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Blackboard Office Hours

June 23, 2026



About Office Hours

- Office hours are facilitated by the Product team, Customer Success Managers, and the wider team.
- Join the Blackboard team to discuss in detail the latest feature releases, product developments, and emerging current issues.
- Opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions of the Blackboard Product Management team and fellow clients.

Today's Webinar

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Agenda

- Welcome & Announcements
- July 4000.19 Release Update
- Demo:
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- Coming up in Design: To Do List
- Open Discussion

Blackboard User Group

Led by your peers with each session featuring a client or guest speaker.
Sessions take place every other Thursday, 11:00am EST (4:00pm BST).

- Thu June 25 **Dynamic by Design: Using AI-Powered HTML to Transform Course Content in Blackboard Ultra**
Catie Weaver, Western Kentucky University (USA)
- Thu July 9, **Beyond Migration: Evaluating Blackboard Ultra Practice Through Universal Standards and Course Review**
Luke Kimber-Bradshaw and Stephanie Wright, University of Southampton (UK)

[Register](#) - for calendar appointment and reminder emails.

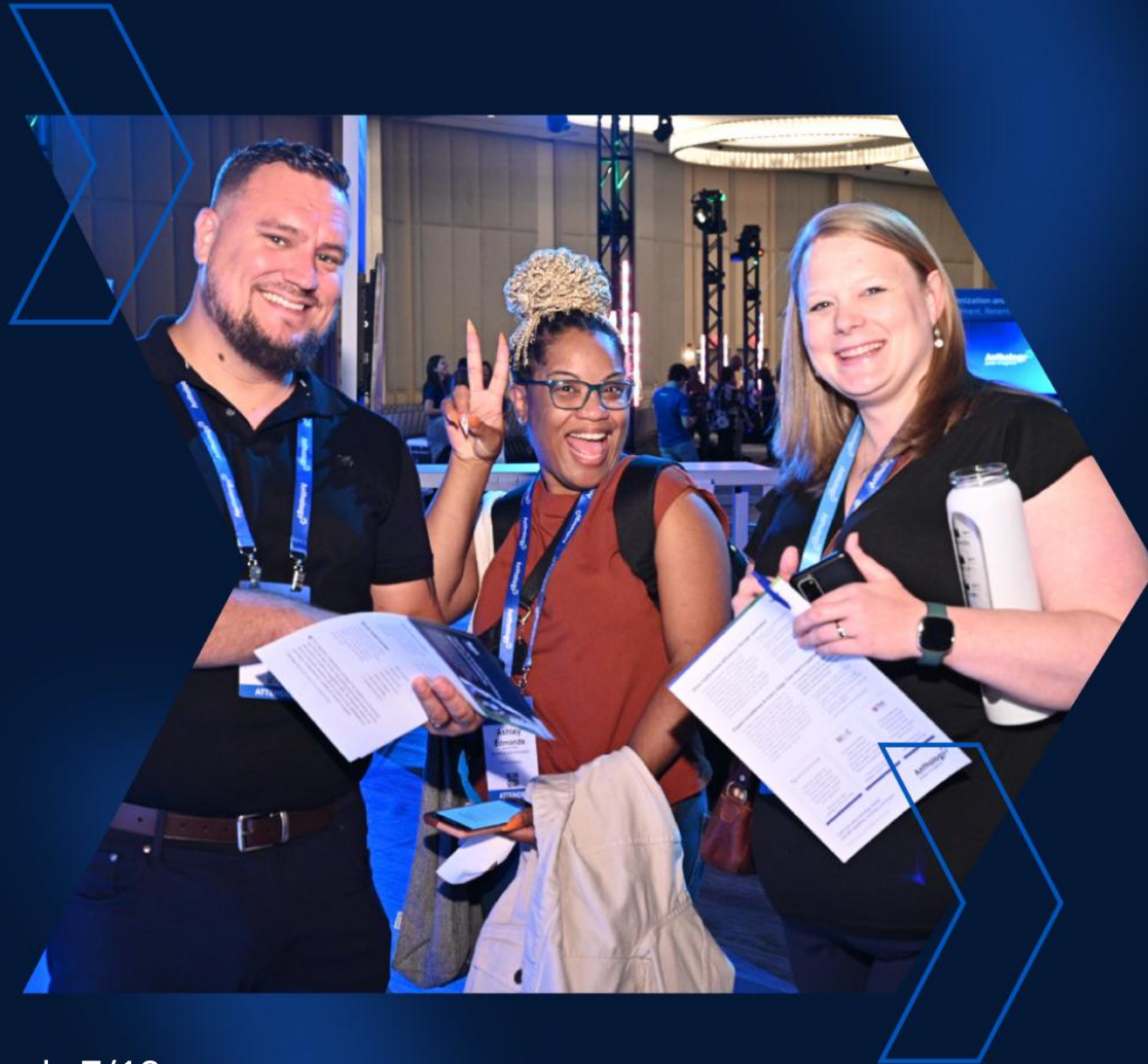
Building Blackboard Together 2026

ALL IN

July 13-15, 2026 | Hilton Anatole | Dallas, Texas

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Early Bird savings end 5/22 | Regular registration ends 7/12

Release Updates

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Recent Releases: 2026 Blackboard SaaS

4000.17.0 - Blackboard SaaS Production

June 4 – Release of version 4000.17.0
(4000.19.0-ci.13473+fe38236)

June 18 – Release of version 4000.17.0
(4000.17.0-rel.27+0ffa8bf)

June 11 – Release of version 4000.17.0
(4000.17.0-rel.26+2644e92)

June 25 – Release of version 4000.17.0
(TBD)

Fixes in the upcoming 4000.17.0 Release – June 25, 2026

- There are no fixes to report for now. Please check the article on Thursday.

Note: this is a preliminary list, the final list with all fixes will be available in Thursday's article.

July Release - V 4000.19 – Production Update

Test/Stage on June 9
Prod on July 2

Instructional Design

- Add supplemental content to Learning Object Repository folders and learning modules
- Add descriptions to Discussions and Journals

Assignments and Tests

- Run a Rubric Evaluation Report for graded activities

