



Updates from Blackboard

User Groups – September 2026

Upcoming webinar
Video Studio in Practice: How Fox
Valley Made Video Part of
Everyday Teaching

September 16 @ 11:00 a.m. ET

 **Blackboard**



A conversation for community and technical colleges, and anyone considering how to use video to teach practical skills in a digital environment.

Join Fox Valley Technical College for a guided conversation and open Q&A on how instructors are using Video Studio for feedback, assessment, and discussion—and what changed for students when video became part of the everyday learning experience.

[Register here](#)

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Digital Teaching Symposium 2026

Theme: Reach, Teach & Demonstrate

When: Thursday, November 19, 2026

[Call for Papers is now open.](#)

Closing date: Friday, September 18, 6:00 p.m. ET



Blackboard LMS 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 Sept 3 - AI in Every Program: A Scalable Framework for Institution-Wide AI Curriculum Integration**
Kimberley Connor & Timothy Smith, Lamar University
- **Thu Sept 17 - Innovative way to keep students engaged without leaving Blackboard**
Saad Saihi, Edge Hill University
- **Thus Oct 1 – Custom-build report to improve Blackboard template adherence**
Lou Stringer, University of York

[Please register to attend.](#)

New User Group: Course Catalog



Connect with fellow Course Catalog users to share ideas, exchange best practices, and learn new ways to support short courses, micro credentials, non-degree programs, and workforce learning initiatives.

**Course Catalog, TDM, Omnis:
3 Years of Tips, Tricks, and Truths**

Carol Chatten
Senior Content Developer
Edge Hill University

Weds 9th September
11am EDT / 4pm BST

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ChiA-BUG Reconnect



Reconnect with the ChiA-BUG community and join **Cole Gaylon, EVP of Sales at Blackboard**, for an exclusive update on:

- Key takeaways from the **Blackboard Together** conference
- Major **product updates** and roadmap highlights
- Strategic trends and priorities institutions should watch in the coming months

Special Announcement:

Welcome ChiA-BUG's new co-leaders, **Annette Ingram** and **Sarah Ditterline** from Lewis & Clark Community College, as they help lead the next chapter of the user group

CHIA-BUG MEETING

The Blackboard Buzz:

Highlights from Together and the Road Ahead

September 17, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CDT

FEATURING SPEAKER
Cole Gaylon, EVP Sales, Anthology

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Office Hours



Blackboard LMS Office Hours – North America

Every Tuesday, 12:00pm EDT

- **Sept 8**
- **Sept 15**
- **Sept 22**
- **Sept 29**

Blackboard LMS Office Hours – Europe, Middle East, and Africa

Third Thursday of the month, 11:00am BST

- **Sept 17**

Note – From Sept, these will now take place on a Thursday

Blackboard LMS Office Hours – Asia-Pacific

Third Thursday of the month, 2:00pm AWST

- **Sept 17**

Blackboard Adopt Office Hours

Third Thursday of the month, 11:00am EDT / 3:00pm BST

- **Sept 17**

Please [register](#) for the calendar appointment and reminders
[Session resources](#) available in the Community

Blackboard LMS Office Hours August 2026 Highlights



[Watch Office Recordings and Highlights here](https://community.blackboard.com)

Missed the recent Blackboard LMS Roadmap? Catch up today!



- Tons of great capabilities are coming to Blackboard LMS – all powered by the Community!
- A recording of our recent Blackboard LMS Webinar is now available on demand, going through all updates coming in the second half of 2026
- Check out this blog for a run down of exciting new capabilities. In a hurry? No probs – this 3-minute recap video covers the key highlights.



