- The warm glow of victory and confirmation of awesomeness

We want to hear from you—**submit a Higher Ed nomination today!**

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On-Demand Webinars & Higher-Ed Stories

Temple University and Canvas

Temple University in Philadelphia knew that switching its learning management system (LMS) would take time, effort, and buy-in. Upon implementation, its campus of 40,000 students and faculty were brought together by Canvas in ways they didn't expect.

The benefits of migrating to Canvas LMS became reality in four areas: ease of use, student success, accessibility, and reliability.

Watch this video below to hear from administrators and faculty at Temple how they addressed fears surrounding change, built community, and ultimately boosted student success.

Internet2 NET+ Canvas Webinar on Impact

Please see below for access instructions to view the on-demand versions of yesterday's Internet2 NET+ Canvas Webinar on Impact. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thank you.

Topic: Internet2 NET+ Canvas Webinar on Impact

Date: May 10, 2022 01:47 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Click here for Meeting Recording

Access Passcode: DE5cl.5J

University of Wisconsin System

Discover how UWS cultivated consistency with Canvas LMS at the core of its digital learning environment. **Read more here**.

Measuring Impact: Elevate Your EdTech Investments

Impact by Instructure (formerly Eesysoft) helps institutions improve technology adoption and evaluate the impact of educational technology, while helping faculty and students seamlessly navigate new platforms. **Click here to watch**.

Click here for all things Higher Education by Instructure.

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Canvas Advisory Board Updates

Upcoming Meeting: July 13th, 2022

The next Canvas Advisory Board meeting will be on July 13th, 2022. Agenda items will be finalized and posted during the 2 weeks leading up to the meeting.

A complete listing of all Canvas Advisory Board meeting agendas can be found **here**.

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June Meeting Recap

The **agendas** for our upcoming 2022 meetings have been published for your viewing. Please note, these are working documents and subject to change so please check back for any updates on a regular basis.

This month's meeting consisted of several exciting updates from Instructure (Kevin Turco, Jared Stein) including Strategy and Process for Conducting Accessibility Audits of Canvas/Catalog/Impact/Studio, as well as the product roadmap for the Elevate platform.

Matthew also provided an update on the integration in-progress between the Zoom, Panopto and Canvas platforms. He called attention to a **survey** that will be sent out to advisory board members in the coming week requesting feedback and ideas for improvement. We thank you in advance for keeping your eyes open for an email regarding this topic as well as for your valuable feedback on this matter.

Thank you to all who participated in this month's meeting for your insightful feedback, ideas, and discussion! Should you have any questions or want further information around the work being done by the NET+ Canvas Service Advisory Board or a copy of the Partner Program Report, please don't hesitate to visit us at **https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/x/7BOJCQ** or contact us at **netplus@internet2.edu** and we will be happy to respond.

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NET+ Canvas Program Update

Service Advisory Board Goals for 2021

These are the goals that the advisory board is looking to perfect at the January 2021 meeting:

Goal #1

Develop with Instructure a customer success culture that:

- identifies service and support best practices and next steps
- benchmarks Instructure's service and support appropriately for universities

- aligns Instructure's service and support to best help universities achieve their strategic goals for teaching and learning

Decision: Quarterly check-in, beginning in February, with a focus on how we measure success for Instructure's customer success culture.

Goal #2

Develop a foundational construct with Instructure that outs in place a predictable process for the board to advise and offer insights on future product development or acquisition including cadence, structure, and practice for exchanging ideas.

- Deliverable: 3 "exchange" activities using/iterating this process on things that Jared, Shaun, or product owners are thinking about during 2021
- Deliverable: one of these "exchange" activities is to initiate a Contributing Team for Canvas Data /Live Events

Goal #3

Continue to develop and refine, with Shaun, a strategy and process for I2 and R1 Peer universities to provide Instructure with actionable information on pain points and unmet needs. The strategy and process should be synced with Instructure's product development cycle and allow Instructure to clearly communicate status and progress back to the universities.

Goal #4

Decision: Instructure cannot reasonably do the actual data sharing piece at this point, and universities are likely not ready to use/share de-identified data. And, we're all waiting to see what Unizin is doing in this space. So, we've decided to refocus on (a) what questions we want to answer with Canvas data, and (2) the best way we might answer those questions with the data. We'll tackle this topic in March with Oxana's replacement. 1/27 update: We may also want to explore a de-identified data sharing program thorough I2.

NET+ Canvas - HELPFUL LINKS

- **NET+ Canvas Program Main Page**
- **NET+ Canvas 2020 Service Advisory Board Meeting Agendas**
- **NET+ Canvas 2021 Service Advisory Board Meeting Agendas**
- **NET+ Canvas Service Advisory Board 2021 Goals**

Around the Community

Commentary from I2 Canvas users: advice, best practices, feedback.

R1 Peers

The Canvas Peers Research Universities Group (or R1 Peers Group) brings together representatives from large public and private research universities to share best practices around using Canvas and the surrounding ed tech ecosystem to support teaching and learning. They also collaborate closely with Instructure (Canvas vendor) and sit on the Internet2 NET+ Canvas Service Advisory Board to improve the Canvas platform and user experience for research universities. This group represents more than 250 members from 45 institutions of higher education and research across the United States, and around the world.

For context, recently the R1 Peers Group has collaborated in the following areas:

- Tier 1 support
- Archiving
- 3rd party integrations
- Pain points
- Data privacy

LRS Standards SIG

The Learning Records Store (LRS) Special Interest Group (SIG) assembles use cases for an LRS, creates an LRS reference architecture, and develops implementation/engineering best practices. The SIG promotes open standards that enable data from a variety of teaching and learning tools to be included in the LRS.

This group is chaired by the University of Washington and meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month, however the LRS SIG is currently on hold until May 2022. For more information or to join this group, please reach out to Matthew Buss (**mbuss@internet2.edu**). Thank you.

- **Checkout the LRS Confluence Home Page**