

LTC Newsletter

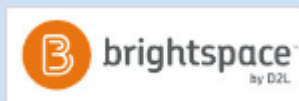
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G-13 Still Hall

Can't stop in? Make a "virtual" appointment - we'll meet with you online!
Call x1848 or [email ltcsupport](#) to schedule.

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D2L NEWS AND TIPS

• IMPORTANT D2L DATES:

Summer shells - On or about Mar. 19; Student loads

• TEACHING ONLINE COURSE-

The Summer session of the collaborative [Teaching Online Certification Course](#) begins **May xxxxx**. Contact Lynne Fleisher to

PLAN TO ATTEND! REGULAR and SUBSTANTIVE Interaction in Online Courses: What can we do?

A webinar presented by the Western Cooperative for Educational Technologies ([WCET](#)) discussed the interpretation of "regular and substantive interaction" in light of the September report by the [Office of Inspector General regarding Western Governors' University and Title IV Program eligibility](#).

To assist faculty, the Learning Technology Center will be hosting a discussion session:

- "Regular and Substantive Interaction - What can we do?"
- **Fri., February 16**
- **12:30 - 2:00 pm ~ 102 Still Hall**

The session will feature Clarion's own faculty sharing what they already do to provide regular instructor/student interaction and substantive feedback. The LTC will also provide a variety of instructional strategies and tools that faculty can use in online courses to strengthen interaction, and provide consistent feedback to students. **There will be an opportunity to participate online via Zoom.** Please [email LTC Support](#) to register indicating online or on-site.

NEW Year / NEW Look ~ D2L Redesign

register.

• **CONTINUOUS DELIVERY MONTHLY UPDATES** - Notice something different in D2L? Check the [monthly updates web page](#) to preview what's coming. Clarion University's D2L instance is updated the third week of every month between 9 pm Thursday and 9 am Friday. CD updates - which do not involve system downtime - are separate from the the monthly maintenance windows when D2L is unavailable.

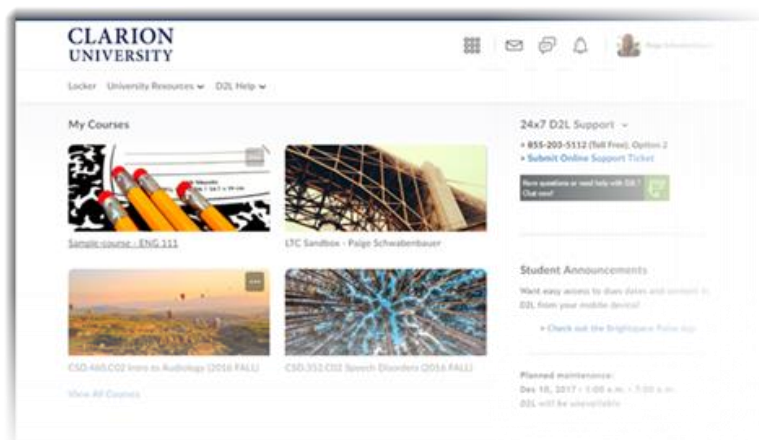
• **JOIN THE D2L COMMUNITY** - Since approximately 30% of D2L's product development comes directly from the [D2L Product Idea Exchange \(PIE\)](#), become a member of the [D2L Community](#) to add your product ideas or comment and up-vote others.

ABOUT

The LTC newsletter is devoted to the support of instructional technology in teaching and learning at Clarion University. The LTC provides instructional design ideas and teaching strategies to assist faculty in course development.

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On January 19, 2018, Clarion updated to the Daylight Experience in our D2L environment. The Daylight redesign includes new fonts, icons, colors and simpler formatting that will make D2L more consistent for users across mobile and desktop devices.

D2L Daylight Facts:

- >> All D2L courses were automatically updated to the new look
- >> The change was announced mid-November
- >> A schedule was published announcing 22 building visits to preview the new design before the end of the Fall term
- >> While the design is new, no tool changes were made
- >> The use of white space and simplified icons improves accessibility
- >> The ability to add colors to widgets was deprecated
- >> Faculty can still create custom homepages and add custom images for a unique course banner
- >> Custom homepages that were active in a past course remain active when copied to a new course

What precipitated the design change and timing?

- >> The design update is mandatory for all D2L clients
- >> The Clarion academic schedule does not have a natural break for the update before D2L's cutoff time
- >> More than half of the PASSHE schools already made the switch, including those with Clarion collaborative programs.

For more information, please review the [Daylight Experience Web page](#). If you need assistance, please email [LTC Support](#) or call 814-393-1848.

Reminder - Collaborate Ultra

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As announced in Spring 2017, PASSHE will be ending its contract with Blackboard Collaborate on June 30, 2018. If you have Collaborate archives that you wish to retain, the Learning Technology Center will be contacting you with details about saving your recordings for use in future courses. Archives that have been made using the current Collaborate Ultra version, can be downloaded individually by faculty anytime. These downloads will be MP4s and may be uploaded to Mediasite for use in other courses.

As the State System contract for the new web conference tool (Zoom) is completed, the LTC will release documentation and training on Zoom implementation within D2L. Please [email LTC Support](#) with questions or for more information.