July 29, 2026 7 minute read

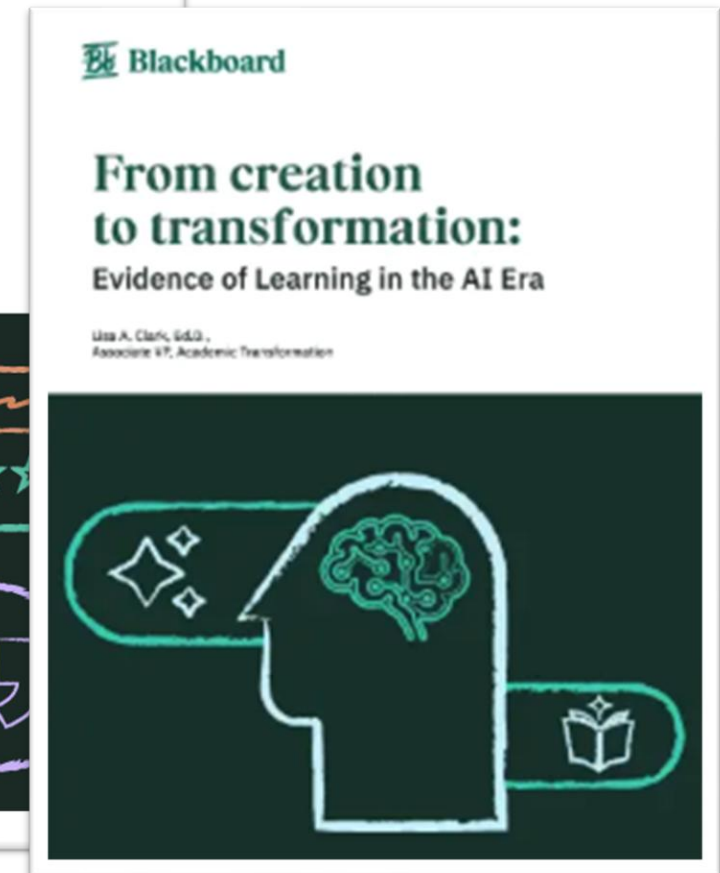
Doubling Down on Usability: Major Enhancements in the Blackboard LMS Roadmap

Nathan Cobb and Fredrik Klemming were greeted by rapturous applause when they took to the stage at *Building Blackboard Together* to present the Blackboard LMS roadmap. Admittedly, much of the noise was coming from the bar next door showing the World Cup semi-final, but those who packed into the room were also full-throated in their support.

Two Great New Whitepapers around AI-era Assessment



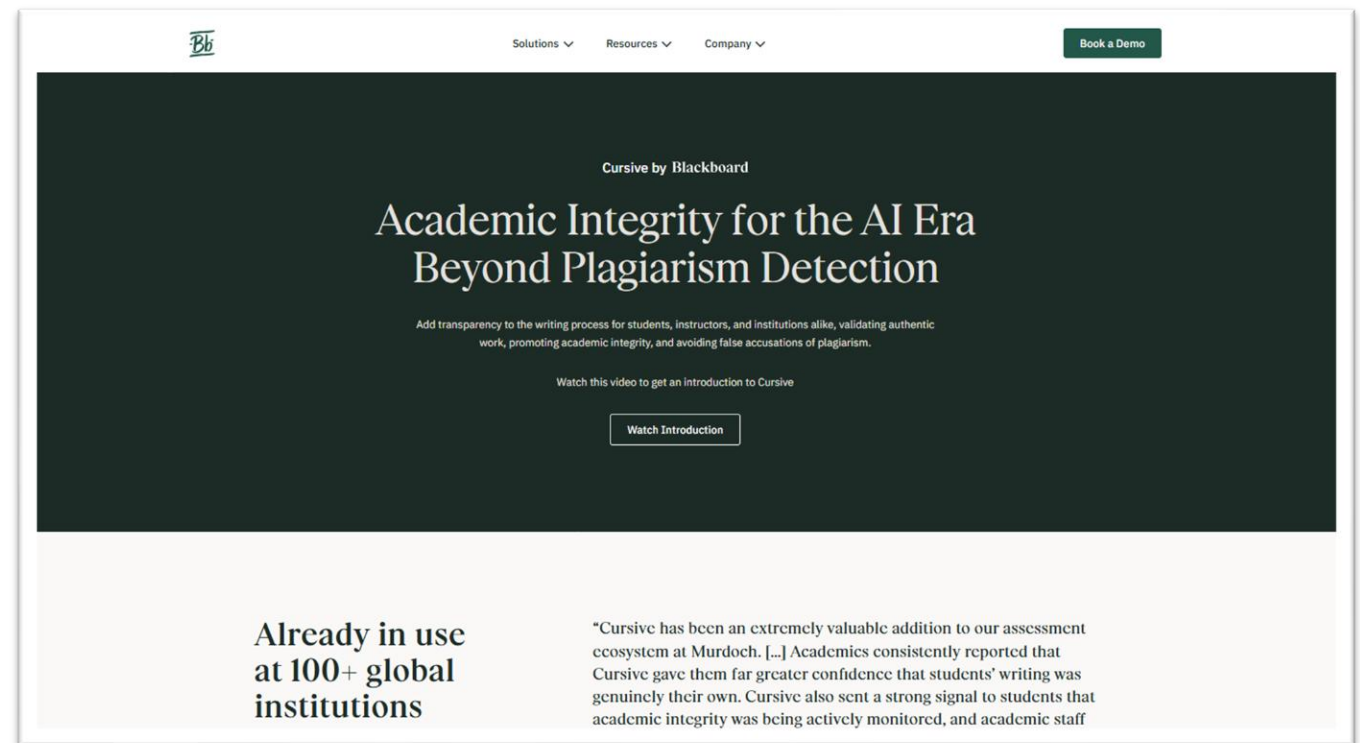
- Practical resources to help you modern your institution's assessment approach.
- The Future of Feedback looks at how AI can help apply feedback practices at scale.
- The Teaching Evidence Arc, authored by Dr. Lisa Clark, outlines an approach to focus assessment on the process – not just the final product



