

# 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](mailto:ltcsupport@clarion.edu) to schedule.

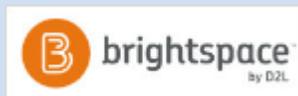
## VENANGO Schedule:

**FEB: 19**

**MAR: 1, 5, 15, 19, 29**

**APR: 2, 12, 16, 26**

*And by appointment, call x1848*



## D2L NEWS AND TIPS

### • IMPORTANT D2L DATES:

Summer shells will be created on or about **Mar. 19**; Student loads will occur **Apr. 30**; **Summer I and 7W1** start **May 14**

## 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](http://www.wcet.edu)) 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](http://www.oig.ed.gov).



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 purpose of the session is to generate discussion and provide examples of "regular and substantive" interaction in online classes. The event will feature Clarion faculty sharing what they do in their online courses. The LTC will also provide a tool set of instructional strategies that faculty can use online to facilitate regular and substantive interaction. **There will be an opportunity to participate online via Zoom.** Please [email LTC Support](mailto:ltcsupport@clarion.edu) to register indicating online or on-site.



## Reminder - Collaborate Ultra & Zoom

• **TEACHING ONLINE COURSE-**

The *Spring* session of the collaborative [Teaching Online Certification Course](#) begins **Feb. 20**. Contact [Lynne Fleisher](#) to 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 about the third week of every month between 9 pm Thursday and 9 am Friday.

• **JOIN THE D2L COMMUNITY -**

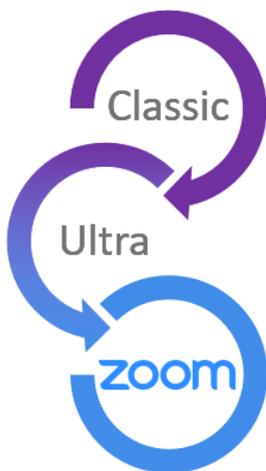
Since approximately 30% of D2L's product development comes directly from the [D2L Product Idea Exchange \(PIE\)](#), become a member of the [D2L Community](#) to add your product ideas or comment and up-vote others.

**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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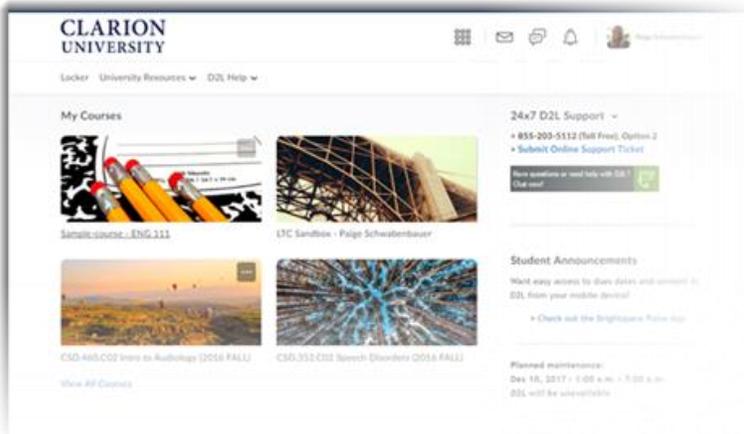


As announced in spring 2017, the PASSHE contract with Blackboard Collaborate will be ending on **June 30, 2018**. If you have Collaborate archives that you wish to retain, the Learning Technology Center will contact you **February 23** with details about saving your recordings for use in future courses.

Archives/recordings that have been made using the current Collaborate Ultra version can be downloaded by faculty anytime ([Instructions](#)). These downloads are MP4s and may be uploaded to Mediasite for use in other courses ([Mediasite Instructions](#)).

As the integration for the new web conference tool (Zoom) is finalized later in spring 2018, the LTC will provide documentation and training opportunities using Zoom within D2L beginning in April. Please [email LTC Support](#) with questions or for more information.

**NEW Year / NEW Look ~ D2L Redesign**



**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 make D2L a truly mobile platform.

**D2L Daylight Facts:**

- All D2L courses were automatically updated to the new look
- The change was announced mid-November

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- There were 22 sessions held around campus 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 and mobile usability
- The ability to add colors to widgets was deprecated
- Faculty can still customize homepage layouts 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 shell - [instructions to modify homepages with custom banners](#)

### What precipitated the design change and timing?

- The design update is mandatory for all D2L clients in 2018
- The Clarion academic schedule does not have a natural break for the update to take place before D2L's absolute changeover date
- 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.

### Personalize the Student Experience with Release Conditions and Intelligent Agents

Every learner is unique, and they are more engaged when learning experiences reflect their individuality.

One of the ways Brightspace helps instructors personalize the learning experience is with Release Conditions and Intelligent Agents.

Interested in learning more? Check out the [Brightspace D2L video](#) and the LTC documentation!

- [Intelligent Agents](#)
- [Release Conditions](#)