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**To:** \*All DMACC Faculty, Campus Deans and Provosts

Good afternoon,

We wanted to be among the first to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time off as we prepare for the rapidly approaching end of the fall semester.



We're excited to share an update on our Canvas implementation: we are currently working with Systems Integration to get users into the system. We're still on track to have this set up and ready to go for early January. This will allow all faculty to log into Canvas, experience the system and start the training process.

We are also working with K16 who will be taking our Blackboard courses and converting them to Canvas. Our goal is to have this completed sometime in March so you'll have the rest of the spring and summer to update and make changes to the courses that can be used for the Fall semester.

For those of you who are curious, we have created a short [video](#) showing you what the interface will look like and how it compares to Blackboard. In addition, we would also like to direct you to Canvas Commons - a robust portal hosted by Canvas that you can search and use anytime. [Canvas Commons](#) will be something that you should bookmark as it has many resources and help guides that will be great tools as you begin using the system.

Another consideration that we're working on is an option to replace Blackboard Collaborate (our virtual classroom tool). We found and are considering one tool that integrates with our video hosting service Kaltura. It is similar to Collaborate and has even more education-specific features. We also will have a Teams integration so look for more information on these possibilities soon.

Finally, we will be offering many opportunities for training and support starting in the early spring semester. We intend to have targeted training sessions that are both face-to-face and virtual. We will also be offering open lab and working sessions so you can stop in and get help with anything Canvas related that you need.

Kind Regards,  
DMACC Online