Blackboard Admin

- ~~Manage institutional resources with a new Institution Page module~~
- Restrict content edits in completed Original courses

Blackboard Core

- Find favorite courses faster with the Course Switcher

Communication and Collaboration

- Control AI Conversation duration with time limits
- Preview existing message thread in Course Messages (*available now in production environments*)

Learner Progression and Personalized Experience

- Access course Announcements as an observer

Milestone *(requires Milestone license)*

- Identify micro and macro badge hierarchy from new Relationships column
- Explore badge relationships with new Tree View

Video Studio *(Requires Video Studio license)*

- Extended recording time
- Record videos in more areas on the Blackboard App
- Optimize player layout by moving transcript control to Settings

Demo:

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Demo:

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Feedback:

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Coming up in Design: Todo List

Student ToDo list

- Direct response to student feedback from our usability survey
- Place for students to see upcoming assignments to help with time planning and to reduce stress and anxiety
- Include overdue, due today and due soon in next 7 days items

The image displays the Monument University Courses page. On the desktop view, the left sidebar includes links for Institution Page, Activity, Courses, Organizations, Calendar, Messages (12), Grades, Assist, and Tools. The main content area is titled 'Courses' and features a search bar, filters for terms and courses, and a '25 items per page' selector. Below this, course cards for 'Bio 101' and 'Culinary Arts' are shown for Spring 2026. A 'To Do' list on the right side of the desktop view includes items like 'Research Paper: Cell Mitosis' (due Dec 9), 'Week 12 Lab Report' (due Dec 8), and 'Module 7 Checkpoint' (due Dec 7). The mobile phone view shows a 'Recent Courses' section with cards for 'Biology 101' and 'Culinary Arts'. The mobile 'To Do' list shows 'Research Paper Cell Mitosis' (due Dec 9) and 'Week 12 Lab Report' (due Dec 8).

Open Discussion

- Any additional thoughts on content shared today?
- What are you looking forward to?
- Any clarifications needed?
- Any questions about the release updates
- What are your current challenges?

Any other ideas? Post them on the Idea Exchange!



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