A new approach to Academic Integrity, designed for the AI era



- Introducing Cursive by Blackboard – and a new standard of shared transparency for academic integrity
- Cursive uses thousands of biometric signals to analyze the writing process, providing true verification of authorship
- Learn more [on our website](#)



Recent Blogs



New AVA capabilities



September 1, 2026 8 minute read

The latest in AI-powered pedagogy: Three great new capabilities on the way for AVA

Access [here](#)

Real Accessibility Questions, Answered Honestly



August 27, 2026 12 minute read

What We Actually Get Asked About Accessibility

Access [here](#)

New Blackboard LMS Capabilities



August 10, 2026 4 minute read

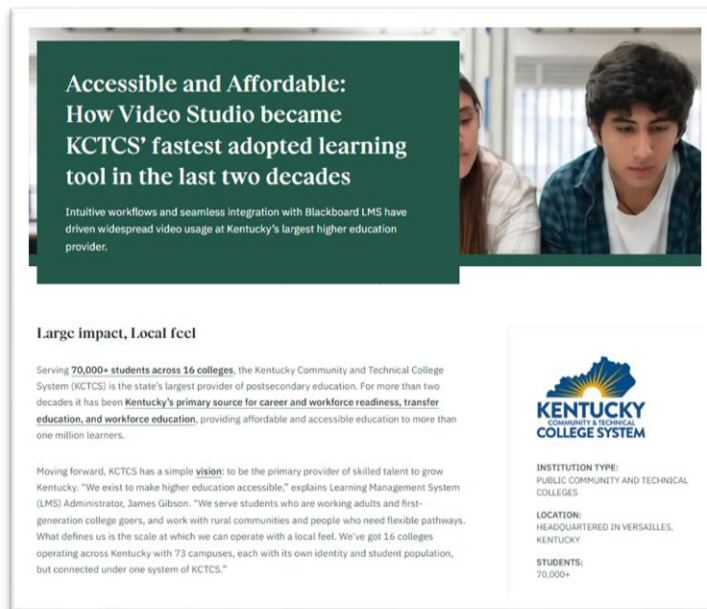
Back to School: Key Highlights from the Blackboard LMS August release

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Recent Case Studies



KCTCS: Video Studio



Access [here](#)

SCAD: Online Pedagogy



Access [here](#)

USC: AI Innovation



Access [here](#)